



#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Toll free at **1-866-543-5966** TTY toll free **711** 

Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time We will provide interpreter services, if needed

#### FIND A DOCTOR

- Log in at bluecrossmn.com/BCA to find providers in your specific network
- Not a member?
   Visit bluecrossmn.com/FindCare and select the network: BlueCard\* PPO

Or call **1-800-810-BLUE (2583)** (Also applies to Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core)



# Welcome to Minnesota's #1 health plan\*

With Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, you get a name you trust, coverage you can count on, and peace of mind knowing your plan is here to help you every step of the way.

Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota and Blue Plus® are nonprofit independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

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<sup>\*</sup>Individual, Small Group, Large Group: NAIC enrollment reported for year-end 2024; Self-insured enrollment: from internal sources, SEC, EMMA financial statement filings and publicly available information.

#### YOUR PLAN INFO AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

#### A digital front door for health

Blue Care Advisor<sup>SM</sup> connects you to everything you need to easily manage your healthcare. Access your personal plan information, resources and tools online at **bluecrossmn.com/BCA** or by downloading the Blue Care Advisor app from your favorite app store.

When your member ID card arrives in the mail, go online or on the app and register to get started.





Once registered, you can:

- Find doctors, clinics and hospitals
- Compare costs for different services and procedures
- View claims and Explanations of Benefits (EOBs)
- · Chat online with customer service
- View, print, email or order member ID cards
- Check health financial account balances (if applicable)

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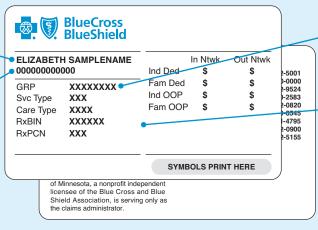
## UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEMBER ID CARD

#### Member name

Each family member covered by your plan will have an ID card. This includes minor children.

#### Member ID number

Your member ID number helps providers look up your plan details. We also use it to track expenses.



The sample shown is a guide only. The information and the format of your card may vary.

#### Group number

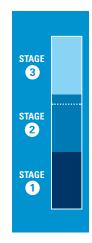
This identifies your employer's plan.

#### Plan details

Questions?
Contact information is on the back of your ID card.

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUR HEALTH PLAN

Having health insurance means you and a health plan share in paying your medical costs. The plan tracks what you pay in medical costs and applies eligible costs toward certain milestones. When your costs hit these milestones, you move into the next stage of your plan. Your share of costs becomes less as you reach each stage. Here's how it works:



#### Stage 1: Deductible -

Each year, you pay for all covered medical services until you meet your deductible.

#### **Stage 2: Coinsurance**

Then, the health plan starts sharing a percentage of your costs until you reach your out-of-pocket maximum. Example: 80/20 coinsurance means the plan pays 80 percent and you pay 20 percent.

maximum.

Your deductible and coinsurance **count toward** your out-of-pocket

#### Stage 3: Out-of-pocket maximum

At this point, the health plan pays all your covered medical costs for the rest of the plan year.\*

\*Covered medical costs up to the lifetime maximum.

Learn more health plan basics at bluecrossmn.com/
EmployerPlans

Knowing some common health plan terms regarding costs can help you make more informed decisions and get more from your plan. See glossary for additional terms.



#### Premium -

The regular payment you make throughout the year to keep your plan active

Your employer may pay part of your premium.

Your premium **does not count toward** your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum.



#### Covered medical costs -

#### The medical services your plan covers

"Covered" means your plan pays for some or all of the costs. These are different in each plan. Your covered costs **usually count toward** your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.



#### Over-the-allowed-amount costs .

The health plan and in-network providers have agreed to an "allowed amount" (the most a provider can charge you). If you receive a covered service from a nonparticipating provider who charges over the allowed amount, this additional cost is your responsibility.

Costs over the allowed amount **do not count toward** your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.



#### Non-covered services

"Non-covered" refers to medical services not covered by your plan

If you receive these services, you pay in full.

Services not covered by your plan **do not count toward** your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.



#### Copays .

A set cost you pay every time you get medical care or a prescription

Copays can vary based on where you get care (virtual, clinic, urgent care, etc.).

Your copays do not count toward your deductible but **do count toward** your out-of-pocket maximum.

#### CHOOSING A PLAN: THINK ABOUT YOUR NEEDS

When choosing a plan, think about how much medical care, including prescriptions, you (and your dependents) expect to need within the plan year.

