



## Retiree Open Enrollment for 2026 Benefits

October 15 – December 7, 2025

## **Open Enrollment for 2026**

#### This is an opportunity to:

- Change your health and/or dental plan
- Add family member(s)
- Remove family member(s)

#### **Important Reminders:**

- Applications must be postmarked by December 7, 2025
- Benefit elections are effective January 1, 2026

Important Note: If you are not making any changes you do not need to do anything. Your current choices will roll over to 2026.



#### What we will cover

- Things to Remember
- Retiree Options
- Prescription Coverage
- Resources







- If you drop your State of Iowa health or dental plans, there is no provision to rejoin the group.
- If you are Medicare eligible and enroll in an outside supplement or advantage plan, you must contact the State of Iowa as your cancellation is not automatically forwarded.
- If your spouse is covered under the State of Iowa's health or dental plans at the time of your death, your spouse can continue coverage.



- You may remove a spouse or dependent at any time.
- You can only enroll a family member during a qualified life event or annual Open Enrollment period.
- If you are becoming Medicare eligible in 2026, there is no need to do anything during Open Enrollment. You will be sent a packet of information approximately three months prior to turning 65.



• If you or any of your dependents become Medicare eligible when on retiree insurance, you MUST enroll in Medicare Parts A and B, and Medicare becomes the primary payer at the time of eligibility. If you do not enroll in Medicare Parts A or B, you will be responsible for the portion of your health care costs that Medicare would pay.



## **Benefit Options**



## **Retiree Options**

- Health Insurance
- Group MedicareBlue Rx for Iowa
- Dental Insurance



## **Retiree Health Options**

(When No One Covered is Eligible for Medicare)

- Iowa Choice Single or Family Coverage
- National Choice Single or Family Coverage



## **Retiree Health Options**

(When One Individual is Medicare Eligible and Others are not Eligible for Medicare)

- Iowa Choice Single or Family
   MedicareBlue Rx for reduced premium
- National Choice Single or Family
   MedicareBlue Rx for reduced premium



# Retiree Health Options (When All Covered are Medicare Eligible)

- Iowa Choice Single or Family
   MedicareBlue Rx for reduced premium
- National Choice Single or Family
   MedicareBlue Rx for reduced premium
- Group Program F Single plan only
   Dependent can enroll if Medicare eligible
- Group Program N Single plan only
   Dependent can enroll if Medicare eligible



- There is no need to re-enroll if you want to continue with your current coverage
- With Iowa or National Choice:
  - There is a premium reduction for those who are Medicare eligible and sign up for this plan.
  - If you cancel your Group MedicareBlue Rx, retirees will pay the higher premium rate



#### With Group Program F or Group Program N

- You are not required to stay on our Part D plan. There is no premium reduction tied to having both plans.
- 2026 out of pocket costs will be \$2100 for prescriptions on the formulary.

These out-of-pocket limits do not apply to Part B drugs provided by a medical professional in an outpatient hospital setting. Chemotherapy treatments, for example, may fall into this category.



#### **Dental Insurance**

- Family and single plans only
- Can continue dental insurance without health insurance
- Can drop spouse or dependents at any time
- You can only enroll a family member during a qualified life event or annual Open Enrollment.



