

## **COMPANIONCARE Medicare Supplement Plan**

### **What is CompanionCare?**

CompanionCare plan is a supplement to Medicare. The plan is “claim free” only when a provider accepts assignment of Medicare Benefits. When the member uses a provider who does not accept assignment of Medicare Benefits, the provider of service or member must file the claim twice; once for the Medicare payment and then again for the plan payment.

### **Who can enroll?**

This plan may be offered to retirees over 65 with Medicare Parts A & B (see [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) for information on Medicare) and retirees under age 65 with Medicare for the disabled. In order to be eligible, the member must be retired and enrolled in both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B. No Exceptions.

### **Is there dependent coverage?**

No. CompanionCare is an individual enrollment. If a spouse/domestic partner qualifies for enrollment in CompanionCare they would enroll on their own contract.

### **How does a member enroll?**

A CompanionCare enrollment form must be completed and submitted to SISC with a copy of the member’s Medicare card. If the card is not available, enrollment in CompanionCare will be delayed until the card is received.

### **How does a member disenroll?**

A member must complete a SISC disenrollment form to terminate coverage in CompanionCare. This termination will cancel both the medical and prescription drug benefits.

### **Does the member need to enroll in Medicare Part D?**

No. SISC will automatically enroll CompanionCare members in Medicare Part D for prescription medications. CompanionCare members already enrolled in non-SISC Medicare Part D plan will be automatically disenrolled from those plans.

### **What happens if member enrolls in a Medicare Part D plan outside of SISC?**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) does not allow a member to be enrolled in two Medicare Part D plans. The SISC medical and prescription drug benefits will be terminated.

### **Where does a member find a provider for CompanionCare?**

Any provider that accepts Medicare will accept CompanionCare.

### **Are there benefits outside of California with CompanionCare?**

Yes. Medicare is the primary insurance and as long as the provider accepts Medicare, CompanionCare will pay on allowed charges.