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Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
<b>What is the overall <u>deductible</u>?</b>	Network <b>\$3,000</b> Individual/ <b>\$9,000</b> Family. Out-of-Network <b>\$6,000</b> Individual/ <b>\$18,000</b> Family. Doesn't apply to preventive care.	You must pay all the costs up to the <b>deductible</b> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <b>deductible</b> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <b>deductible</b> .
<b>Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?</b>	No.	You don't have to meet <b>deductibles</b> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.
<b>Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?</b>	Yes. For Network <b>\$3,000</b> Individual/ <b>\$9,000</b> Family. For Out-of-Network <b>\$6,000</b> Individual/ <b>\$18,000</b> Family.	The <b>out-of-pocket</b> limit is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.
<b>What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u>?</b>	Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> .
<b>Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u>?</b>	Yes. See <a href="http://www.bcbstx.com">www.bcbstx.com</a> or call 1-800-810-2583 for a list of Network Providers.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <b>provider</b> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <b>provider</b> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <b>preferred</b> , or participating for <b>providers</b> in their <b>network</b> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <b>providers</b> .
<b>Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u>?</b>	No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.	You can see the <b>specialist</b> you choose without permission from this plan.
<b>Are there services this plan doesn't cover?</b>	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 4. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .

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- **Copayments** are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- **Coinsurance** is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the **allowed amount** for the service. For example, if the health plan's **allowed amount** for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your **coinsurance** payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your **deductible**.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the **allowed amount**. If an out-of-network **provider** charges more than the **allowed amount**, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the **allowed amount** is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called **balance billing**.)
- The plan may encourage you to use Network **providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments**, and **coinsurance** amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
	Specialist visit	No Charge	No Charge	
	Other practitioner office visit	No Charge	No Charge	Acupuncture not covered.
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No Charge	No Charge	

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Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b>  More information about <b>prescription drug coverage</b> is available at <a href="http://www.bcbstx.com/member/rx_drugs.html">www.bcbstx.com/member/rx_drugs.html</a>	Generic drugs	No Charge	No Charge	Standard Formulary and Calendar year deductible applies. Certain women's preventative services will be covered with no cost to the member.
	Preferred brand drugs	No Charge	No Charge	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	No Charge	No Charge	
	Specialty drugs	No Charge	No Charge	
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No Charge	No Charge	Elective abortion is not covered.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge	No Charge	
<b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>	Emergency room services	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
	Emergency medical transportation	No Charge	No Charge	
	Urgent care	No Charge	No Charge	
<b>If you have a hospital stay</b>	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No Charge	No Charge	\$250 penalty for failure to preauthorize Out-of-Network.
	Physician/surgeon fee	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
<b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b>	Mental/behavioral health outpatient services	No Charge	No Charge	Outpatient: Certain services must be preauthorized. Pre-authorization is required for Psychological testing; Neuropsychological testing; Electroconvulsive therapy; Repetitive Transcranial magnetic Stimulation; and Intensive Outpatient Treatment. Inpatient: \$250 penalty for failure to preauthorize Out-of-Network.
	Mental/behavioral health inpatient services	No Charge	No Charge	
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	No Charge	No Charge	
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	No Charge	No Charge	

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Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
	Delivery and all inpatient services	No Charge	No Charge	
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No Charge	No Charge	Limited to 60 visits per year. Preauthorization required.
	Rehabilitation services	No Charge	No Charge	Limited to combined 35 visits per year, including Chiropractic.
	Habilitation services	No Charge	No Charge	Limited to 25 days per year. Preauthorization required.
	Skilled nursing care	No Charge	No Charge	---none---
	Durable medical equipment	No Charge	No Charge	Preauthorization required.
	Hospice service	No Charge	No Charge	
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	No Charge	Reimbursed up to \$30	One visit per calendar year. Up to age 19.
	Glasses	No Charge	Reimbursed up to \$30 frames/\$25 single vision lenses	One pair per calendar year. Up to age 19.
	Dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	---none---

### Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

#### Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other excluded services.)

- Acupuncture
- Bariatric surgery
- Dental care (Adult and Child)
- Long term care
- Private duty nursing (Only covered for extended care expenses)
- Termination of pregnancy (Except in limited circumstances)
- Weight loss programs

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**Other Covered Services (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)**

- Chiropractic care
- Cosmetic surgery (Only covered for the correction of congenital deformities or for conditions resulting from accidental injuries, scars, tumors or diseases. when medically necessary.)
- Hearing aids (Limited to 1 for each ear every 3 years)
- Infertility treatment (Diagnosis covered but treatment and invitro not covered)
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Routine foot care (Only covered in connection with diabetes, circulatory disorders of the lower extremities, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral neuropathy, or chronic arterial or venous insufficiency)

**Your Rights to Continue Coverage:**

If you lose coverage under the plan, then, depending upon the circumstances, Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a **premium**, which may be significantly higher than the premium you pay while covered under the plan. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan at 1-800-521-2227. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:**

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to **appeal** or file a **grievance**. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas at 1-800-521-2227 or visit [www.bcbstx.com](http://www.bcbstx.com), or contact U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or visit [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform).

**Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?**

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health care coverage that qualifies as “minimum essential coverage.” **This plan or policy does provide minimum essential coverage.**

**Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?**

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% (actuarial value). **This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.**

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

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## Coverage Examples:

## About These Coverage Examples:

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



**This is not a cost estimator.**

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under the plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care also will be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

### Having a baby (normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays \$4,340
- Patient pays \$3,200

**Sample care costs:**

Hospital charges (mother)	\$2,700
Routine obstetric care	\$2,100
Hospital charges (baby)	\$900
Anesthesia	\$900
Laboratory tests	\$500
Prescriptions	\$200
Radiology	\$200
Vaccines, other preventive	\$40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,540</b>

**Patient pays:**

Deductibles	\$3,000
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>

### Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$2,320
- Patient pays \$3,080

**Sample care costs:**

Prescriptions	\$2,900
Medical Equipment and Supplies	\$1,300
Office Visits and Procedures	\$700
Education	\$300
Laboratory tests	\$100
Vaccines, other preventive	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>

**Patient pays:**

Deductibles	\$3,000
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,080</b>

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## Questions and answers about Coverage Examples:

### What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include **premiums**.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from in-network **providers**. If the patient had received care from out-of-network **providers**, costs would have been higher.

### What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how **deductibles**, **copayments**, and **coinsurance** can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

### Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

- ✗ **No.** Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

### Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

- ✗ **No.** Coverage Examples are **not** cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your **providers** charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

### Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples. When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

### Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** An important cost is the **premium** you pay. Generally, the lower your **premium**, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as **copayments**, **deductibles**, and **coinsurance**. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.

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