## Prescription Coverage on State of Iowa Plans



## Prescriptions. Things to consider

**Prior Authorization (PA)** - Every drug provider has criteria for prior authorization

#### **Quantity Limits (QL)**

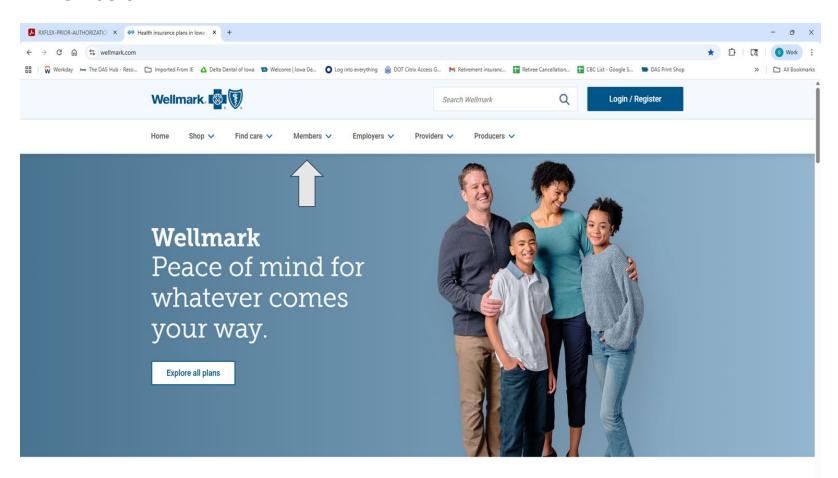
 A quantity limit is the highest amount of a prescription drug that can be given to you by your pharmacy in a period of time. For example, you might be prescribed a drug that requires you take 2 tablets a day, or 60 tablets per month.

#### **Exceptions**

A beneficiary can request a formulary exception if their insurance doesn't cover a drug not on their formulary.

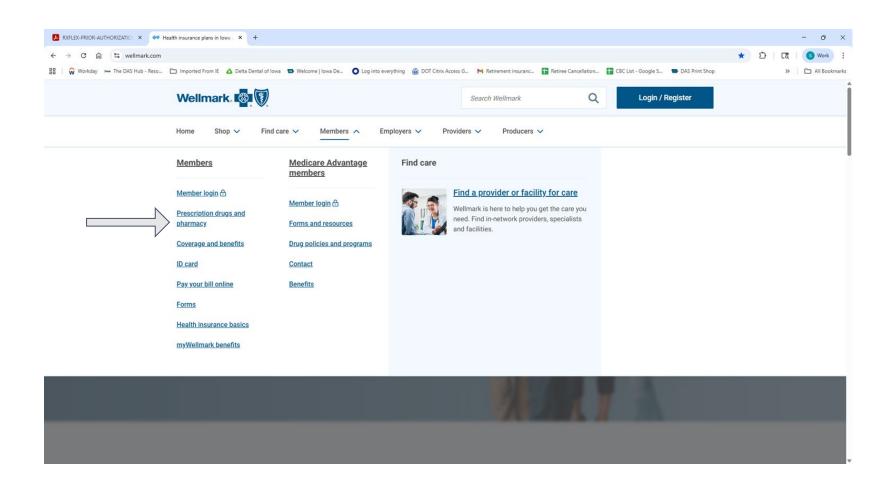


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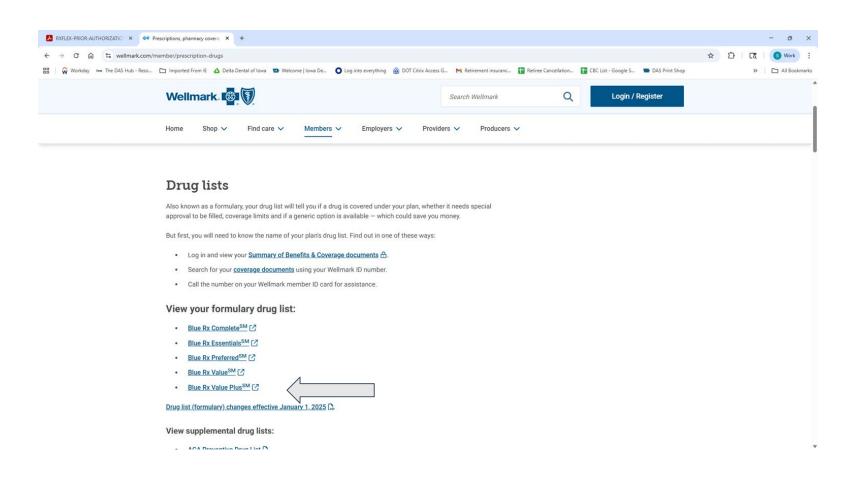