#### Higher-premium plan with lower deductibles

This type of plan may be a good option if you (and your dependents):

- See a doctor regularly
- Need regular prescription medications, specialty medications or medical equipment
- Are expecting to have surgery, give birth or other major medical care

You'll pay more for your premium, but generally your out-of-pocket costs will be less when you get care. Be sure you can afford the higher premium because you will pay this regularly.

#### Lower-premium plan with higher deductibles

This type of plan may be a good option if you (and your dependents):

- Don't expect to need much medical care
- Don't need regular prescription medications, specialty medications or medical equipment

You'll pay less for your premium, but generally your out-of-pocket costs will be higher when you get care. Be sure you can afford out-of-pocket medical costs if you need care unexpectedly.



#### IN GENERAL.

- **Higher premium =**Lower out-of-pocket costs
- Lower premium =
  Higher out-of-pocket costs

#### **Out-of-pocket costs include:**

- Deductible
- Copays
- Coinsurance
- Non-covered services
- Over-the-allowed-amount costs

See glossary for definitions.

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#### Stay in network

You can save money on your healthcare costs by making sure you choose an in-network provider. These are doctors, hospitals and clinics within your network. If keeping your current doctor is important to you, be sure to check if that doctor is in the network you're considering. If the provider isn't in the network, it may cost you more.

Log in at **bluecrossmn.com/BCA** to search providers in your specific network. Not a member? Visit **bluecrossmn.com/FindCare** and select the network you are considering.

#### **NETWORKS**

A network is a group of doctors, clinics, hospitals and other healthcare providers that have contracted with a health plan to provide your care at a lower cost. Check to see if your preferred providers are in network. Log in at **bluecrossmn.com/BCA** to search providers in your specific network. Not a member? Visit **bluecrossmn.com/FindCare**.

#### National and international networks

- BlueCard® PPO Access to more than 2 million providers nationwide
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core Access to coverage in 190 countries and territories worldwide

**Aware® Network** — The largest Blue Cross network featuring access to nearly every physician and hospital in Minnesota.

#### PREVENTIVE CARE

## Most preventive visits are covered at



## when you see a doctor in network

Check your benefit booklet on your member website.

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#### PHARMACY BENEFITS

Blue Cross works with Prime Therapeutics to provide you a pharmacy network (pharmacies that have an agreement with Blue Cross) and a formulary (drug list). Using your pharmacy network and formulary medications can help you save money.

To find an in-network retail pharmacy and check to see if a drug is covered, log in to your member website.

- Pharmacy search: Your pharmacy network name is listed on your benefit chart. If you go to an outof-network pharmacy, you may pay the full cost of the prescription.
- Medication search: The name of your formulary or medication list is listed on your benefit chart.
   Medications not on your formulary may cost you more.

Log in to your member website to learn more about pharmacy benefits, including 90-day prescriptions, specialty pharmacies, retail and home delivery.



- Stay within your pharmacy network
- Choose drugs on your formulary
- Opt for generic medications

Prime Therapeutics LLC is an independent company providing pharmacy benefit management services.

Each pharmacy is an independent company that provides pharmaceutical services.

