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Chapter 3 Using the plan's coverage for your medical services

Section 8.2 What is your cost sharing for oxygen benefits? Will it change after 36 months?
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Your cost sharing for Medicare oxygen equipment coverage is \$0 copay in-network or \$0 copay out-of-network, every month.

After 5 years of enrollment you will begin a new cost-sharing cycle.

If prior to enrolling in Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) you had made 36 months of rental payment for oxygen equipment coverage, your cost sharing in Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) is \$0 copay in-network or \$0 copay out-of-network, every month.

Chapter 4 Medical Benefits Chart (what is covered and what you pay)

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the plan will provide member access to all Medicare Part B telehealth services at no cost share to the member. Members may access telehealth services in any geographic area and from a variety of places, including members' homes. The public health emergency may or may not be in place during the 2021 plan year and may or may not last for the duration of the full plan year. For further information regarding these temporary telehealth benefits in place only during the public health emergency, please contact Customer Service.

Section 1.2 What is your plan deductible?

This plan does not have a deductible for medical services.

Section 1.3 What is the most you will pay for covered medical services?

Because you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, there is a limit to how much you have to pay out-of-pocket each year for in-network and out-of-network medical services that are covered by our plan. The most you will have to pay out-of-pocket for covered in-network and out-of-network services is listed below.

Your yearly limit(s) in this plan:

- \$0 for services you receive from in-network providers
- \$0 for services you receive from any provider. Your limit for services received from in-network providers and your limit for services received from out-of-network providers count toward this limit. If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you keep getting

covered hospital and medical services and we will pay the full cost for the rest of the year.


Please note that you will still need to pay your monthly premiums and cost sharing for your Part D prescription drugs.


Section 2.1 Your medical benefits and costs as a member of the plan



See also Section 2.1 of Chapter 4 in the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet for more information.








You will see this apple next to the preventive services in the benefits chart.



Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p> Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening</p> <p>A one-time screening ultrasound for people at risk. The plan only covers this screening if you have certain risk factors and if you get a referral for it from your physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for this preventive screening.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>Acupuncture for chronic low back pain</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <p>Up to 12 visits in 90 days are covered for Medicare beneficiaries under the following circumstances:</p> <p>For the purpose of this benefit, chronic low back pain is defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasting 12 weeks or longer; • nonspecific, in that it has no identifiable systemic cause (i.e., not associated with metastatic, inflammatory, infectious, etc. disease); • not associated with surgery; and • not associated with pregnancy. <p>An additional eight sessions will be covered for those patients demonstrating an improvement. No more than 20 acupuncture treatments may be administered annually.</p> <p>Treatment must be discontinued if the patient is not improving or is regressing.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered visit.</p>


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<p>Ambulance services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered ambulance services include fixed wing, rotary wing, and ground ambulance services, to the nearest appropriate facility that can provide care only if they are furnished to a member whose medical condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person’s health or if authorized by the plan Non-emergency transportation by ambulance is appropriate if it is documented that the member’s condition is such that other means of transportation could endanger the person’s health and that transportation by ambulance is medically required <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for each one-way Medicare-covered ground transportation service. \$0 copay for each one-way Medicare-covered air transportation service.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for each one-way Medicare-covered ground transportation service. \$0 copay for each one-way Medicare-covered air transportation service.</p>
<p>Annual physical exam</p> <p>The routine physical examination is a comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, hands on examination, anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for an annual routine physical exam.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for an annual routine physical exam.</p>
<p> Annual wellness visit</p> <p>If you’ve had Part B for longer than 12 months, you can get an annual wellness visit to develop or update a personalized prevention plan based on your current health and risk factors. This is covered once every 12 months.</p> <p>Note: Your first annual wellness visit can’t take place within 12 months of your “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit. However, you don’t need to have had a “Welcome to Medicare” visit to be covered for annual wellness visits after you’ve had Part B for 12 months.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the annual wellness visit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p> Bone mass measurement</p> <p>For qualified individuals (generally, this means people at risk of losing bone mass or at risk of osteoporosis), the following services are covered every 24 months or more frequently if medically necessary: procedures to identify bone mass, detect bone loss, or determine bone quality, including a physician's interpretation of the results.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for Medicare-covered bone mass measurement.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Breast cancer screening (mammograms)</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 and 39• One screening mammogram every 12 months for women age 40 and older• Clinical breast exams once every 24 months <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for covered screening mammograms.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>Cardiac rehabilitation services</p> <p>Comprehensive programs of cardiac rehabilitation services that include exercise, education, and counseling are covered for members who meet certain conditions with a doctor's order. The plan also covers intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs that are typically more rigorous or more intense than cardiac rehabilitation programs.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered cardiac rehabilitation services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered intensive cardiac rehabilitation services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered cardiac rehabilitation services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered intensive cardiac rehabilitation services.</p>