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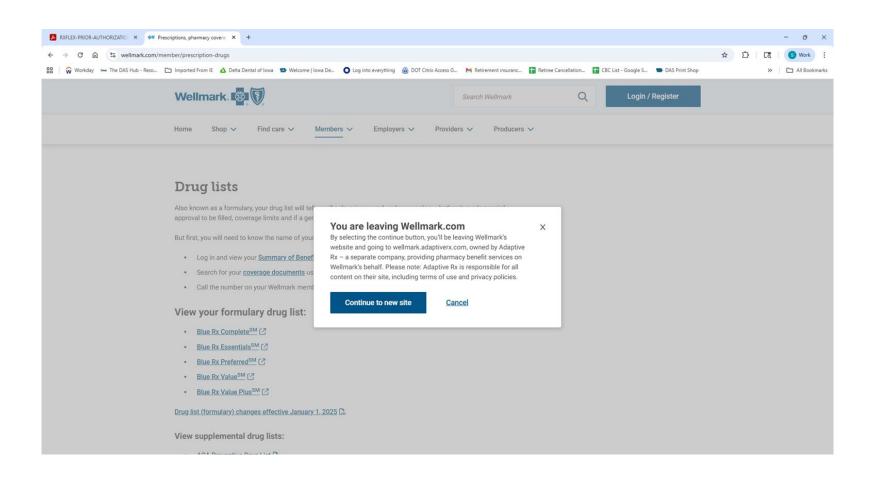