### PPO \$1,500 Copay Aware



Benefit Summary | Effective Dates January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Key Benefits	In network* MN Network: Aware National Network: BlueCard PPO	Out of network**
What you will pay	You will pay the least when seeing an in-network provider.	You will pay the most when seeing an out-of-network or non-participating provider.
Your deductible	Medical	Medical
The amount you pay per Calendar-year before your health	\$1,500 individual	\$3,000 individual
plan starts to pay. Amounts paid out of network DO NOT cross apply to in-network deductible.	\$3,000 family	\$6,000 family
Deductible Type	Embedded - The plan begins paying benefits that require cost sharing for the first family member who meets the individual deductible. The family deductible must then be met by one or more of the remaining family members and then the plan pays benefits for all covered family members	
Your coinsurance	20%	40%
The percent of the allowed amount that you pay after your deductible is met.		
Your out-of-pocket maximum	Medical & Rx Combined	Medical & Rx Combined
The maximum amount you pay per Calendar-year in medical and prescription drug deductibles, coinsurance, and copays. Amounts paid out of network DO NOT cross apply to the in-network out-of-pocket maximum.	\$2,500 individual \$5,000 family	\$5,000 individual \$10,000 family
Preventive care  • well-child care to age 6  • prenatal care  • preventive medical evaluations age 6 and older; cancer screening; preventive hearing and vision exams; immunizations and vaccinations	0% 0% 0%	0% 0% 40% after the deductible
Physician services  e e-visits  Doctor On Demand  retail health clinic (office visit)  physician office visits  office and outpatient lab services  office and outpatient lab diagnostic imaging- Xray  allergy injections and serum  specialist office visits  specialist office and outpatient lab services  Urgent Care professional services  Other professional services  chiropractic manipulation (office visit)  chiropractic therapy  home health care  physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy (office visit)  physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy (therapy)	\$0 copay \$0 copay \$25 copay \$25 copay 0% 0% \$25 copay \$45 copay 0% \$45 copay \$25 copay \$25 copay \$25 copay \$25 copay \$25 copay 20% after the deductible \$25 copay \$25 copay	40% after the deductible
Inpatient Facility Services	20% after the deductible	40% after the deductible
Outpatient Facility Services  • facility lab services  • facility diagnostic imaging- MRI/CT  • surgery and anesthesia  • urgent care services (facility services)	0% 20% after the deductible 20% after the deductible \$45 copay	40% after the deductible 40% after the deductible 40% after the deductible 40% after the deductible
<ul> <li>Emergency care</li> <li>emergency room (facility charges)</li> <li>professional charges</li> <li>ambulance (medically necessary transport to the nearest facility equipped to treat the condition)</li> </ul>	\$500 copay 0% 20% after the deductible	

Key Benefits	In network*  MN Network: Aware  National Network: BlueCard PPO	Out of network**
Durable Medical Equipment	20% after the deductible	40% after the deductible
Assisted fertilization	20% after the deductible	40% after the deductible
Behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse services)  • inpatient professional services	20% after the deductible	40% after the deductible
outpatient professional services (office visits/office therapy)	\$25 copay	40% after the deductible
outpatient professional service (all other services)     outpatient hospital/facility services	\$25 copay 20% after the deductible	40% after the deductible 40% after the deductible
Prescription drugs – Select Network • retail (31-day limit) FlexRx preferred drug list open plan design • preferred generic	\$0 copay	No coverage
non- preferred generic     preferred brand     non- preferred brand	\$0 copay \$25 copay \$75 copay	No coverage No coverage No coverage
Specialty drug list  • Specialty	\$250 copay	No coverage
90dayRx – Mail order pharmacy (90-day limit) FlexRx preferred drug list open plan design     preferred generic     non- preferred generic     preferred brand     non- preferred brand	\$0 copay \$0 copay \$50 copay \$150 copay	No coverage No coverage No coverage No coverage
90dayRx – Retail pharmacy (90-day limit) FlexRx preferred drug list open plan design     preferred generic     non- preferred generic     preferred brand     non- preferred brand	\$0 copay \$0 copay \$50 copay \$150 copay	No coverage No coverage No coverage No coverage
Important Information About Your Pharmacy Benefits	The patient will pay the difference if a brand-name drug is dispensed when a generic drug is available. The drug list uses a step therapy program. More information about prescription drug coverage is available at <b>bluecrossmn.com.</b>	

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### **HSA \$3,500 0% Preventive RX Aware**



