

**New England College of Optometry** 

The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) will be provided separately. This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, see bluecrossma.org/coverage-info. For general definitions of common terms, such as allowed amount, balance billing, coinsurance, copayment, deductible, provider, or other underlined terms, see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at bluecrossma.org/sbcglossary or call 1-800-358-2227 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$2,000 member / \$4,000 family.	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from <u>providers</u> up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the <u>plan</u> , each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .
Are there services covered before you meet your <u>deductible</u> ?	Yes. <u>Preventive care</u> , prenatal care, emergency room, <u>prescription drugs</u> , most office visits, mental health services, <u>diagnostic tests</u> and imaging, emergency transportation, <u>home health care</u> , and <u>hospice services</u> .	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply. For example, this <u>plan</u> covers certain <u>preventive services</u> without <u>cost sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered <u>preventive services</u> at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/">https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/</a> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services.
What is the <u>out-of-pocket</u> <u>limit</u> for this <u>plan</u> ?	\$4,000 member / \$8,000 family.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <u>plan</u> , they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> has been met.
What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	Premiums, balance-billing charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .
Will you pay less if you use a <u>network provider</u> ?	Yes. See  bluecrossma.com/findadoctor or call the Member Service number on your ID card for a list of network providers.	This <u>plan</u> uses a <u>provider network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the <u>plan's network</u> . You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the <u>provider's</u> charge and what your <u>plan</u> pays ( <u>balance billing</u> ). Be aware, your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.
Do you need a <u>referral</u> to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	Yes.	This <u>plan</u> will pay some or all of the costs to see a <u>specialist</u> for covered services but only if you have a <u>referral</u> before you see the <u>specialist</u> .

Coverage Period: on or after 01/01/2026

All **copayment** and **coinsurance** costs shown in this chart are after your **deductible** has been met, if a **deductible** applies.

		What You Will Pay			
Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	In-Network (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$25 / visit	Not covered	A telehealth <u>cost share</u> may be applicable	
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	\$40 / visit; \$40 / chiropractor visit; \$40 / acupuncture visit	Not covered	Limited to 12 acupuncture visits per calendar year; a telehealth cost share may be applicable	
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	Not covered	GYN exam limited to one exam per calendar year; a telehealth <u>cost share</u> may be applicable. You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive.  Ask your <u>provider</u> if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your <u>plan</u> will pay for.	
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No charge	Not covered	<u>Pre-authorization</u> required for certain services	
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No charge	Not covered	<u>Pre-authorization</u> required for certain services	

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If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at bluecrossma.org/medication	Generic drugs	\$15 / retail supply or \$30 / mail service supply	Not covered	Up to 30-day retail (90-day mail service) supply; cost share may be waived, reduced, or increased for certain covered drugs and supplies; pre-authorization required for certain drugs
	Preferred brand drugs	\$30 / retail supply or \$60 / mail service supply	Not covered	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	\$50 / retail supply or \$100 / mail service supply	Not covered	
	Specialty drugs	Applicable <u>cost share</u> (generic, preferred, non-preferred)	Not covered	When obtained from a designated specialty pharmacy; cost share may be waived, reduced, or increased for certain covered drugs and supplies; pre-authorization required for certain drugs
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first; <u>pre-</u> <u>authorization</u> required for certain services
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first; <u>pre-</u> <u>authorization</u> required for certain services
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	\$100 / visit; deductible does not apply	\$100 / visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Copayment waived if admitted or for observation stay
	Emergency medical transportation	No charge	No charge	None
	<u>Urgent care</u>	\$40 / visit	\$40 / visit	Out-of-network coverage limited to out of service area; a telehealth cost share may be applicable

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If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No charge	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first; <u>pre-</u> <u>authorization</u> / authorization required for certain services
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first; <u>pre-</u> <u>authorization</u> / authorization required for certain services
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	\$25 / visit	Not covered	A telehealth <u>cost share</u> may be applicable; <u>pre-authorization</u> required for certain services
	Inpatient services	No charge	Not covered	<u>Pre-authorization</u> / authorization required for certain services
	Office visits	No charge	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for
If you are pregnant	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No charge	Not covered	childbirth/delivery facility services;
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	No charge	Not covered	cost sharing does not apply for preventive services; maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound); a telehealth cost share may be applicable