## **Prescription Drug Lists Blue Rx Value Plus**

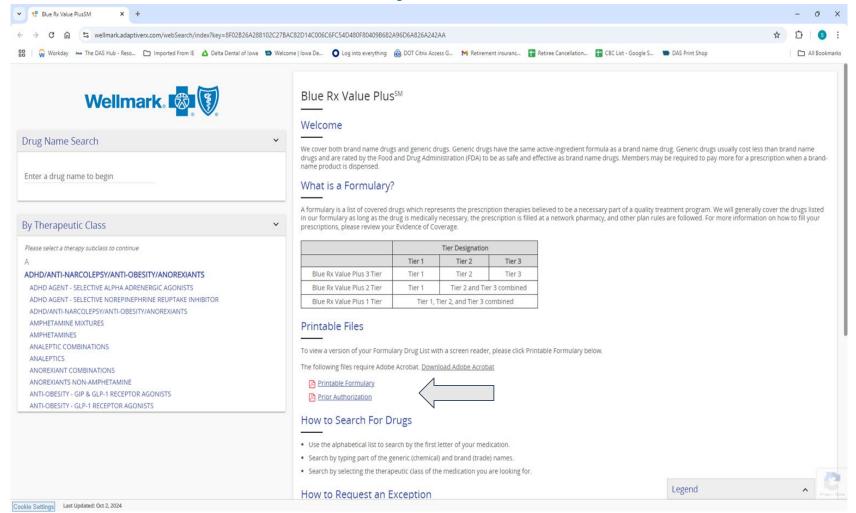




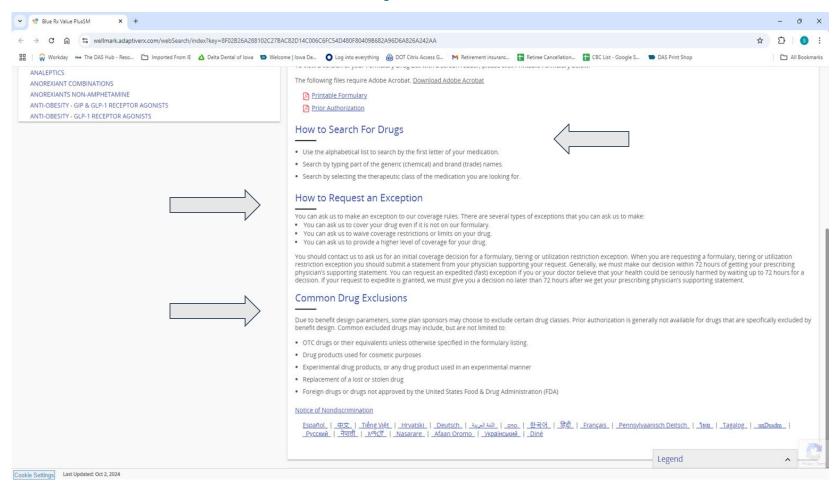
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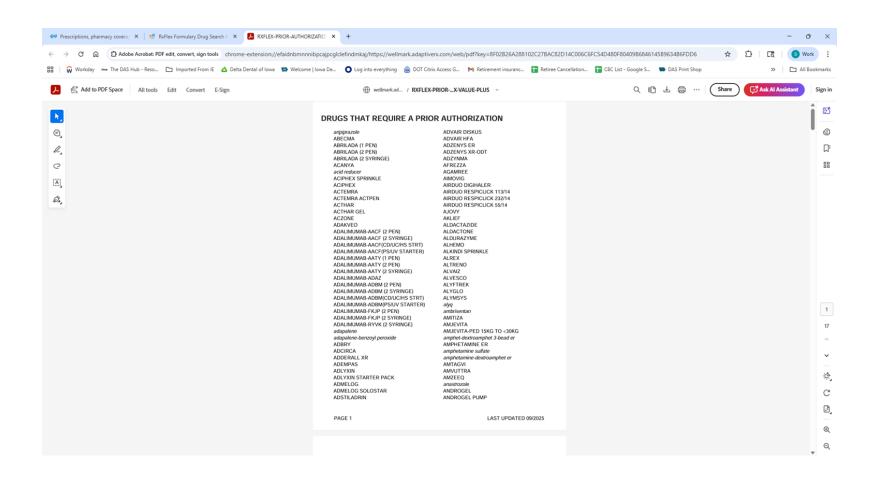




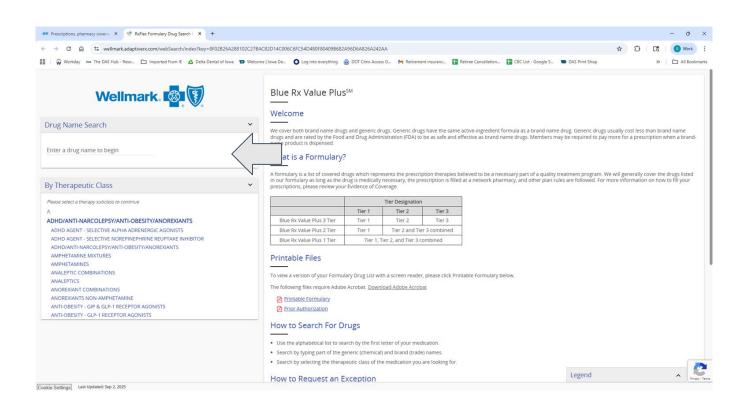




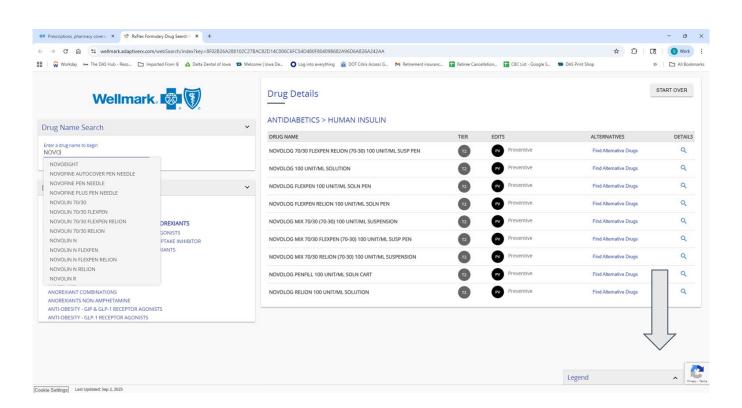
# **Iowa Choice and National Choice Prior Authorization for Blue Rx Value Plus Formulary**



