

# State Health Plan 2026 Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment Oct. 13-31, 2025





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#### HOW WE GOT HERE

The Plan maintained a rich benefit WITHOUT CHANGING member premiums and plan designs WHILE INCREASING provider reimbursement through the Clear Pricing Project.

Plan options had gotten increasingly richer compared to alternatives.

The State Health Plan was facing a \$507 million DEFICIT EXPECTED in 2026.



The Plan was NOT on a sustainable path.

The changes approved by the Board this year in both premium rates and benefit design will place the Plan on the RIGHT TRACK TO SOLVENCY.





#### 2026 OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment is the perfect time to REVIEW YOUR COVERAGE and options provided under the State Health Plan for this next benefit year and make any necessary changes.

- CHANGE plans
- OPT IN / OUT of the State Health Plan
- ADD / REMOVE spouse / dependents

Outside of OE, there must be a QUALIFYING LIFE EVENT (QLE) to add/drop dependents within 30 days of the event.

Dependent VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION is required for all dependents.

- During Open Enrollment, you have until Oct. 31 to provide the required documentation.
- A full list of required documents can be found on the Plan's website at www.shpnc.gov.

Documents should be uploaded and stored in eBenefits.

Need help? Contact your HBR or the Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center at 855-859-0966.

# 2026 Plan Options: Active & Non-Medicare



The State Health Plan will continue to offer TWO PLAN OPTIONS to active employees and non-Medicare retirees for 2026. NEW PLAN NAMES will be introduced in an effort to move away from numerical/actuarial plan names.

#### Standard PPO Plan

Formerly named 70/30 Plan

Members pay 30% COINSURANCE for eligible in-network services after meeting a deductible.

For some services (i.e., office visits, urgent care or emergency room visits), members pay a copay.

#### Plus PPO Plan

Formerly named 80/20 Plan

Members pay 20% COINSURANCE for eligible in-network services after meeting a deductible.

Like the Standard Plan, members pay a copay for some services (i.e., office visits, urgent care or emergency room visits).

For BOTH Plan Options: Affordable Care Act (ACA) Preventive Services performed by an in-network provider are COVERED AT 100% by the Plan, at no cost to the member.

## 2026 Plan Options: Active & Non-Medicare



The Plan utilizes a Third-Party Administrator or TPA that is responsible for the provider network and processing your medical claims.

Our current TPA is Aetna.

But your MEDICAL CLAIMS are PAID BY THE STATE, not Aetna.



The Plan also utilizes a Pharmacy Benefit Manager or PBM that is responsible for providing a pharmacy network, managing the formulary (drug list) and processing your pharmacy claims. Our current PBM is CVS Caremark.

But your PHARMACY CLAIMS are PAID BY THE STATE, not CVS.

# **ACTION REQUIRED: for Active Employees**

All Active employees, including dependents, will be AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED in the Standard PPO Plan, for the 2026 benefit year.

Subscribers MUST TAKE ACTION during Open Enrollment if they would like to enroll in the Plus PPO Plan or if they need to make any changes regarding dependents.

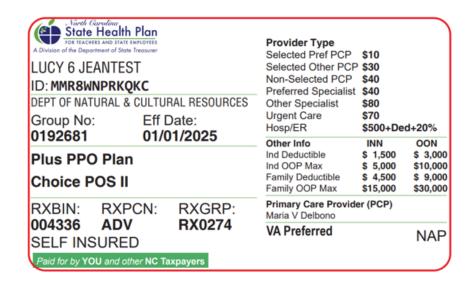


The Tobacco Attestation premium credit has been removed. Subscribers no longer have to attest to earn down their monthly premium. Premiums did NOT go up \$60 as a result.

#### NEW ID CARDS

ALL MEMBERS, regardless of action taken during Open Enrollment, will receive a new ID card in late November-December.

Members will need to begin using this card Jan. 1, 2026, for all medical and pharmacy services.



Third Party Administrator:	Pharmacy Benefits Administrator:
<b>⇔</b> aetna′	<b>♥CVS</b> caremark*
Benefits & Claims Number	1-833-690-1037
Eligibility & Enrollment	1-855-859-0966
Behavioral Health	1-800-424-4047
Provider Relations/Precert	1-888-632-3862
24-Hour Nurse Line	1-800-556-1555
Pharmacy Help Desk	1-800-364-6331
CVS Caremark	1-888-321-3124
Lantern \$0 Surgery	1-833-916-3826
Aetna Life Insurance Company Submit Claims To: PO Box 14079 Lexington, KY 40512-4079	Payer No: 60054 0155 www.SHPNC.gov
Aetna provides administrative services only for the s	elf funded plan, and assumes no financial risk for claims. onsible for obtaining the prior review/cert for professional ders.

# Clear Pricing Project (CPP) Ending

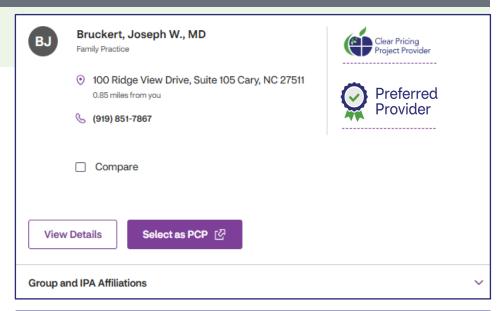
The Clear Pricing Project is ending Dec. 31, 2025.

