

Healthy Food Benefit Available for Medicare/Medicaid Dual-Eligible Members with a Qualifying Condition

Beginning in 2022, members enrolled in Florida Blue Medicare's Medicare/Medicaid dual-eligible special needs plan (DSNP), BlueMedicareSM Complete (HMO-DSNP), may qualify for access to a [new healthy food benefit](#).

How Your Patients Can Qualify

Patients enrolled in the BlueMedicare Complete (HMO-DSNP) plan may be eligible to receive a prepaid debit card from us called the Blue Dollars Card. The card will have \$50 loaded each month to spend on healthy food. The \$50 must be used every month – the balance does not roll over.

Not all plan patients are eligible for this supplemental benefit, and those who are eligible will need to re-qualify for the Healthy Food Benefit every plan year. Please review the below eligibility requirements before talking to your patients about this benefit.

Healthy Food Benefit Eligibility Requirements

BlueMedicare Complete (HMO-DSNP) patients **must** have one or more of the following chronic conditions to qualify for the Healthy Food benefit for the current plan year: **coronary artery disease (CAD), congestive heart failure (CHF), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), diabetes.**

Eligible diagnosis codes for the benefit include the following:

- ICD-10 code with first 3 digits 'J44' (COPD); 'J43' (emphysema)
- ICD-10 code with first 3 digits 'I50' (CHF)
- ICD-10 code with first 3 digits 'I20', 'I21', 'I22', 'I23', 'I24' or 'I25' (CAD)
- ICD-10 code with first 3 digits 'E08', 'E09', 'E10', 'E11' or 'E13' (diabetes)

Note: Any position of the diagnosis code can be used (i.e., could be first diagnosis on the code or the tenth). All institutional and professional codes, any location of service, any provider type, and procedure or service can be used.

Validation of Patient Qualification

- Florida Blue Medicare will look at the patient's medical claims to confirm they have an eligible condition.
- Eligibility will be identified once Florida Blue Medicare receives a provider-submitted claim that includes diagnosis codes indicating one or more of the above listed chronic conditions.
- Florida Blue Medicare also encourages members to complete their Health Risk Assessment and schedule their Annual Wellness Visit with their physician, but it is not required to be eligible to obtain the benefit.
- Provider Link can be used to identify your Florida Blue Medicare patients in a DSNP plan and those with qualifying conditions (CAD, CHF, COP, diabetes).

What Happens After the Member has Met All Requirements?

Once your BlueMedicare Complete (HMO-DSNP) patient has met the eligibility requirements, they will receive their Blue Dollars Card with instructions on how to use it to buy healthy food at participating grocery stores. The card may also be used at Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Kroger and other stores.

If you have a patient enrolled in this Florida Blue Medicare plan who has a qualifying condition, please encourage them to take advantage of this new healthy food benefit.