

Los Angeles Unified School District offers Medicare Advantage option

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Effective January 1, 2019, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) will offer an Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) plan. Retirees with Medicare Parts A and B are eligible to enroll in the Anthem Medicare Preferred (PPO) plan. The plan includes the National Access Plus benefit, which allows retirees to receive services from any provider, as long as the provider is eligible to receive payments from Medicare. In addition, LAUSD retirees pay no cost share for both in-network and out-of-network services. The MA plan offers the same hospital and medical benefits that Medicare covers and also covers additional benefits that Medicare does not, such as an annual routine physical exam, hearing, vision, chiropractic care, acupuncture, LiveHealth Online and SilverSneakers®.

The prefix on LAUSD cards will be MBL. The cards will also show the LAUSD logo and National Access Plus icon. Providers may submit claims electronically using the electronic payer ID for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan in their state or submit a UB-04 or CMS-1500 form to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan in their state. Claims should not be filed with Original Medicare. Contracted and non-contracted providers may call the provider services number on the back of the member ID card for benefit eligibility, prior authorization requirements and any questions about LAUSD member benefits or coverage.

Detailed prior authorization requirements also are available to contracted providers by accessing the Provider Self-Service Tool at [Availity.com](https://providernews.anthem.com/california/article/los-angeles-unified-school-district-laUSD-offers-medicare-advantage-option).

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