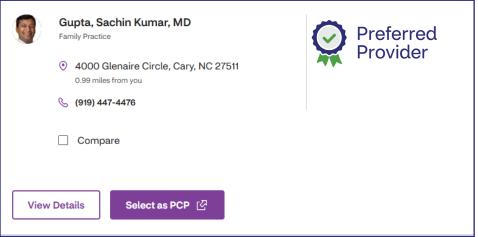
The State Health Plan continues its COMMITMENT to PROVIDING MEMBERS access to HIGH QUALITY and AFFORDABLE Health Care through **PREFERRED PROVIDERS.** 

When members select and see a Preferred Provider, they will receive the LOWEST COPAY.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- Members that have a selected PCP that has both badges, no action is needed to select a different PCP.
- If members switch PCPs during OE, that action is going to generate a new ID card immediately.
- If you want to select a different PCP, members will need to wait until 1/1/26.





#### **Preferred Providers**

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- Aledade
- Bethany
- Community Care Physician Network
- Coastal Carolina
- Eagle
- EmergeOrtho

- OneHealth
- Piedmont
- Pinehurst
- Tryon
- UNC Alliance
- WakeMed Key
- Wilmington Health



Starting January 1, 2026, members will be able to select a Preferred Provider to receive the LOWEST COPAY.

#### Teladoc

Teladoc Health will no longer be offered by the State Health Plan after Dec. 31, 2025.

Any Teladoc Health CLAIMS after this date will be considered out-of-network.

Other virtual care OPTIONS that are available to you as part of your benefits.

- Check with your provider. Some providers offer telehealth or virtual services as part of their practice. If you receive care in this manner, the same copay applies as an in-person office visit.
- Visit the Aetna app and click "Find Care" under "Additional Care Options", here you will find a complete list of virtual care options.

Members that have QUESTIONS about virtual care options, contact:

Aetna Concierge Team at 833-690-1037.

# **Lantern Surgery Benefit**

The State Health Plan is excited to be partnering with Lantern, a trusted provider that helps connect Plan members to a high-quality, carefully selected surgeon when you need a planned, non-emergency procedure.

There will be NO COST (\$0) for surgery for members who use a Lantern provider—no deductibles or no copays.

Lantern covers more than 1,500 planned, non-emergency surgeries. Lantern surgeons are individually vetted and among the best in their field. A dedicated Lantern Care Advocate will work to match you with an excellent surgeon in the Lantern network as close to your home as possible. When close to home isn't possible, there is a travel benefit members may utilize.

## COMMONLY COVERED PROCEDURE CATEGORIES:

- Spine
- Orthopedic
- Joint
- Ear, Nose, & Throat
- Cardiac
- Gynecology



# LANTERN

- General Surgery
- Gastrointestinal
- Spine & Ortho Injections
- Urology
- Bariatrics

Members will need to call Lantern to determine if a surgery is covered. Lantern will be sending all eligible\* members an ID card to keep in your wallet as a reminder of this great benefit. When you use a Lantern provider, you will utilize this ID card.

Visit the Benefits Booklet at www.shpnc.gov for full benefit details.

<sup>\*</sup>Medicare Primary members are not eligible to participate.

# New Targeted Initiatives

In 2026, members that meet certain criteria will have access to these new initiatives.

#### Ventricle health

Ventricle Health is a national, value-based cardiology provider network that increases access to care, improves outcomes, and reduces cost for people with heart failure and other cardiac conditions.



Hinge Health offers qualified members virtual physical therapy solutions that can reduce joint and muscle aches, pain, and tension at home.

#### 2026 Plan Design Changes Active and Non-Medicare

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SERVICES	70/30	80/20	STANDARD	PLUS	
Annual Deductible	\$1,500 / \$4,500	\$1,250 / \$3,750	\$3,000 / \$9,000	\$1,500 / \$4,500	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (Combined Medical and Pharmacy)	\$5,900 / \$16,300	\$4,890 / \$14,670	\$6,500 / \$16,300	\$5,000 / \$15,000	
In-Patient Hospital / Emergency Room	\$337 +ded/coins	\$300 +ded/coins	\$600 +ded/coins	\$500 +ded/coins	
Out-Patient Surgical Copay	ded/coins	ded/coins	\$350 +ded/coins	\$300 +ded/coins	
Primary Care Provider Office Visit	\$45 / \$30 / CPP \$0	\$25 / \$10 / CPP \$0	\$50 / \$40 / \$15*	\$40 / \$30 / \$10*	
Specialist Visits	\$94 / CPP \$47	\$80 / CPP \$40	\$94 / \$50*	\$80 / \$40*	
Behavioral Health Provider	\$45 / CPP \$0	\$25 / CPP \$0	\$15	\$10	
Speech, Occupational, Chiropractic and Physical Therapy	\$72 / CPP \$36	\$52 / CPP \$26	\$62	\$42	
Rx Tier 1	\$16	\$5	\$25	\$15	
Rx Tier 2	\$47	\$30	\$75	\$55	
Rx Tier 4	\$200	\$100	\$100 \$200		
Rx Tier 5	\$350	\$250 \$600**		\$500**	
Actuarial Value	79.8%	84.6%	74.8%	81.5%	

# Plan Comparison ACTIVE and NON-MEDICARE Subscribers



**MEDICAL BENEFITS** 

Out-of-Pocket Maximum combined Medical and Pharmacy

Annual Deductible

Preventive Services

Specialist Visit

**Urgent Care** 

Primary Care Provider (PCP) Office Visit

Behavioral Health Visit

Speech, Occupational, Chiropractic, Physical Therapy

**Emergency Room** 

Outpatient Surgery
Outpatient Surgery at
Ambulatory Surgical Center

Inpatient Hospital Services

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#### STANDARD PPO Plan (formerly named Base PPO Plan 70/30)

