



### **Important Medicare Notice:**

As stated in the Pool policy and outline, Pool coverage is supplemental to Medicare. The Pool provides benefits on a secondary basis after Medicare Parts A & B, even if a Medicare-eligible Pool member does not enroll in Parts A & B. If you are covered by the Pool and are now or later become eligible for Medicare Disability coverage, you should not opt out of either Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) or Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), even if you elect to remain enrolled in Pool coverage. Regardless of whether you enroll in Part A and/or Part B, the Pool will pay secondary to what those coverages pay or would pay if you had not opted out and you will be personally responsible for what Medicare would have covered.

In addition, since Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage drug plans are available to Medicare beneficiaries, you are no longer eligible for Pool prescription drug benefits once you become eligible for Medicare Disability. Pool outpatient drug coverage terminates when you become eligible to enroll in Medicare. Therefore, you should enroll in a Medicare drug plan just as soon as you become Medicare-eligible.

If you elect to remain enrolled in the Pool after you become Medicare-eligible, your Pool premiums will be reduced (see premium rate tables at [www.txhealthpool.org](http://www.txhealthpool.org)).

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