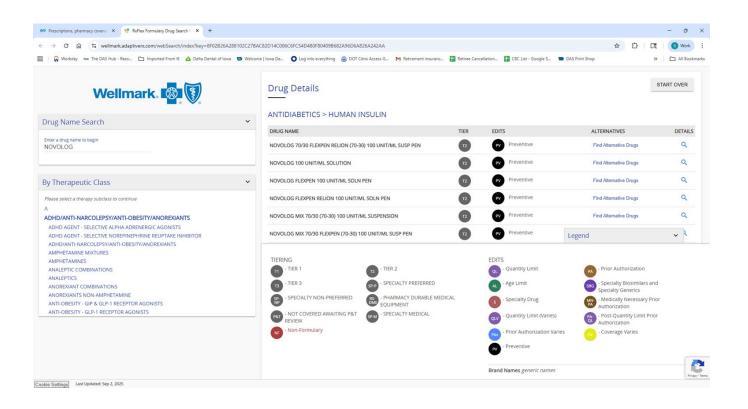






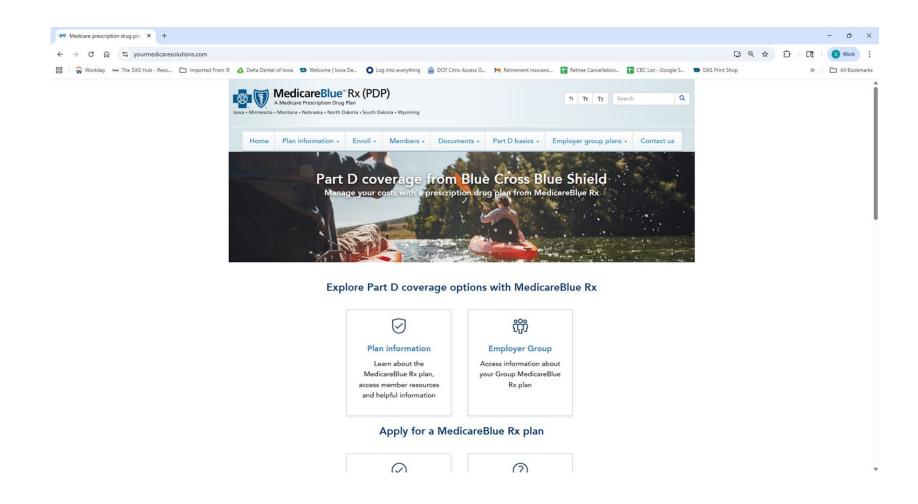






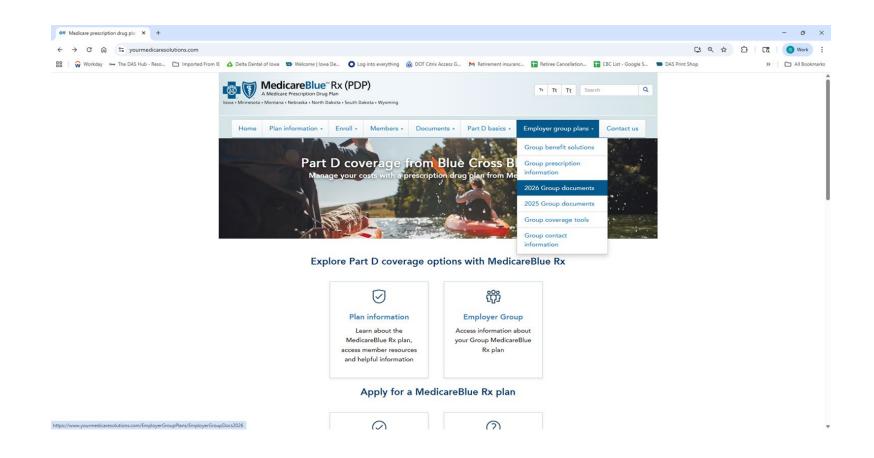


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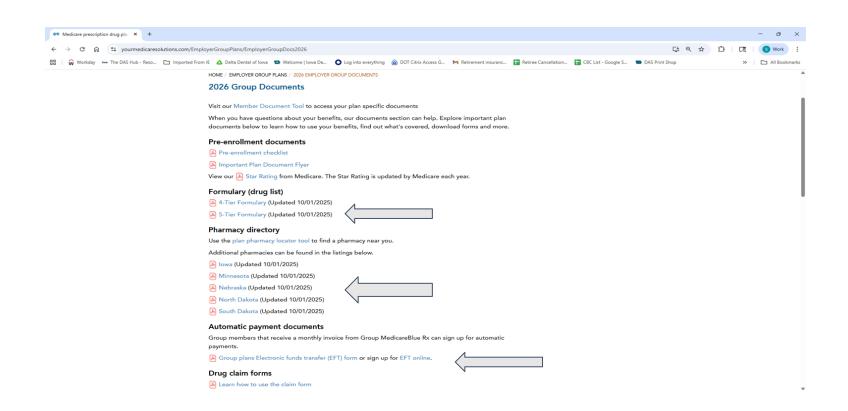


- Employer group plans