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Network						
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\$3,000 Individual \$9,000 Family	\$6,000 Individual \$18,000 Family					
30% of eligible expenses after deductible is met	50% of eligible expenses after deductible is met					
\$6,500 Individual \$16,300 Family	\$13,000 Individual \$32,600 Family					
\$0	N/A					
\$15 Preferred PCP on ID Card \$40 Other PCP on ID Card \$50 Other PCP	50% after deductible is met					
\$50 Preferred Provider \$94 Other Provider	50% after deductible is met					
\$15	50% after deductible is met					
\$62	50% after deductible is met					
\$1	00					
\$600, then 30% after deductible is met (copay waived with admission)						
\$600, then 30% after deductible	\$600, then 50% after deductible					
\$350, then 30% after deductible	\$350, then 50% after deductible					
Deductible / Coinsurance						

\$0

#### PLUS PPO Plan (formerly named Enhanced PPO Plan 80/20)

Network					
In Out					
\$1,500 Individual \$4,500 Family	\$3,000 Individual \$9,000 Family				
20% of eligible expenses after deductible is met	40% of eligible expenses after deductible is met				
\$5,000 Individual \$15,000 Family	\$10,000 Individual \$30,000 Family				
\$0	N/A				
\$10 Preferred PCP on ID Card \$30 Other PCP on ID Card \$40 Other PCP	40% after deductible is met				
\$40 Preferred Provider \$80 Other Provider	40% after deductible is met				
\$10	40% after deductible is met				
\$42	40% after deductible is met				
\$7	70				
\$500, then 20% after deductible is met (copay waived with admission)					
\$500, then 20% after deductible	\$500, then 40% after deductible				
\$300, then 20% after deductible	\$300, then 40% after deductible				
Deductible /	Deductible / Coinsurance				
\$0					

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Rx Tier 1		25	\$15			
Rx Tier 2	\$75		\$55			
Rx Tier 3	Deductible / Coinsurance		Deductible	Deductible / Coinsurance		
Rx Tier 4	\$200			\$100		
Rx Tier 5	\$600		\$500			
Rx Tier 6	Deductible / Coinsurance		Deductible / Coinsurance			
Preferred Blood Glucose Meters (BGM) and Supplies*	\$10*		\$5*			
Preferred and Non-Preferred Insulin	\$0		\$0			
Preventive Medications	\$0		\$0			
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Rx copays for 30-day supply.

<sup>\*</sup>This does not include Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems or associated supplies. These are considered a Tier 2 member copay.

#### PHARMACY BENEFIT Reminders

CVS Caremark is the Pharmacy Benefits Manager for the State Health Plan. Remember that the Plan continues to maintain a customized closed formulary, or drug list.

CLOSED FORMULARY – In a "closed" formulary, certain drugs are excluded.

- The formulary is UPDATED on a QUARTERLY BASIS and members should always review it to see if there have been any coverage changes to their prescribed medications.
- An exception process is available to providers who believe that, based on medical necessity, it is in the members' best interest to remain on the excluded drug(s).
- Exception requests for tier level changes are not permitted.



Excluded drugs approved for coverage through the exceptions process will be at the Tier 3 or Tier 6-member copay level.





# **Monthly Premiums: Employee-Only**

The Plan will be introducing SALARY-BANDED PREMIUMS for the 2026 benefit year. Implementing salary-based premiums allows for a lower impact on lower salaried employees.

- Salary-based rates will only apply to the subscriber-only rate and is based on the employee's total base pay.
- The employee's monthly rate will display in eBenefits, when they log in to eBenefits to complete their Open Enrollment.
- The subscriber-only rate, which is based on the member's salary at the time of Open Enrollment will remain the same for 2026 regardless of salary adjustments.
- The new premium amount will be deducted from December paychecks for January coverage.

If retro salary increases are approved with a state budget, it could impact the bands in which people are in as of OE. The Plan will communicate any action necessary when the time comes.



# Active Employee Premiums: Salary Bands

Salary Band	Count	%
\$50,000 + UNDER	60,500	20.4%
\$50,001 - \$65,000	94,900	32.1%
\$65,001 - \$90,000	93,200	31.5%
\$90,001 + OVER	47,200	16.0%
Total Employees	295,800	100%



#### STANDARD PPO & PLUS PPO PLAN

for Active Subscribers



Monthly Premium Rates	STANDARD PPO PLAN				PLUS PPO PLAN			
January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026	Salary Band				Salary Band			
	\$50,000 + UNDER	\$50,001 - \$65,000	\$65,001 - \$90,000	\$90,001 + OVER	\$50,000 + UNDER	\$50,001 - \$65,000	\$65,001 - \$90,000	\$90,001 + OVER
ACTIVE SUBSCRIBERS	2			*				
Subscriber Only	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$80	\$66	\$94	\$122	\$160
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$185	\$200	\$215	\$230	\$276	\$304	\$332	\$370
Subscriber + Spouse	\$575	\$590	\$605	\$620	\$746	\$774	\$802	\$840
Subscriber + Family	\$575	\$590	\$605	\$620	\$746	\$774	\$802	\$840