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Key Benefits	In network*  MN Network: Aware	Out of network**
What you will pay	National Network: BlueCard PPO You will pay the least when seeing an in-network provider.	You will pay the most when seeing an out-of-network or non-participating provider.
Your deductible	Medical	Medical
The amount you pay per Calendar-year before your	\$3,500 individual	\$7,000 individual
health plan starts to pay. Amounts paid out of network DO NOT cross apply to in-network deductible.	\$7,000 family	\$14,000 family
Deductible Type	Embedded - The plan begins paying benefits that require cost sharing for the first family member who meets the individual deductible. The family deductible must then be met by one or more of the remaining family members and then the plan pays benefits for all covered family members.	
Your coinsurance	0%	50%
The percent of the allowed amount that you pay after your deductible is met.		
Your out-of-pocket maximum	Medical & Rx Combined	Medical & Rx Combined
The maximum amount you pay per Calendar-year in medical and prescription drug deductibles, coinsurance, and copays. Amounts paid out of network DO NOT cross apply to the in-network out-of-pocket maximum.	\$3,500 individual \$7,000 family	\$10,500 individual \$21,000 family
Preventive care  • well-child care to age 6  • prenatal care  • preventive medical evaluations age 6 and older; cancer screening; preventive hearing and vision exams; immunizations and vaccinations	0% 0% 0%	0% 0% 50% after the deductible
Physician services  e e-visits  Doctor On Demand  retail health clinic (office visit)  physician office visits  office and outpatient lab services  office and outpatient lab diagnostic imaging- Xray  allergy injections and serum  specialist office visits  specialist office and outpatient lab services  Urgent Care professional services	0% 0% 0% after the deductible	50% after the deductible
Other professional services	0% after the deductible	50% after the deductible
Inpatient Facility Services	0% after the deductible	50% after the deductible
Outpatient Facility Services     facility lab services     facility diagnostic imaging- MRI/CT     surgery and anesthesia     urgent care services (facility services)	0% after the deductible 0% after the deductible 0% after the deductible 0% after the deductible	50% after the deductible 50% after the deductible 50% after the deductible 50% after the deductible
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<ul><li> generic</li><li> preferred generic</li></ul>	0% after the deductible 0% after the deductible	No coverage No coverage
<ul><li>non-preferred generic</li><li>brand</li></ul>	0% after the deductible 0% after the deductible	No coverage No coverage
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non-preferred generic     brand	0% after the deductible 0% after the deductible	No coverage
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#### HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESOURCES

From lowering stress and managing weight, to finding the right care or comparing treatment options, you have the tools and resources you need to put better health within your reach. To learn more, log in to your member website.

#### **Online** care

Access board-certified doctors, psychiatrists and psychologists with Doctor on Demand® via smartphone, tablet or computer.

Visit doctorondemand.com/bluecrossmn

Doctor On Demand® by Included Health is an independent company providing telehealth services

#### Online behavioral health programs

Living with substance use, stress, insomnia, depression, social anxiety, panic? Learn to Live offers online programs, including resilience, and is available anytime to help you work through it.

 Visit learntolive.com/welcome/bcbsmn and use code Bluestone

Learn to Live, Inc. is an independent company offering online tools and programs for behavioral health support.

#### **Health assessment**

Complete a short, confidential health assessment. Based on your results, you'll receive personalized recommendations including helpful tips and programs available to you.

Log in at bluecrossmn.com/BCA

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#### Wellness discount marketplace

Get significant savings on personal care, fitness and wellness goods and services from Blue365<sup>®</sup>.

Visit blue365deals.com/bcbsmn

Blue 365° is a registered mark of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independent Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plans.

#### **Health management**

Receive professional support for managing chronic or serious health conditions. Includes education, treatment plan support and community resource information.

Call 1-855-312-9107

### **HEART-HEALTHY TIPS**

These simple tips for living a healthy lifestyle can help lower your risk for high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke:

- Limit salt in your diet
- Stress less
- Exercise regularly
- Get more sleep
- Manage your weight

#### **Maternity management**

Receive support and guidance from a maternity case manager.

• Call 1-800-793-6916

#### **Quitting tobacco and vaping**

Take advantage of personalized guidance in making a quit plan and receive ongoing support from a wellness coach.

• Visit bluecrossmn.com or call 1-888-662-BLUE (2583), TTY 711

#### **Diabetes Prevention Program**

Get help lowering your risk for Type 2 diabetes with the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP). DPP provides lifestyle change support focused on healthy eating and physical activity. It is covered under your plan at no additional cost to you.

Visit cdc.gov/prediabetes/takethetest

#### Diabetes and heart disease prevention

Get professional health coaching online and supportive tools and resources, including a digital scale, through Omada® to help prevent diabetes and heart disease.

 Visit omadahealth.com/omadaforbcbsmn. See your plan materials for details.

The Omada program is from Omada Health, Inc., an independent company providing digital care programs.

#### **Diabetes management**

Get personalized support from a certified diabetes care and education specialist (CDCES), a digital scale and glucose monitor to help you manage your diabetes with Omada®.

 Visit omadahealth.com/omadaforbcbsmn. See your plan materials for details.

The Omada program is from Omada Health, Inc., an independent company providing digital care programs.

#### **Hypertension management**

Get personalized support from a certified hypertension specialist, a connected digital scale and blood pressure monitor and cuff to help you manage your hypertension with Omada®.

