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UCare to Discontinue Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans Beginning in 2026

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 8, 2025 – UCare will discontinue all dual eligible special needs plans or D-SNPs, including UCare’s Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) and UCare Connect + Medicare, effective Dec. 31, 2025.

This decision follows UCare and Medica’s extensive efforts with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) to find a path to allow dual members to transition to Medica alongside Medicaid and Individual & Family Plans (IFP) products as part of Medica’s planned acquisition of certain contracts and assets of UCare, announced on Nov. 17. Due to regulatory constraints and timelines for integrated products, the D-SNP transition was not approved to move forward.

UCare will notify impacted members via mail with information on how to select a new plan. If members do not select a new plan by Dec.31. 2025, they will be moved to UCare non-integrated products (Medical Assistance only):

- **For Medicare:** All members will move to Original Medicare for Parts A and B and be auto enrolled by CMS into a Medicare Part D plan for 2026.
- **For Medical Assistance/Medicaid:**
 - Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) members will move to UCare Minnesota Senior Care Plus (MSC+).
 - UCare Connect + Medicare members will move to UCare Connect.

Resources and information will be made available on UCare’s website and through direct outreach.

About UCare: UCare is an independent, nonprofit health plan providing health care and administrative services to more than 300,000 members throughout Minnesota and parts of western Wisconsin. UCare partners with health care providers, counties and community organizations to create and deliver Medicare, Medicaid and Individual & Family health plans.

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