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	Home health care	No charge	Not covered	<u>Pre-authorization</u> required for certain services	
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Rehabilitation services	\$40 / visit for outpatient services; No charge for inpatient services	Not covered	Deductible applies first; limited to 60 outpatient visits per calendar year (other than for autism, Down syndrome, home health care, and speech therapy); limited to 60 days per calendar year for inpatient admissions; a telehealth cost share may be applicable; pre-authorization required for certain services	
	Habilitation services	\$40 / visit	Not covered	Deductible applies first; outpatient rehabilitation therapy coverage limits apply; cost share and coverage limits waived for early intervention services for eligible children; a telehealth cost share may be applicable; preauthorization required for certain services	
	Skilled nursing care	No charge	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first; limited to 100 days per calendar year; <u>pre-authorization</u> required	
	Durable medical equipment	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not covered	<u>Deductible</u> applies first; <u>cost share</u> waived for one breast pump per birth, including supplies	
	Hospice services	No charge	Not covered	Pre-authorization required for certain services	
	Children's eye exam	No charge	Not covered	Limited to one exam every 12 months	
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's glasses	Not covered	Not covered	None	
	Children's dental check-up	No charge for members with a cleft palate / cleft lip condition	Not covered	Limited to members under age 18	

#### **Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

# Services Your Plan Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or plan document for more information and a list of any other excluded services.)

- Children's glasses
- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (Adult)

- Long-term care
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Private-duty nursing

## Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your <u>plan</u> document.)

- Acupuncture (12 visits per calendar year)
- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic care
- Hearing aids (\$2,000 per ear every 36 months for members age 21 or younger)
- Infertility treatment
- Routine eye care adult (one exam every 12 months)
- Routine foot care (only for patients with systemic circulatory disease)
- Weight loss programs (\$150 per calendar year per policy)

Your Rights to Continue Coverage: There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or <a href="www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform">www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform</a> and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or <a href="www.cciio.cms.gov">www.cciio.cms.gov</a>. Your state insurance department might also be able to help. If you are a Massachusetts resident, you can contact the Massachusetts Division of Insurance at 1-877-563-4467 or <a href="www.mass.gov/doi">www.mass.gov/doi</a>. Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the <a href="Health Insurance Marketplace">Health Insurance Marketplace</a>. For more information about the <a href="Marketplace">Marketplace</a>, visit <a href="www.HealthCare.gov">www.HealthCare.gov</a> or call 1-800-318-2596. For more information about possibly buying individual coverage through a state exchange, you can contact your state's <a href="marketplace">marketplace</a>, if applicable. If you are a Massachusetts resident, contact the Massachusetts Health Connector by visiting <a href="www.mahealthconnector.org">www.mahealthconnector.org</a>. For more information on your rights to continue your employer coverage, contact your <a href="marketplace">plan</a> sponsor is usually the member's employer or organization that provides group health coverage to the member.)

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights: There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your <u>plan</u> for a denial of a <u>claim</u>. This complaint is called a <u>grievance</u> or <u>appeal</u>. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical <u>claim</u>. Your <u>plan</u> documents also provide complete information on how to submit a <u>claim</u>, <u>appeal</u>, or a <u>grievance</u> for any reason to your <u>plan</u>. For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, call 1-800-472-2689 or contact your <u>plan</u> sponsor. (A <u>plan</u> sponsor is usually the member's employer or organization that provides group health coverage to the member.) You may also contact The Office of Patient Protection at 1-800-436-7757 or <u>www.mass.gov/hpc/opp</u>.

#### Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes.

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes <u>plans</u>, <u>health insurance</u> available through the <u>Marketplace</u> or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of <u>Minimum Essential Coverage</u>, you may not be eligible for the <u>premium tax credit</u>.

#### Does this plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes.

If your plan doesn't meet the Minimum Value Standards, you may be eligible for a premium tax credit to help you pay for a plan through the Marketplace.

**Disclaimer:** This document contains only a partial description of the benefits, limitations, exclusions and other provisions of this health care <u>plan</u>. It is not a policy. It is a general overview only. It does not provide all the details of this coverage, including benefits, exclusions and policy limitations. In the event there are discrepancies between this document and the policy, the terms and conditions of the policy will govern.