#### STANDARD PPO & PLUS PPO PLAN

for Non-Medicare Primary Subscribers in the Retirement Systems



<b>Monthly Premium Rates</b> January, 2026 to December 31, 2026	STANDARD PPO PLAN	PLUS PPO PLAN				
SUBSCRIBER and all DEPENDENTS are NON-MEDICARE						
Subscriber Only	\$O	\$66				
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$185	\$276				
Subscriber + Spouse	\$575	\$746				
Subscriber + Family	\$575	\$ <i>7</i> 46				
MEDICARE PRIMARY DEPENDENT(S) on MEDICAR	e advantage base plan					
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$68	\$134				
Subscriber + Spouse	\$68	\$134				
Subscriber + Family	\$136	\$202				
MEDICARE PRIMARY DEPENDENT(S) on MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ENHANCED PLAN						
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$145	\$211				
Subscriber + Spouse	\$145	\$211				
Subscriber + Family	\$290	\$356				
MEDICARE PRIMARY DEPENDENT(S) on STANDAR	D PPO PLAN					
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$185	\$251				
Subscriber + Spouse	\$575	\$641				
Subscriber + Family	\$575	\$641				

STANDARD PPO & PLUS PPO PLAN for Active Employees, Eligible Part-Time, Job Share and Leave of Absence Subscribers



Monthly Premium Rates	ST.	STANDARD PPO PLAN				PLUS PPO PLAN			
January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026		Salary Band				Salary Band			
	\$50,000 + UNDER	\$50,001 - \$65,000	\$65,001 - \$90,000	\$90,001 + OVER	\$50,000 + UNDER	\$50,001 - \$65,000	\$65,001 - \$90,000	\$90,001 + OVER	
SUBSCRIBER and all DEPENDENT	(S) are NON-MED	DICARE	*			48	\$6.	K.	
Subscriber Only	\$35	\$50	\$65	\$80	\$66	\$94	\$122	\$160	
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$185	\$200	\$215	\$230	\$276	\$304	\$332	\$370	
Subscriber + Spouse	\$575	\$590	\$605	\$620	\$746	\$774	\$802	\$840	
Subscriber + Family	\$575	\$590	\$605	\$620	\$746	\$774	\$802	\$840	
JOB SHARE EMPLOYEES (50% CC	NTRIBUTORY)								
Subscriber Only		\$406.02			\$437.02				
Subscriber + Child(ren)		\$556.02			\$647.02				
Subscriber + Spouse		\$946.02			\$1,117.02				
Subscriber + Family		\$946.02			\$1,117.02				
LOA FULLY PAID & PART-TIME (100	0% CONTRIBUTOR	RY)							
Subscriber Only		\$777.04			\$808.04				
Subscriber + Child(ren)	\$927.04			\$1,018.04					
Subscriber + Spouse		\$1,317.04			\$1,488.04				
Subscriber + Family		\$1,3	17.04		\$1,488.04				

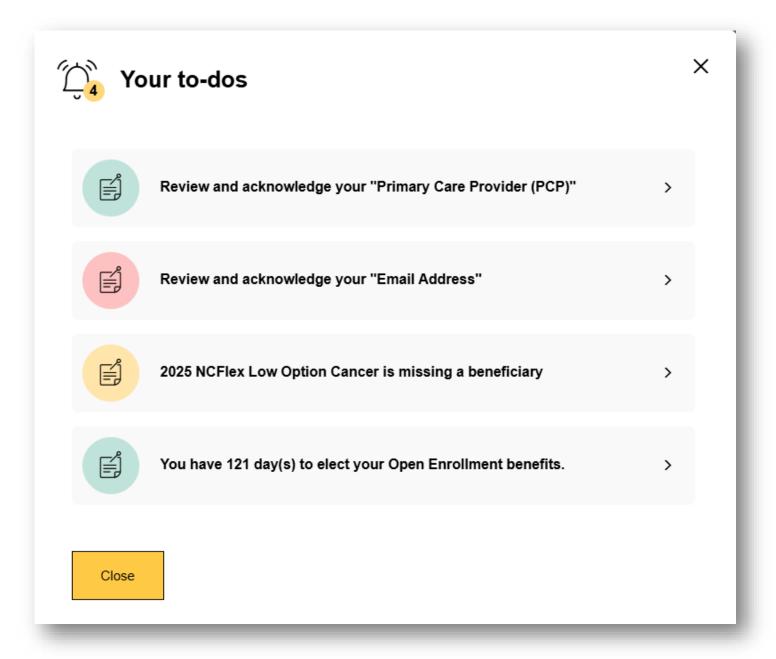


# eBenefits Open Enrollment Member Experience

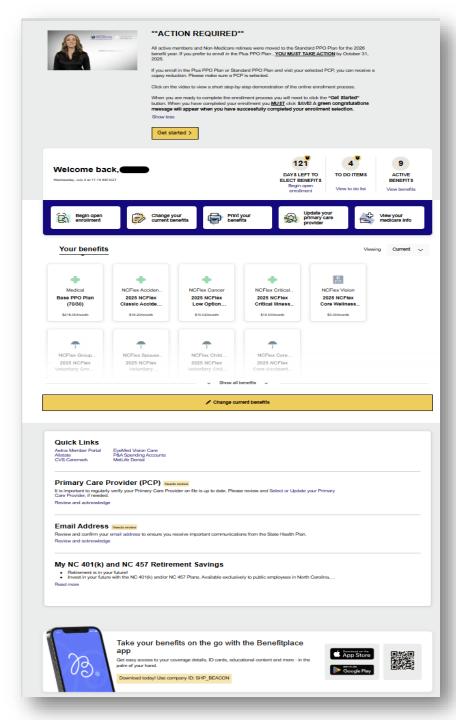
# 1. MEMBER HOME PAGE

# 'Your to-dos' Pop Up

In this example, member changes from Standard to Plus PPO Plan for 2026.