- 2026 Group documents



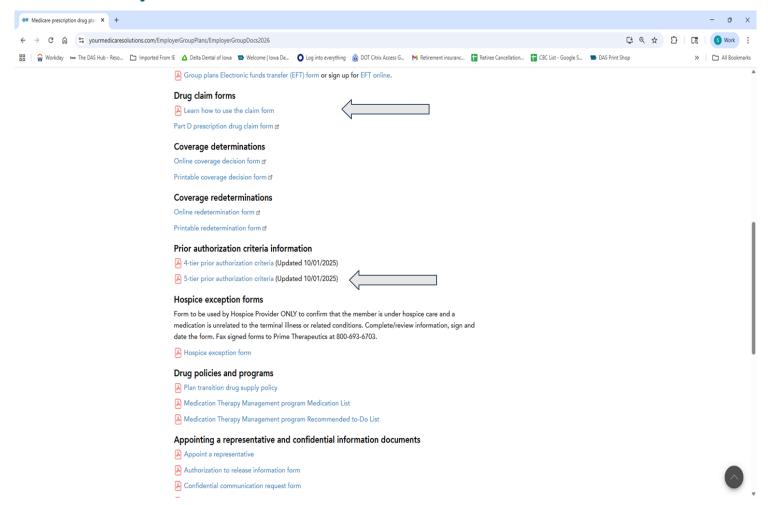


#### **2026 Group documents**



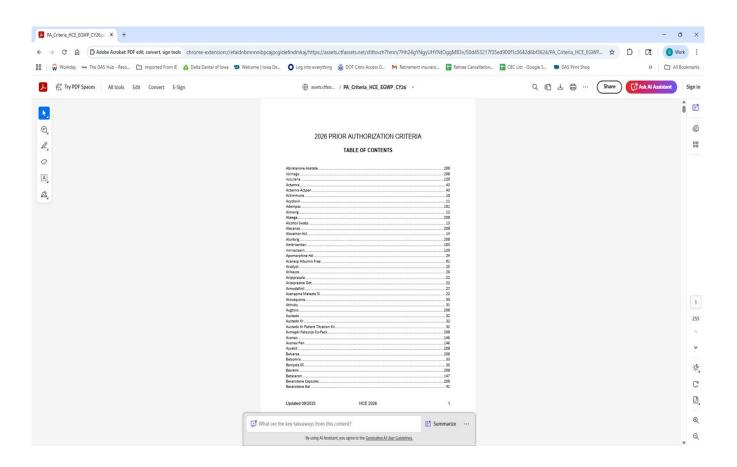


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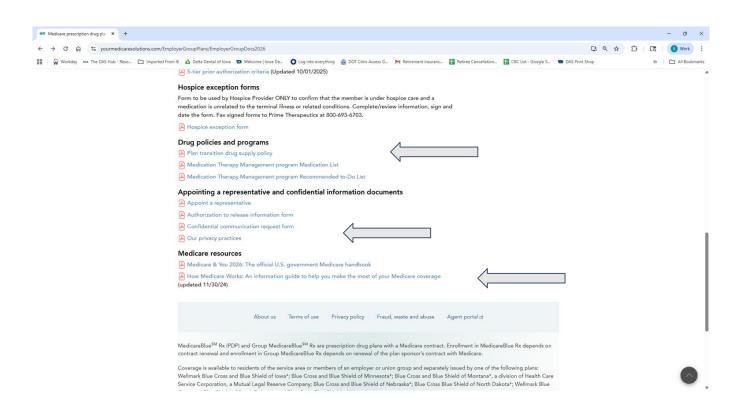