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<p> Cardiovascular disease risk reduction visit (therapy for cardiovascular disease)</p> <p>We cover one visit per year with your primary care doctor to help lower your risk for cardiovascular disease. During this visit, your doctor may discuss aspirin use (if appropriate), check your blood pressure, and give you tips to make sure you're eating healthy.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the intensive behavioral therapy cardiovascular disease preventive benefit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Cardiovascular disease testing</p> <p>Blood tests for the detection of cardiovascular disease (or abnormalities associated with an elevated risk of cardiovascular disease) once every 5 years (60 months).</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for cardiovascular disease testing that is covered once every 5 years.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Cervical and vaginal cancer screening</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For all women: Pap tests and pelvic exams are covered once every 24 months• If you are at high risk of cervical or vaginal cancer or you are of childbearing age and have had an abnormal Pap test within the past 3 years: one Pap test every 12 months <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for Medicare-covered preventive Pap and pelvic exams.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>Chiropractic services</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We cover only manual manipulation of the spine to correct subluxation <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>


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<p> Colorectal cancer screening</p> <p>For people 50 and older, the following are covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexible sigmoidoscopy (or screening barium enema as an alternative) every 48 months <p>One of the following every 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guaiac-based fecal occult blood test (gFOBT)• Fecal immunochemical test (FIT) <p>DNA based colorectal screening every 3 years</p> <p>For people at high risk of colorectal cancer, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening colonoscopy (or screening barium enema as an alternative) every 24 months <p>For people not at high risk of colorectal cancer, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening colonoscopy every 10 years (120 months), but not within 48 months of a screening sigmoidoscopy <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for a Medicare-covered colorectal cancer screening exam.</p> <p>\$0 copay for each Medicare-covered barium enema.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for a Medicare-covered colorectal cancer screening exam.</p> <p>\$0 copay for each Medicare-covered barium enema.</p>
<p>Dental services</p> <p>In general, preventive dental services (such as cleaning, routine dental exams, and dental x-rays) are not covered by Original Medicare.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Depression screening</p> <p>We cover one screening for depression per year. The screening must be done in a primary care setting that can provide follow-up treatment and/or referrals.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an annual depression screening visit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p> Diabetes screening</p> <p>We cover this screening (includes fasting glucose tests) if you have any of the following risk factors: high blood pressure (hypertension), history of abnormal cholesterol and triglyceride levels (dyslipidemia), obesity, or a history of high blood sugar (glucose). Tests may also be covered if you meet other requirements, like being overweight and having a family history of diabetes.</p> <p>Based on the results of these tests, you may be eligible for up to two diabetes screenings every 12 months.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare covered diabetes screening tests.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies</p> <p>For all people who have diabetes (insulin and non-insulin users). Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supplies to monitor your blood glucose: Blood glucose monitor, blood glucose test strips, lancet devices and lancets, and glucose-control solutions for checking the accuracy of test strips and monitors.• For people with diabetes who have severe diabetic foot disease: One pair per calendar year of therapeutic custom-molded shoes (including inserts provided with such shoes) and two additional pairs of inserts, or one pair of depth shoes and three pairs of inserts (not including the non-customized removable inserts provided with such shoes). Coverage includes fitting.• Diabetes self-management training is covered under certain conditions. <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> Medicare-covered diabetic supplies: \$0 copay \$0 copay for Medicare-covered diabetic therapeutic shoes or inserts. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered diabetes self-management training services.</p>