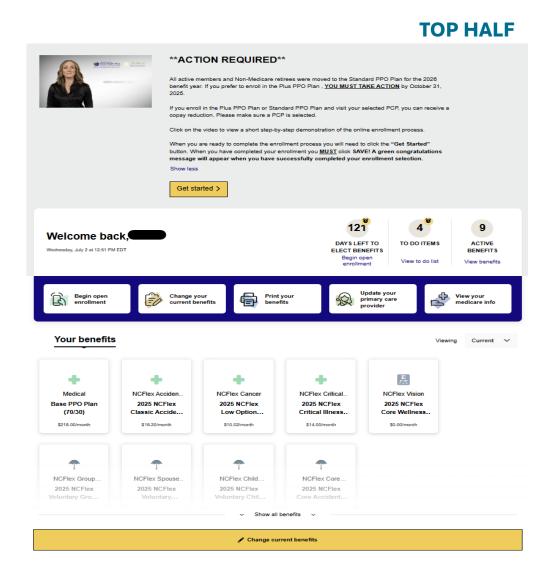


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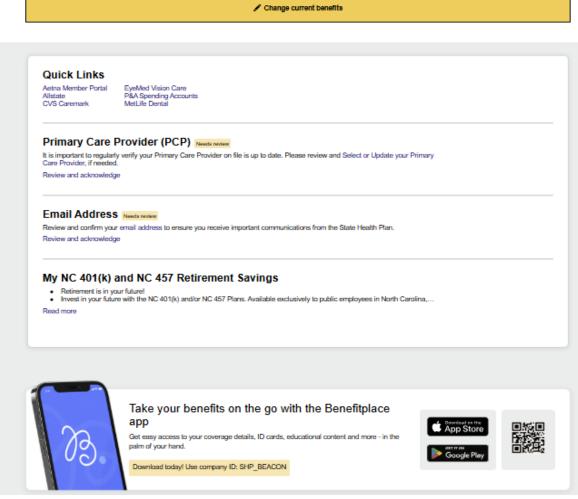


# 3. MEMBER HOME PAGE – Begin 2026 Enrollment

SPLIT FOR BETTER REVIEW IN PRESENTATION ONLY

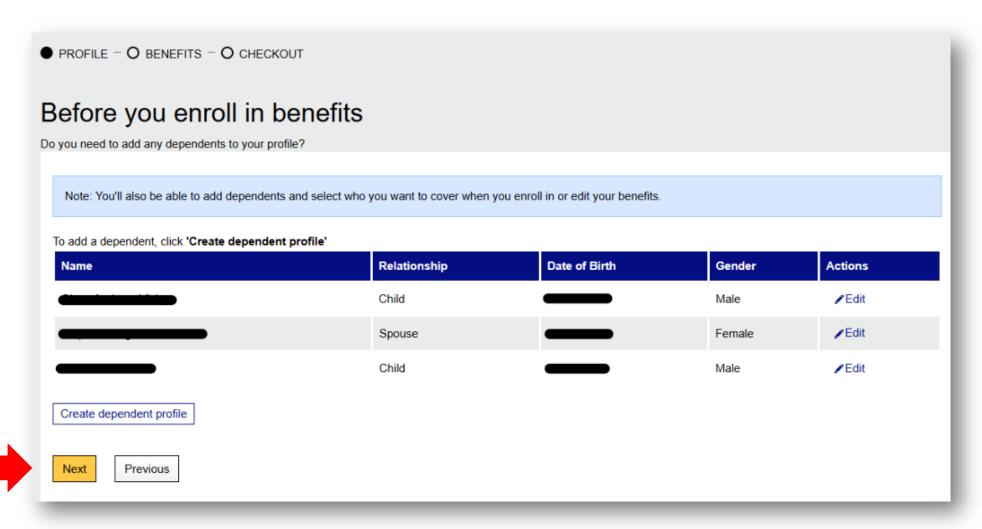


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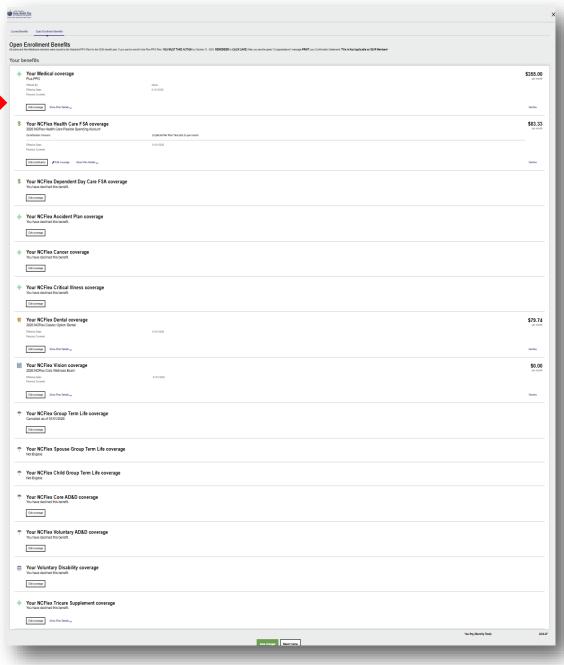
#### 4. ADD DEPENDENTS PAGE -

No additional dependents will be added to coverage by creating a dependent profile.