Visit omadahealth.com/omadaforbcbsmn

The Omada program is from Omada Health, Inc., an independent company providing digital care programs.

#### Musculoskeletal (MSK) Condition Management program

Get guided physical therapy from the convenience of your home from Hinge Health. Hinge Health provides comprehensive one-on-one care from prevention to post-surgical recovery.

 Visit hingehealth.com/bcbsmnfinder or call 1-855-902-2777, TTY 711

Hinge Health is an independent company providing musculoskeletal services.

#### **Gender Care Services**

Connect with the Gender Services Team to discuss genderrelated care options, health plan coverage and providers.

 Visit bluecrossmn.com/GenderCare or call 1-866-694-9361

# FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW, SCHEDULE YOUR PREVENTIVE VISIT TODAY

The best time to start thinking about your health is *before* you get sick, and routine checkups can catch health problems early.



Learn more at bluecrossmn.com/Visits

Check your benefit booklet on your member website for coverage details.



#### BEHAVORIAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Behavioral healthcare is essential to your overall wellbeing. Whether you're navigating stress, anxiety, depression, or other behavioral health challenges, support is always within reach.

From therapy and counseling to substance use treatment and comprehensive care for children and teens, you have access to a wide range of confidential services. These services include virtual and in-person care options — all designed to meet you where you are in a place that is most comfortable to you.

No matter your age or stage of life, behavioral health support is here to help you live healthier, every day.

Visit **bluecrossmn.com/BehavioralHealth** to learn more about in-network programs and services available to meet your individual needs.

#### ONLINE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## ARE YOU FINDING TIME FOR MENTAL HEALTHCARE?

Make time for your mental healthcare from the comfort of your home.

**Learn to Live** is available at no additional cost to you, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

- Private and confidential
- Coaching resources available
- Mobile app available
- · Access anytime, anywhere





#### KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR CARE

Knowing where to go for the right care can help save you time and money. Get familiar with your options now, before you need care.

WHEN Y	OU NEED	USE	ACCESS/AVAILABILITY	WAIT TIME	COST
B	MEDICAL/ MENTAL HEALTH ADVICE	Common medical and mental health concerns addressed by phone	Call your clinic for availability.	short to medium	\$0 - \$
	CARE QUICKLY	Online care Colds, cough or flu, bladder infections, mental health*	Visit doctorondemand.com/ bluecrossmn 24 hours a day, seven days a week or check with your provider.	short	\$
	CARE TODAY	Convenience clinic Minor illnesses or injuries, screenings and vaccinations	No appointment necessary. Often available nights and weekends.	short	\$\$
U <sub>o</sub>	CARE SOON	Office visit Preventive care, screenings and vaccines, mental health therapy or referrals to specialty care	Call your clinic to schedule an appointment. Days and hours vary.	varies	\$\$ - \$\$\$
	CARE NOW	Urgent care Minor cuts, sprains and burns, skin rashes, fever and flu, X-rays and lab testing	No appointment necessary. Available seven days a week, but specific hours vary.	varies	\$\$\$\$
* 12	CARE IMMEDIATELY	Emergency room (ER) Chest pain, shortness of breath, uncontrolled bleeding, poisoning, risk of harming yourself or others, or other life-threatening illnesses or injuries	Immediately call 911 or go to your nearest ER anytime.	longer, unless life-threatening	\$\$\$\$\$

Please note: The conditions listed are for example only and not a complete list.

If you or someone you know is in emotional distress or in suicidal crisis, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling or texting 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

#### Looking for day-to-day online support for your emotional health?

Get convenient, confidential online support for stress and anxiety, depression, social anxiety, insomnia, substance use and more by visiting **learntolive.com/welcome/BCBSMN** (enter code Bluestone), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is no additional cost to you.

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<sup>\*</sup>Mental health visits are by appointment only, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time.

#### **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA)**

An HSA works with an HSA-qualified health plan. This account is yours, just like a bank account. It helps you save money because you don't pay any taxes on the money you put in or take out, as long as it's used for eligible medical expenses (defined by the IRS). HSA money is always yours — whether you change jobs, health plans or you retire. If you enroll in an HSA-qualified plan, your HSA will be set up with HealthEquity®, the spending and savings account administrator.



Visit **learn.healthequity.com/bluecrossmn** to learn how to make the most of your HSA.



HealthEquity, Inc. is an independent company providing account administration services.