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p> Diabetes self-management training, diabetic services and supplies (continued)</p>	<p><u>Out-of-network</u> Medicare-covered diabetic supplies: \$0 copay.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered diabetic therapeutic shoes or inserts.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered diabetes self-management training services.</p>
<p>Durable medical equipment (DME) and related supplies (For a definition of “durable medical equipment,” see Chapter 12 of the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> booklet.)</p> <p>Covered items include, but are not limited to: wheelchairs, crutches, powered mattress systems, diabetic supplies, hospital beds ordered by a provider for use in the home, IV infusion pumps, speech generating devices, oxygen equipment, nebulizers, and walkers.</p> <p>We cover all medically necessary DME covered by Original Medicare. If our supplier in your area does not carry a particular brand or manufacturer, you may ask them if they can special order it for you.</p> <p>If you (or your provider) don’t agree with the plan’s coverage decision, you or your provider may file an appeal. You can also file an appeal if you don’t agree with your provider’s decision about what product or brand is appropriate for your medical condition. (For more information about appeals, see Chapter 9 in the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> booklet, <i>What to do if you have a problem or complaint (coverage decisions, appeals, complaints)</i>.)</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered durable medical equipment and supplies.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered durable medical equipment and supplies.</p> <p>Authorization required if cost is greater than \$2,500</p>

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<p>Emergency care</p> <p>Emergency care refers to services that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Furnished by a provider qualified to furnish emergency services, and• Needed to evaluate or stabilize an emergency medical condition. <p>A medical emergency is when you, or any other prudent layperson with an average knowledge of health and medicine, believe that you have medical symptoms that require immediate medical attention to prevent loss of life, loss of a limb, or loss of function of a limb. The medical symptoms may be an illness, injury, severe pain, or a medical condition that is quickly getting worse.</p> <p>Cost sharing for necessary emergency services furnished out-of-network is the same as for such services furnished in-network.</p>	<p><u>In-network and Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered emergency room visits.</p> <p><u>Worldwide Coverage</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Worldwide emergency services. No annual limit.</p>
<p>Worldwide emergency/urgent care services are covered.</p>	

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<p> Health and wellness education programs</p> <p>SilverSneakers can help you live a healthier, more active life through fitness and social connection. You are covered for a fitness benefit through SilverSneakers at participating locations¹. You have access to instructors who lead specially designed group exercise classes². At participating locations nationwide¹, you can take classes² plus use exercise equipment and other amenities. Additionally, SilverSneakers FLEX[®] gives you options to get active outside of traditional gyms (like recreation centers, malls and parks).</p> <p>SilverSneakers also connects you to a support network and virtual resources through SilverSneakers Live, SilverSneakers On-Demand[™] and our mobile app, SilverSneakers GO[™]. All you need to get started is your personal SilverSneakers ID number. Go to SilverSneakers.com to learn more about your benefit or call 1-888-423-4632 (TTY: 711) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p> <p>1. Participating locations (“PL”) are not owned or operated by Tivity Health, Inc. or its affiliates. Use of PL facilities and amenities is limited to terms and conditions of PL basic membership. Facilities and amenities vary by PL.</p> <p>2. Membership includes SilverSneakers instructor-led group fitness classes. Some locations offer members additional classes. Classes vary by location.</p> <p>SilverSneakers and SilverSneakers FLEX are registered trademarks of Tivity Health, Inc. SilverSneakers On-Demand and SilverSneakers GO are trademarks of Tivity Health, Inc. © 2020 Tivity Health, Inc. All rights reserved.</p>	<p>\$0 copay for this wellness program.</p>