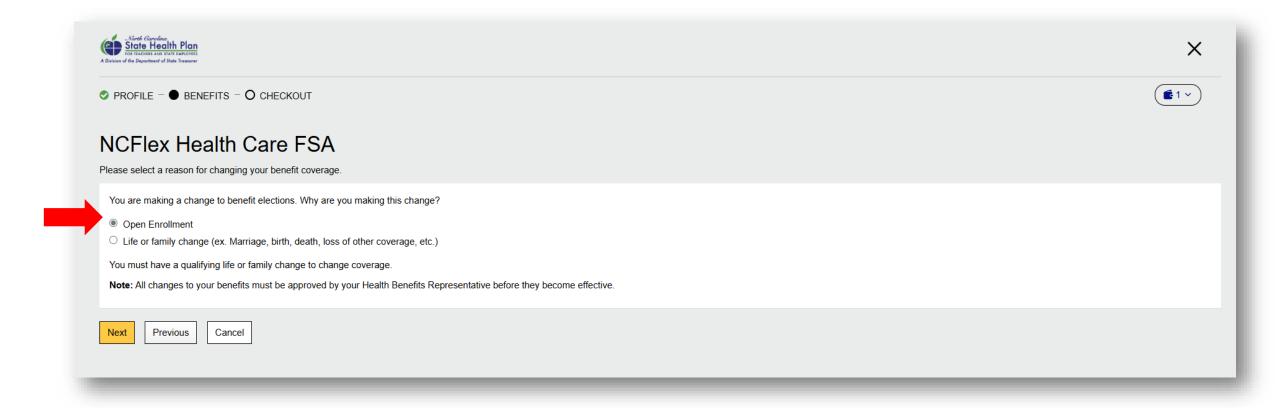


# **5.** CHOOSE YOUR MEDICAL COVERAGE

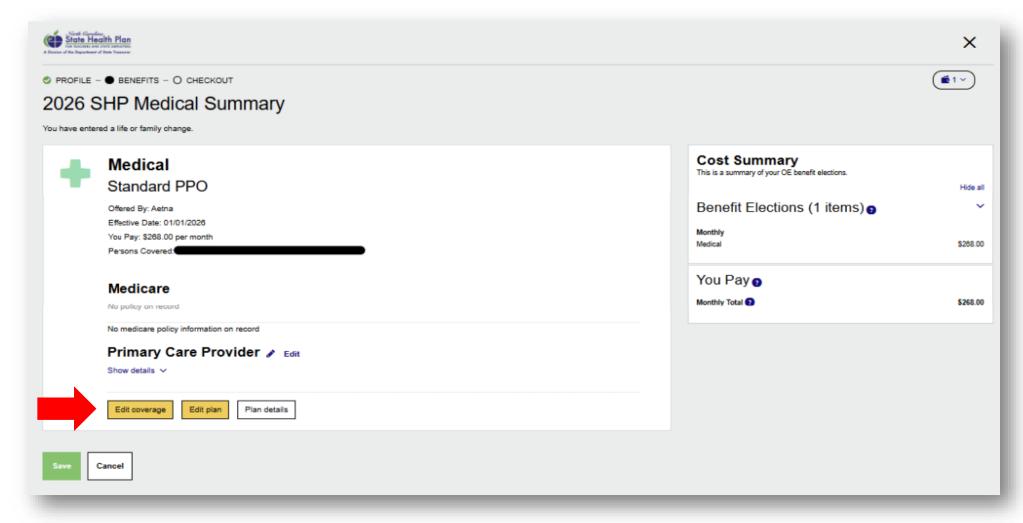
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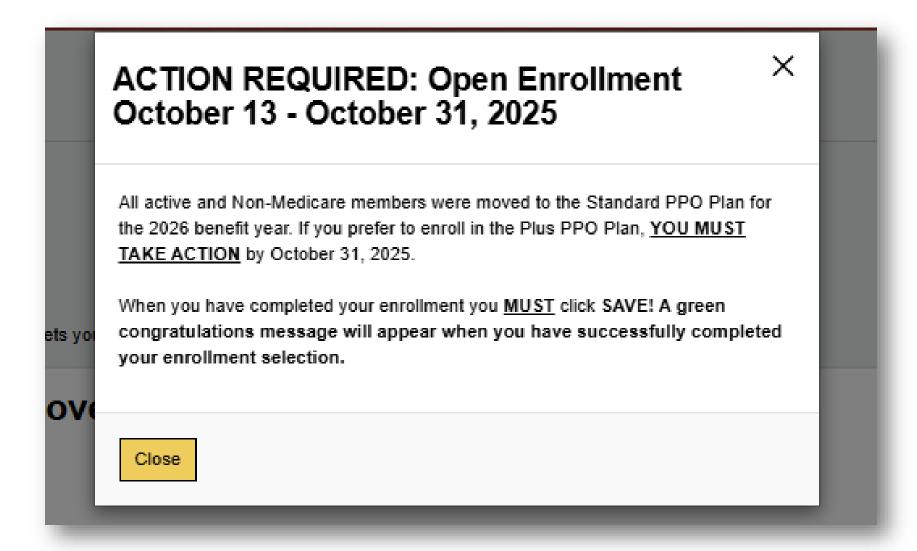
# **6.** OPEN ENROLLMENT / QLE CHOICE – Member chooses OE