#### **Prior Authorization**



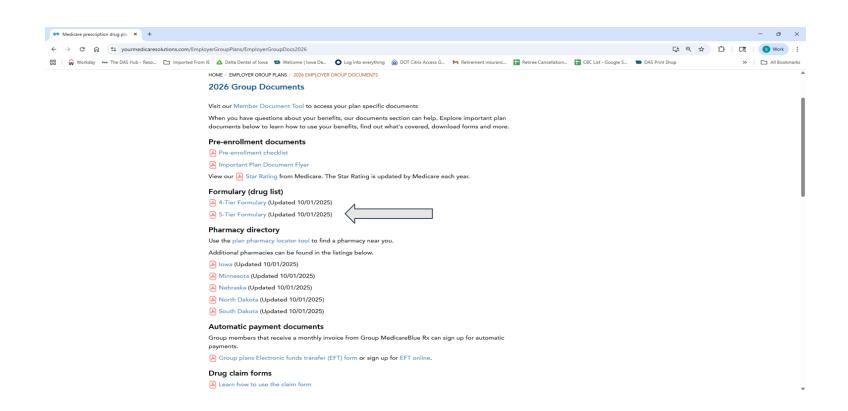


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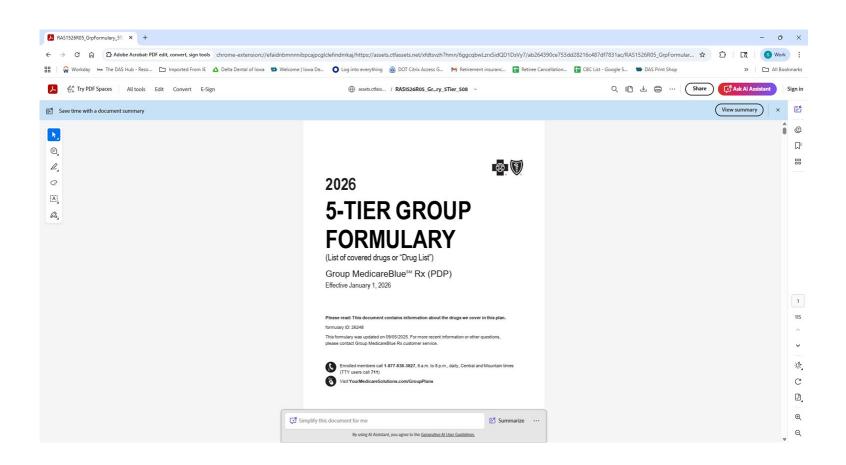