WHO FUNDS AN HSA?	HOW MUCH DO I PUT IN? NOTE HSA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS*	WHAT DO I USE MY HSA FOR?	WHAT HAPPENS TO MONEY LEFT IN MY HSA?
You and/or your employer contribute to your HSA.	Estimate your out-of-pocket costs for the plan year. Use this and the amount your employer may contribute (or match) to decide how much to put in.  Individual – \$4,400  Family – \$8,750  Catch-up (age 55+) – \$1,000	Pay for your out-of-pocket medical costs with your HSA funds. Once you hit your out-of-pocket maximum, your health plan will pay for eligible costs.	You keep any money left in your HSA.

<sup>\*</sup>Contribution limits per the IRS 2026.



#### Don't pay more for care than you should

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#### GLOSSARY — TERMS TO KNOW

**Allowed amount:** The amount Blue Cross has agreed to pay a specific provider for a covered service.

**Coinsurance:** This payment structure starts after meeting your deductible. In coinsurance, you and the plan each pay a percentage for covered services. Example: 80/20 coinsurance means the plan pays 80 percent and you pay 20 percent.

**Convenience or retail clinic:** These clinics treat a limited list of common illnesses. They are often located in or near a retail store.

**Copay:** A fee you pay every time you get care or a prescription. Copays can vary based on where you get care (virtual, clinic, urgent care, etc.).

**Cost sharing:** Refers to the member sharing medical costs with the health plan through copays, deductible and coinsurance.

**Deductible:** The dollar amount you must pay for most covered services each calendar year before the health plan begins to pay for benefits.

**Eligible or covered services:** Healthcare covered by your plan.

**Embedded deductible:** Plan begins paying benefits that require cost sharing for the first family member who meets the per-person deductible. Once one or more of the remaining family members meet the family deductible the plan pays benefits for all covered family members.

**Explanation of Benefits (EOB):** A letter you receive after getting care that shows costs, the amount the health plan is expected to pay and the amount you are expected to pay. You do not pay anything when you receive an EOB. An EOB is not a bill.

**Formulary or drug list:** A list of FDA-approved prescription drugs covered by your health plan. To help ensure you get the right drugs for your needs, some drugs may require prior authorization, step therapy, and/or quantity limits.

**Health plan:** Can refer to your health insurance company or your specific health plan.

**In-network:** Providers or pharmacies in your plan's network that give you the most coverage (lowest cost). Note: An in-network provider is not the same as a participating provider.

**Member website:** A secure website for accessing plan details and cost information as well as health and wellbeing tools.

**Nonparticipating provider:** A provider that does not have a contract with the health plan. You pay in full when using these providers. Note: A nonparticipating provider is not the same as an out-of-network provider.

**Out-of-network:** A provider or pharmacy that has a contract with the health plan but is not part of your plan's network. You may pay more when using these providers/ pharmacies. Note: An out-of-network provider is not the same as a nonparticipating provider.

**Out-of-pocket expense/cost:** Refers to costs the member pays: premium, copay, deductible, coinsurance, and non-covered services or over-the-allowed-amount costs.

**Out-of-pocket (OOP) maximum:** This is the last milestone you hit by paying for covered medical services. Once you reach this amount, the plan pays for all covered in-network services for the plan year's remainder.

**Participating provider:** A provider that has a contract with the health plan, and may be in or out of your plan's network. Note: A participating provider is not the same as an in-network provider.

**Premium:** Your monthly payment, like a membership fee. Your employer may pay part of your premium. You may also be able to pay your premium pretax from your paycheck.

**Provider:** Refers to doctors, clinics, hospitals, pharmacies and other healthcare professionals.

**Service (also called "care"):** Medical procedures, treatment, and prescription drugs.

#### MEMBER ANNUAL NOTICE NEWSLETTER

Find valuable information in the Blue Cross Member Annual Notice newsletter, such as:

- Member rights and responsibilities
- Quality improvement program
- Information about case and condition/disease management
- Benefits and access to medical services
- Pharmacy benefit information, such as formulary, quantity limits and exception processes
- Use and disclosure of protected health information (PHI)
- Prior authorization decisions and benefit limitations
- How to request an independent review
- Transitioning from pediatric to adult care

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#### MEDICARE PART D CREDITABILITY

Medicare members should check their plan information or ask their employer to see if their plan is Medicare Part D creditable.



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