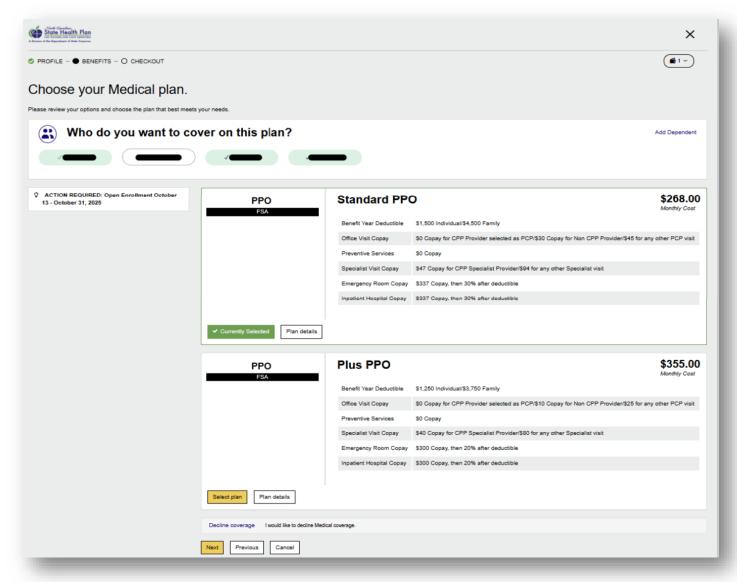
# 7. 2026 SHP MEDICAL SUMMARY – Click on Edit Coverage to Change



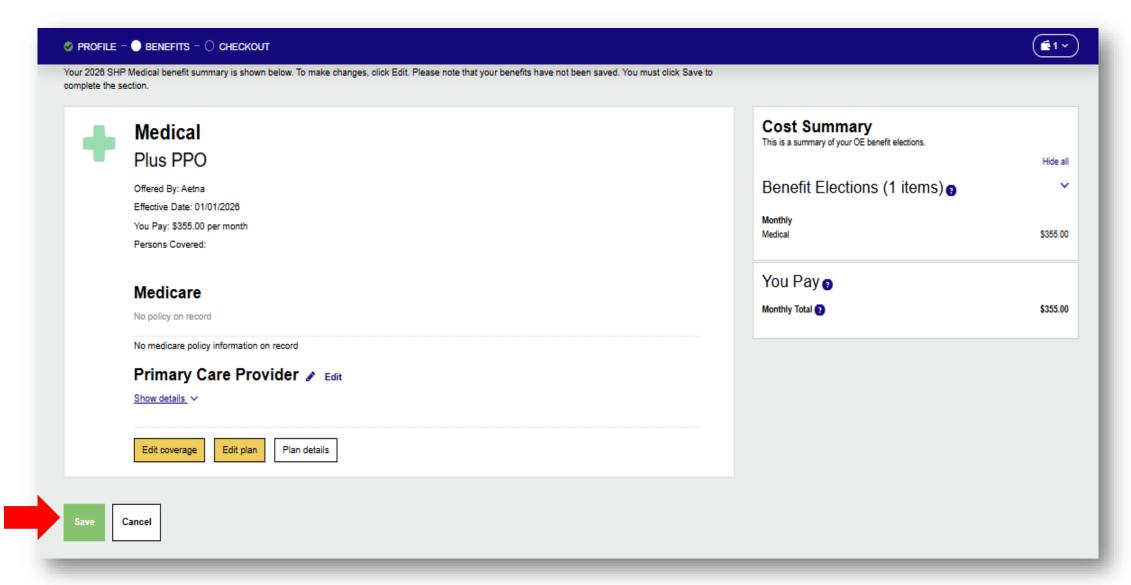
# 8. OE ACTION REQUIRED POP UP



#### 9. CHOOSE YOUR MEDICAL PLAN PAGE



#### 10. 2026 SHP MEDICAL SUMMARY



#### 11. BENEFIT SUMMARY

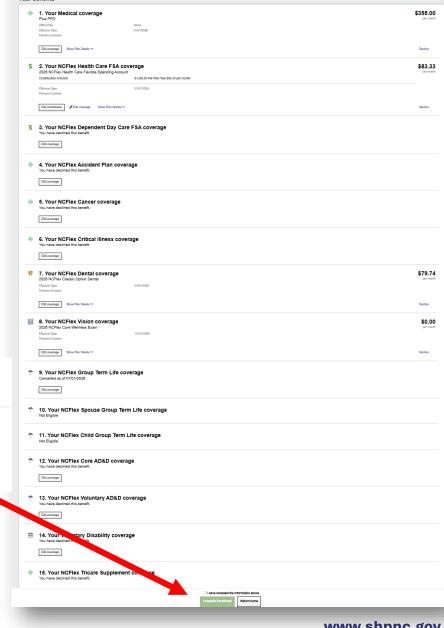
#### New Check Box –

Required to review information before 2026 Open Enrollment can be completed.

