



8/30/2023

Dear Member,

We are sending this letter to notify you of an upcoming benefit modification to your SISC Companion Care Medicare Supplement Plan.

- Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the SISC Companion Care plan will align with Medicare's Medigap Plan C. As part of this change, the plan will no longer cover excess Part B charges. Excess charges may occur when receiving services from a provider not accepting Medicare assignment. In these cases, a provider may charge the member up to 15% more than the Medicare-approved amount.
- To avoid out-of-pocket costs, Companion Care members should seek care from providers who accept Medicare Assignment. To determine if a provider accepts Medicare Assignment, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov), and click on the Find Care Providers tab.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires we notify enrollees and provide them with a special enrollment period from November 1-30. Therefore, Companion Care members may change their plan effective 1/1/2024 if other plan options are available. If you are interested in changing your plan, please contact your school district's benefits department in November to inquire about plan options. If you have questions about the Companion Care plan, please call Anthem customer service at 800-825-5541.

**If you wish to remain enrolled in your SISC Companion Care, no action is required.**

Please note this change does not affect your monthly SISC premium.

Sincerely,

Self-Insured Schools of California (SISC)