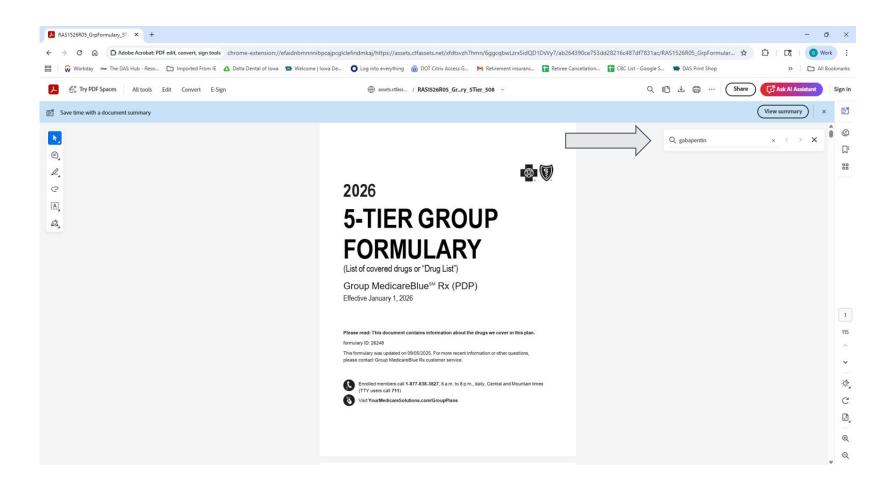
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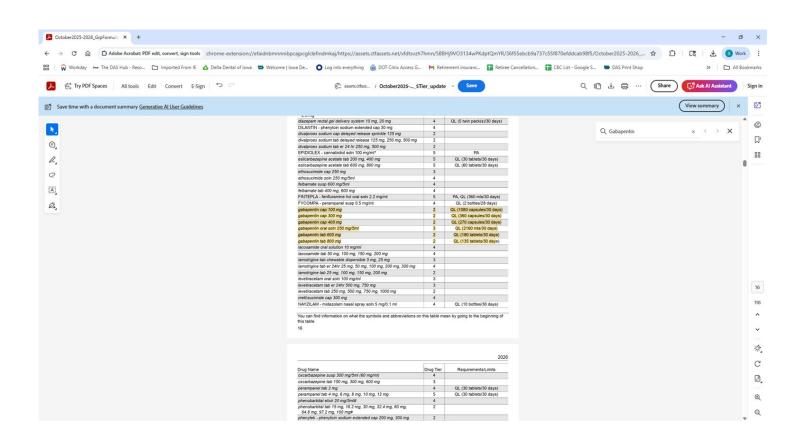




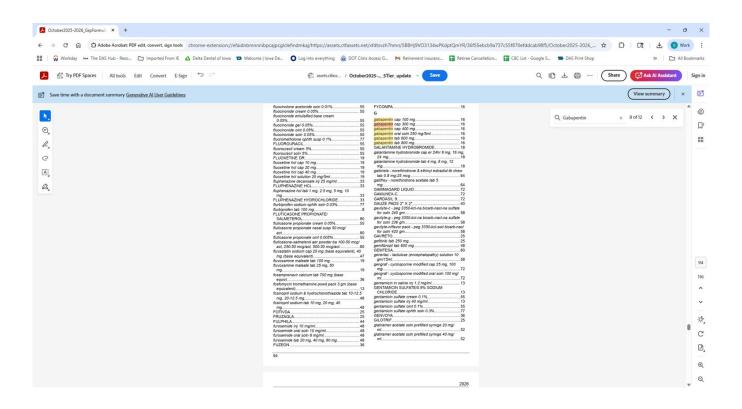














## Resources



## **Resources - Wellmark Applications**

Your 2025 Health Plan	Your 2026 Retiree Health Care Options				
	Iowa Choice	National Choice	Program F	Program N	
Iowa Choice	No action	New application	New application	New application	
National Choice	New application	No action	New application	New application	
Program F	New application	New application	No action	New application	
Program N	New application	New application	New application	No action	

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## Resources - Group MedicareBlue Rx

Your 2025 Health Plan	Your 2026 Retiree Health Care Options				
	Iowa Choice	National Choice	Program F	Program N	
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## **Resources - Applications**

- DAS 2026 Retiree Open Enrollment webpage at: https://das.iowa.gov/retiree-open-enrollment
- Email stateretirees@iowa.gov
- State of Iowa Retiree Benefits 866-895-2464
- Wellmark Customer Service 800-622-0043





#### **Resources - Contacts**

- Wellmark, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa Customer Service: 800-622-0043
- Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP)
  - For assistance, call 800-351-4664, email <a href="mailto:shiip@iid.iowa.gov">shiip@iid.iowa.gov</a>, or visit the website at <a href="https://www.shiip.iowa.gov">www.shiip.iowa.gov</a>.



#### **Resources - More Contacts**

 Department of Administrative Services – Human Resources Enterprise

stateretirees@iowa.gov 866-895-2464

 MedicareBlue Rx – Customer Service 877-838-3827



## Where to send applications

Retirees send application to:

Mail: Iowa Dept. of Administrative Services
Human Resources Enterprise
Hoover Bldg. - Level A
1305 E Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

**Email:** <u>stateretirees@iowa.gov</u> or susan.piel@iowa.gov

**Fax:** 515-242-6450