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<p>Hearing services</p> <p>Diagnostic hearing and balance evaluations performed by your provider to determine if you need medical treatment are covered as outpatient care when furnished by a physician, audiologist, or other qualified provider.</p> <p>We cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicare-covered services• Supplemental hearing exam (non-Medicare-covered)• Supplemental hearing aids (non-Medicare-covered) <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><i>Medicare-Covered Services:</i></p> <p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered hearing exam.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for each Medicare-covered hearing exam.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Hearing Exam Coverage:</i></p> <p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for 1 routine hearing exam every year.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for 1 routine hearing exam every year.</p> <p><i>Supplemental Hearing Aids Coverage:</i></p> <p><u>In-network and Out-of-network</u> \$500 combined in-network and out-of-network allowance on hearing aids every 3 years.</p>
<p> HIV screening</p> <p>For people who ask for an HIV screening test or who are at increased risk for HIV infection, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One screening exam every 12 months <p>For women who are pregnant, we cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to three screening exams during a pregnancy <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered preventive HIV screening.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Home health agency care</p> <p>Prior to receiving home health services, a doctor must certify that you need home health services and will order home health services to be provided by a home health agency. You must be homebound, which means leaving home is a major effort.</p> <p>Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part-time or intermittent skilled nursing and home health aide services (To be covered under the home health care benefit, your skilled nursing and home health aide services combined must total fewer than 8 hours per day and 35 hours per week)• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy• Medical and social services• Medical equipment and supplies <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>Home infusion therapy</p> <p>Home infusion therapy involves the intravenous or subcutaneous administration of drugs or biologicals to an individual at home. The components needed to perform home infusion include the drug (for example, antivirals, immune globulin), equipment (for example, a pump), and supplies (for example, tubing and catheters).</p> <p>Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional services, including nursing services, furnished in accordance with the plan of care• Patient training and education not otherwise covered under the durable medical equipment benefit• Remote monitoring• Monitoring services for the provision of home infusion therapy and home infusion drugs furnished by a qualified home infusion therapy supplier <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered professional services. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered supplies. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered home infusion drugs.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered professional services. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered supplies. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered home infusion drugs.</p>

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Hospice care</p> <p>You may receive care from any Medicare-certified hospice program. You are eligible for the hospice benefit when your doctor and the hospice medical director have given you a terminal prognosis certifying that you're terminally ill and have 6 months or less to live if your illness runs its normal course. Your hospice doctor can be a network provider or an out-of-network provider.</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drugs for symptom control and pain relief• Short-term respite care• Home care	<p>When you enroll in a Medicare-certified hospice program, your hospice services and your Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis are paid for by Original Medicare, not Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO).</p>
<p><u>For hospice services and for services that are covered by Medicare Part A or B and are related to your terminal prognosis:</u> Original Medicare (rather than our plan) will pay for your hospice services and any Part A and Part B services related to your terminal prognosis. While you are in the hospice program, your hospice provider will bill Original Medicare for the services that Original Medicare pays for.</p>	

Services that are covered for you

What you must pay when you get these services

Hospice care (continued)


For services that are covered by Medicare Part A or B and are not related to your terminal prognosis: If you need non-emergency, non-urgently needed services that are covered under Medicare Part A or B and that are not related to your terminal prognosis, your cost for these services depends on whether you use a provider in our plan's network:

- You are not required to utilize a network provider to receive coverage under your plan. You may seek care from any provider that accepts Medicare. Your benefit levels are the same whether or not you utilize a network provider.



For services that are covered by Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) but are not covered by Medicare Part A or B: Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) will continue to cover plan-covered services that are not covered under Part A or B whether or not they are related to your terminal prognosis. You pay your plan cost-sharing amount for these services.

For drugs that may be covered by the plan's Part D benefit: Drugs are never covered by both hospice and our plan at the same time. For more information, please see the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet Chapter 5, Section 9.4 (*What if you're in Medicare-certified hospice*).


Note: If you need non-hospice care (care that is not related to your terminal prognosis), you should contact us to arrange the services.

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p> Immunizations</p> <p>Covered Medicare Part B services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pneumonia vaccine• Flu shots, each flu season in the fall and winter, with additional flu shots if medically necessary• Hepatitis B vaccine if you are at high or intermediate risk of getting Hepatitis B• Other vaccines if you are at risk and they meet Medicare Part B coverage rules <p>We also cover some vaccines under our Part D prescription drug benefit.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the pneumonia, influenza, and Hepatitis B vaccines.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>Inpatient hospital care</p> <p>Includes inpatient acute, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care hospitals, and other types of inpatient hospital services. Inpatient hospital care starts the day you are formally admitted to the hospital with a doctor's order. The day before you are discharged is your last inpatient day.</p> <p>Plan covers an unlimited number of days per benefit period. Covered services include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semi-private room (or a private room if medically necessary)• Meals including special diets• Regular nursing services• Costs of special care units (such as intensive care or coronary care units)• Drugs and medications• Lab tests• X-rays and other radiology services• Necessary surgical and medical supplies• Use of appliances, such as wheelchairs• Operating and recovery room costs• Physical, occupational, and speech language therapy• Inpatient substance abuse services	<p>Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay.</p> <p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay per stay.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay per stay.</p>