To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next section.

#### **About these Coverage Examples:**



This is not a cost estimator. Treatments shown are just examples of how this <u>plan</u> might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your <u>providers</u> charge, and many other factors. Focus on the <u>cost-sharing</u> amounts (<u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u> and <u>coinsurance</u>) and <u>excluded services</u> under the <u>plan</u>. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health <u>plans</u>. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

# Peg is Having a Baby

(9 months of in-network prenatal care and a hospital delivery)

■The plan's overall deductible	\$2,000
■ Delivery fee copay	\$0
■ Facility fee copay	\$0
■ Diagnostic tests copav	\$0

#### This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Specialist office visits (prenatal care)
Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services
Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services
Diagnostic tests (ultrasounds and blood work)
Specialist visit (anesthesia)

Total Example Cost	\$12,700
In this example, Peg would pay:	
Cost sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$2,000
Copayments	\$10
Coinsurance	\$0
What isn't covered	·
Limits or exclusions	\$60
The total Peg would pay is	\$2,070

#### Managing Joe's Type 2 Diabetes (a year of routine in-network care of a wellcontrolled condition)

■The plan's overall deductible	\$2,000
■Specialist visit copay	\$40
■ Primary care visit copay	\$25
■ Diagnostic tests copav	\$0

#### This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

<u>Primary care physician</u> office visits (including disease education)
Diagnostic tests (blood work)

Prescription drugs

Total Example Cost

<u>Frescription drugs</u>

Durable medical equipment (glucose meter)

In this example, Joe would pay:		
Cost sharing		
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$0	
Copayments	\$1,200	
Coinsurance	\$0	
What isn't covered		
Limits or exclusions	\$20	
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,220	

#### **Mia's Simple Fracture**

(in-network emergency room visit and follow-up care)

■The plan's overall deductible	\$2,000
■ Specialist visit copay	\$40
■ Emergency room copay	\$100
■ Ambulance services copay	\$0

#### This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

<u>Emergency room care</u> (including medical supplies)

Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)

Total Example Cost

\$5,600

Durable medical equipment (crutches)

Rehabilitation services (physical therapy)

Total Example Cost	\$2,000
In this example, Mia would pay:	
Cost sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$400
Copayments	\$200
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	
The total Mia would pay is \$	

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This health plan meets Minimum Creditable Coverage Standards for Massachusetts residents that went into effect January 1, 2014, as part of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law.



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. It does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print or other formats).
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

If you need these services, call Member Service at the number on your ID card.

If you believe that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by mail at Civil Rights Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, 25 Technology Place, Hingham, MA 02043; phone at 1-800-472-2689 (TTY: 711); fax at 1-617-246-3616; or email at civilrightscoordinator@bcbsma.com.

If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, online at **ocrportal.hhs.gov**; by mail at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201; by phone at **1–800–368–1019** or **1–800–537–7697** (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at hhs.gov.



# PROFICIENCY OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

**Spanish/Español:** ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma. Llame al número de Servicio al Cliente que figura en su tarjeta de identificación (TTY: **711**).

**Portuguese/Português:** ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, são-lhe disponibilizados gratuitamente serviços de assistência de idiomas. Telefone para os Serviços aos Membros, através do número no seu cartão ID (TTY: **711**).

**Chinese/简体中文:** 注意:如果您讲中文,我们可向您免费提供语言协助服务。请拨打您 □ 卡上的号码联系会员服务部(TTY 号码:**711**)。

Haitian Creole/Kreyòl Ayisyen: ATANSYON: Si ou pale kreyòl ayisyen, sèvis asistans nan lang disponib pou ou gratis. Rele nimewo Sèvis Manm nan ki sou kat Idantitifkasyon w lan (Sèvis pou Malantandan TTY: 711).

**Vietnamese/Tiếng Việt:** LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ được cung cấp cho quý vị miễn phí. Gọi cho Dịch vụ Hội viên theo số trên thẻ ID của quý vị (TTY: **711**).

**Russian/Русский:** ВНИМАНИЕ: если Вы говорите по-русски, Вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами переводчика. Позвоните в отдел обслуживания клиентов по номеру, указанному в Вашей идентификационной карте (телетайп: **711**).

