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2026 Medicare Advantage Updates: What Providers Need to Know

County changes, plan terminations and member impacts

Starting January 1, 2026, important changes to Medicare Advantage (MA) plans will take effect. This guide outlines county-specific plan transitions, terminations and benefit updates to help providers stay informed and support affected members.

County-level plan transitions and terminations

Plan termination – Full plan discontinuation

The following MA plan will be fully terminated:

- Wellcare Simple (HMO) – H5087-016
 - Affected counties: Riverside and San Bernardino
 - **Effective date:** December 31, 2025

Provider impact:

- Members will be disenrolled from the plan.
- Notification letters were mailed to members in early October outlining their Medicare options.

Segmented plan adjustments

Administrative segmentation of Wellcare Simple (HMO)

The current plan H5087-024 will be segmented into two separate plans based on county:

- **San Joaquin:** H5087-034-001
- **Ventura:** H5087-034-002

Provider impact:

- This segmentation is for administrative purposes only.
- **No changes** to network participation or reimbursement terms.
- Members will receive **new ID cards**.
- Updated eligibility files will reflect new member assignments.

THIS UPDATE APPLIES TO:

- Physicians
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers
- Independent Practice Associations
- Behavioral Health Providers

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Annual benefit changes

What's different for 2026

Plan benefits are updated annually. Providers should verify coverage details before delivering services.

Provider action items:

- Review each plan's **Annual Notice of Change** available through the [Plan Benefit Member Materials](#) website.
- Refer to the **Member Handbook/Evidence of Coverage** for a complete list of benefits.

Resources for providers

Access the Medicare provider resources at https://bit.ly/WC_CAProvResources for more information.

Need help? Contact us

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update, contact 866-999-3945.

2026 Medicare plans and D-SNPs/C-SNPs by county

COUNTY	PRODUCTS
Amador	H0562-133-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Calaveras	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Fresno	H3561-007-Wellcare CalViva Health Dual Align (D-SNP)
Imperial	H0562-012-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-137- Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP)
Inyo	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Kern	H0562-092-Wellcare Specialty Simple (C-SNP) H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP)
Kings	H3561-007-Wellcare CalViva Health Dual Align (D-SNP)
Los Angeles	H0562-092-Wellcare Specialty Simple (C-SNP) H0562-125-Wellcare Simple Focus (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-136-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP) H5087-005-Wellcare Simple (HMO) H5087-032-Wellcare Giveback (HMO)
Madera	H3561-007-Wellcare CalViva Health Dual Align (D-SNP)
Mono	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Orange	H0562-092-Wellcare Specialty Simple (C-SNP) H0562-125-Wellcare Simple Focus (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-136-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP) H5087-005-Wellcare Simple (HMO) H5087-032-Wellcare Giveback (HMO)

Placer	H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP)
Riverside	H0562-092-Wellcare Specialty Simple (C-SNP) H0562-126-Wellcare Simple Focus (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-137- Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP) H5087-032-Wellcare Giveback (HMO)
Sacramento	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
San Bernardino	H0562-092-Wellcare Specialty Simple (C-SNP) H0562-126-Wellcare Simple Focus (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-137- Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP) H5087-032-Wellcare Giveback (HMO)
San Diego	H0562-012-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-092-Wellcare Specialty Simple (C-SNP) H0562-137- Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP)
San Francisco	H0562-097-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO) PSP ¹ H0562-138-Wellcare Specialty Simple Focus (C-SNP) PSP ¹ H3561-009-Wellcare Dual Liberty (D-SNP)
San Joaquin	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP) H5087-034-001-Wellcare Simple (HMO)
Stanislaus	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Tulare	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Tuolumne	H3561-008-Wellcare Health Net Dual Align (D-SNP)
Ventura	H5087-034-002-Wellcare Simple (HMO)
Yolo	H0562-133-Wellcare Low Premium (HMO)

¹PSP= Provider Specific Plan