☐ I have reviewed the information above

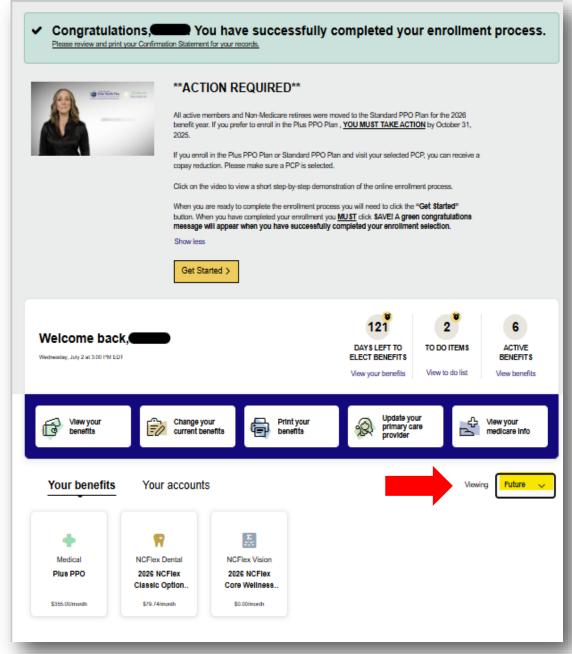
Return home

Complete Enrollmen



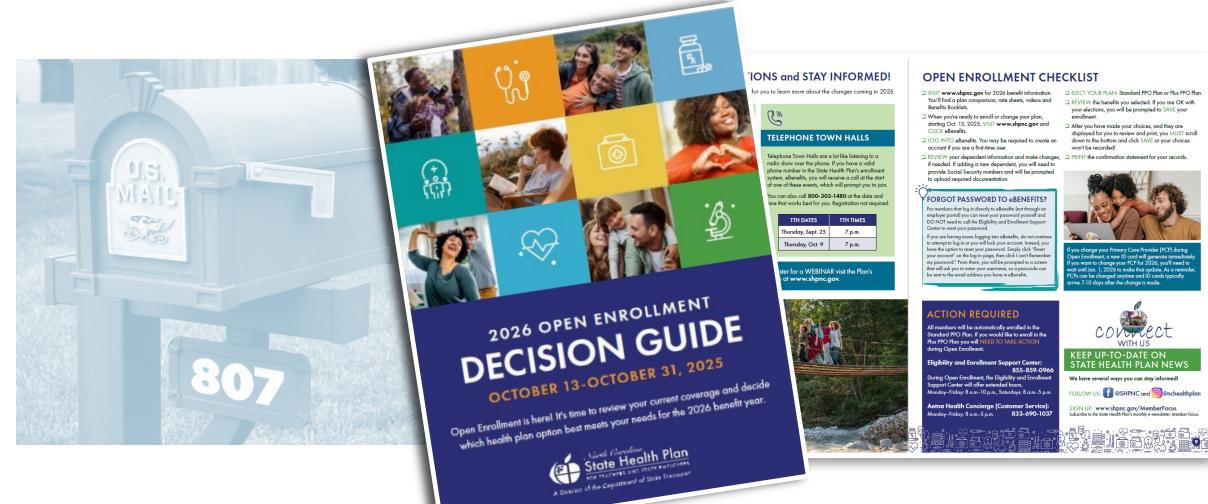
Open Enrollment Benefits

# **12.** ENROLLMENT COMPLETED



#### **Decision Guides – Check Your Mail**

Open Enrollment DECISION GUIDES will arrive in mailboxes prior to Open Enrollment.



#### **Extended Call Center Hours**

We encourage members NOT TO WAIT until the last minute!

Call WAIT TIMES are always longer the first two days and last two days of OE.

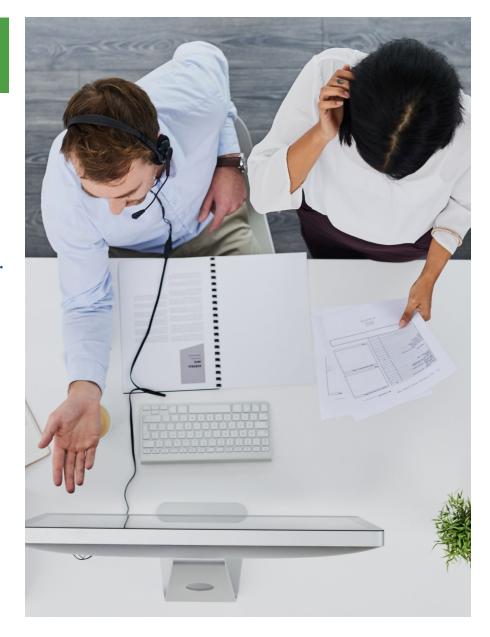
There will continue to be a VIRTUAL HOLD OPTION for members calling in who would rather not hold and receive a call back when a representative is available.



The Eligibility and Enrollment Support Center....... 855-859-0966 will have EXTENDED HOURS during Open Enrollment:

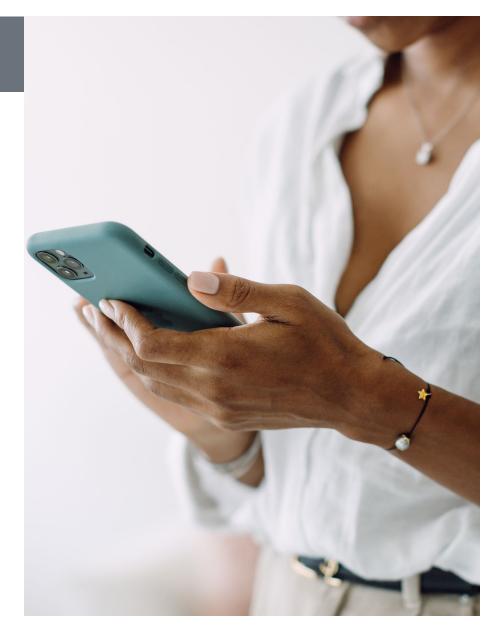
- Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. 10 p.m.
- Saturdays, 8 a.m. 5 p.m.





### **Important Phone Numbers**

**CVS Caremark** 



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KEEP ENGAGED so you can be in the know prior to and during Open Enrollment!

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