#### Arabic/ةىر:

انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فتتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجانًا بالنسبة لك. اتصل بخدمات الأعضاء على الرقم الموجود على بطاقة هُويتك (جهاز الهاتف النصى للصم والدكم "٢٦٦": 711).

Mon-Khmer, Cambodian/ខ្មែរ: ការជូនដំណឹង៖ ប្រសិនបើអ្នកនិយាយភាសា ខ្មែរ សេវាជំនួយភាសាឥតគិតថ្លៃ គឺអាចរកបានសម្រាប់អ្នក។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅផ្នែកសេវាសមាជិកតាមលេខ នៅលើប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់ខ្លួនរបស់អ្នក (TTY: **711**)។

French/Français: ATTENTION: si vous parlez français, des services d'assistance linguistique sont disponibles gratuitement. Appelez le Service adhérents au numéro indiqué sur votre carte d'assuré (TTY: 711).

**Italian/Italiano:** ATTENZIONE: se parlate italiano, sono disponibili per voi servizi gratuiti di assistenza linguistica. Chiamate il Servizio per i membri al numero riportato sulla vostra scheda identificativa (TTY: **711**).

Korean/한국어: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 전화번호(TTY: **711**)를 사용하여 회원 서비스에 전화하십시오.

**Greek/Ελληνικά:** ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε Ελληνικά, διατίθενται για σας υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας, δωρεάν. Καλέστε την Υπηρεσία Εξυπηρέτησης Μελών στον αριθμό της κάρτας μέλους σας (ID Card) (TTY: **711**).

**Polish/Polski:** UWAGA: Osoby posługujące się językiem polskim mogą bezpłatnie skorzystać z pomocy językowej. Należy zadzwonić do Działu obsługi ubezpieczonych pod numer podany na identyfikatorze (TTY: **711**).

Hindi/हिंदी: ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिन्दी बोलते हैं, तो भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ, आप के लिए नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। सदस्य सेवाओं को आपके आई.डी. कार्ड पर दिए गए नंबर पर कॉल करें (टी.टी.वाई.: 711).

Gujarati/ગુજરાતી: ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો, તો તમને ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ વિના મૂલ્યે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ પર આપેલા નંબર પર Member Service ને કૉલ કરો (TTY: **711**).

**Tagalog/Tagalog:** PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng wikang Tagalog, mayroon kang magagamit na mga libreng serbisyo para sa tulong sa wika. Tawagan ang Mga Serbisyo sa Miyembro sa numerong nasa iyong ID Card (TTY: **711**).

**Japanese/日本語:** お知らせ:日本語をお話しになる方は無料の言語アシスタンスサービスをご利用いただけます。IDカードに記載の電話番号を使用してメンバーサービスまでお電話ください (TTY: **711**)。

**German/Deutsch:** ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsche sprechen, steht Ihnen kostenlos fremdsprachliche Unterstützung zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie den Mitgliederdienst unter der Nummer auf Ihrer ID-Karte an (TTY: **711**).

## :یارسیان/Persian

توج: اگر زبان شما فارسی است، خدمات کمک زبانی ب صورت رایگان در اختیار شما قرار می گیرد. با شمار تلفن مندرج بر روی کارت شناسایی خود با بخش «خدمات اعضا» تماس بگیرید (TTY: 711).

Lao/ພາສາລາວ: ຂໍ້ຄວນໃສ່ໃຈ: ຖ້າເຈົ້າເວົ້າພາສາລາວໄດ້, ມີການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໃຫ້ທ່ານໂດຍ ບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ. ໂທຫາຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກທີ່ໝາຍເລກໂທລະສັບຢູ່ໃນບັດຂອງທ່ານ (TTY: **711**).

Navajo/Diné Bizaad: BAA ÁKOHWIINDZIN DOOÍGÍ: Diné k'ehjí yánílt'i'go saad bee yát'i' éí t'áájíík'e bee níká'a'doowołgo éí ná'ahoot'i'. Díí bee anítahígí ninaaltsoos bine'déé' nóomba biká'ígíiji' béésh bee hodíílnih (TTY: 711).