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TO: Retired Employees/Spouses Enrolled in Medex

SUBJECT: **Medex Benefits Cost Changes for 01/01/2026 through 12/31/2026**

***** INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY, THERE IS NOTHING YOU NEED TO DO*****

Below please find the new Medex rates for calendar year 2026. Due to the rising costs for healthcare and prescriptions, we have seen increases in premiums for all plans and Medex is no exception. The new rates below reflect a monthly increase of \$14.82 cents per member. The new rates will be reflected in your December pension check as we pay forward for insurance premiums.

Medex Monthly Premiums (Subscribers 65+) Rates Effective January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

(Premium rates are split 75%/25% for the Medical plans)

	Retiree Only	Retiree Plus Spouse
Medex/Blue Medicare Rx	\$120.65	\$241.30

The monthly Medicare Part B premiums are also anticipated to increase on January 1, 2026 to \$206.50 per month.

- The premium costs below remain the same from July 1, 2025.

HMO & PPO Monthly Premiums (Subscribers under 65) Rates Effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

(Premium rates are split 75%/25% for the Medical plans and 80%/20% split for the Dental plan)

Plan Name	Individual Coverage	Family Coverage
Network Blue New England Network Deductible (HMO)	\$278.98	\$661.04
Blue Care Elect Deductible (PPO)	\$291.59	\$691.93
Access Blue New England Saver - High Deductible (HMO)	\$243.74	\$577.85
Blue Care Elect Saver - High Deductible (PPO)	\$261.54	\$620.64
Dental Blue w/Out of Network Rider	\$8.08	\$20.64
Life Insurance	\$2.90	NA

Supplemental Vision Plan	Retiree Only	Retiree Plus One	Family Coverage
Blue 20/20 EyeMed Vision Care	\$6.08	\$10.36	\$16.09

- As a reminder you can find health and wellness discounts with Blue365 Deals. The link to access the information is <https://www.blue365deals.com/BCBSMA/>.

For prescription savings costs you can use prescription discount programs such as **GoodRx**, **SingleCare**, and **Optum Perks** to reduce your out of pocket costs. These are free services and can be accessed through their websites and or Apple/Android apps.