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<p>Inpatient hospital care (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under certain conditions, the following types of transplants are covered: corneal, kidney, kidney-pancreatic, heart, liver, lung, heart/lung, bone marrow, stem cell, and intestinal/multivisceral. If you need a transplant, we will arrange to have your case reviewed by a Medicare-approved transplant center that will decide whether you are a candidate for a transplant. Transplant providers may be local or outside of the service area. If our in-network transplant services are outside the community pattern of care, you may choose to go locally as long as the local transplant providers are willing to accept the Original Medicare rate. If Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) provides transplant services at a location outside the pattern of care for transplants in your community and you choose to obtain transplants at this distant location, we will arrange or pay for appropriate lodging and transportation costs for you and a companion.• Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins only with the fourth pint of blood that you need - you must either pay the costs for the first 3 pints of blood you get in a calendar year or have the blood donated by you or someone else. All other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used.• Physician services	<p>If you get inpatient care at an out-of-network hospital after your emergency condition is stabilized, your cost is the cost sharing you would pay at a network hospital.</p>
<p>Note: To be an inpatient, your provider must write an order to admit you formally as an inpatient of the hospital. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an “outpatient.” If you are not sure if you are an inpatient or an outpatient, you should ask the hospital staff.</p>	
<p>You can also find more information in a Medicare fact sheet called “Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient? If You Have Medicare – Ask!” This fact sheet is available on the Web at www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2018-09/11435-Are-You-an-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can call these numbers for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	
<p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Inpatient mental health care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Covered services include mental health care services that require a hospital stay. Our plan covers up to 190 days in a lifetime for inpatient mental health care in a psychiatric hospital. The inpatient hospital care limit does not apply to inpatient mental health services provided in a general hospital. <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay per stay.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay per stay.</p>
<p> Medical nutrition therapy</p> <p>This benefit is for people with diabetes, renal (kidney) disease (but not on dialysis), or after a kidney transplant when ordered by your doctor.</p> <p>We cover 3 hours of one-on-one counseling services during your first year that you receive medical nutrition therapy services under Medicare (this includes our plan, any other Medicare Advantage Plan, or Original Medicare), and 2 hours each year after that. If your condition, treatment, or diagnosis changes, you may be able to receive more hours of treatment with a physician's order. A physician must prescribe these services and renew their order yearly if your treatment is needed into the next calendar year.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for members eligible for Medicare-covered medical nutrition therapy services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)</p> <p>MDPP services will be covered for eligible Medicare beneficiaries under all Medicare health plans.</p> <p>MDPP is a structured health behavior change intervention that provides practical training in long-term dietary change, increased physical activity, and problem-solving strategies for overcoming challenges to sustaining weight loss and a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the MDPP benefit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

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<p>Medicare Part B prescription drugs</p> <p>These drugs are covered under Part B of Original Medicare. Members of our plan receive coverage for these drugs through our plan. Covered drugs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drugs that usually aren't self-administered by the patient and are injected or infused while you are getting physician, hospital outpatient, or ambulatory surgical center services• Drugs you take using durable medical equipment (such as nebulizers) that were authorized by the plan• Clotting factors you give yourself by injection if you have hemophilia• Immunosuppressive drugs, if you were enrolled in Medicare Part A at the time of the organ transplant• Injectable osteoporosis drugs, if you are homebound, have a bone fracture that a doctor certifies was related to post-menopausal osteoporosis, and cannot self-administer the drug• Antigens• Certain oral anti-cancer drugs and anti-nausea drugs• Certain drugs for home dialysis, including heparin, the antidote for heparin when medically necessary, topical anesthetics, and erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (such as Epogen[®], Procrit[®], Epoetin Alfa, Aranesp[®], or Darbepoetin Alfa)• Intravenous Immune Globulin for the home treatment of primary immune deficiency diseases <p>For a list of Part B Drugs that may be subject to Step Therapy, contact Customer Service.</p> <p>We also cover some vaccines under our Part B and Part D prescription drug benefit.</p> <p>Chapter 5 in the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> booklet explains the Part D prescription drug benefit, including rules you must follow to have prescriptions covered. What you pay for your Part D prescription drugs through our plan is explained in Chapter 6.</p>	<p>Part B drugs <i>may</i> be subject to step therapy requirements.</p> <p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered chemo drugs. \$0 copay for other Medicare Part B drugs.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered chemo drugs. \$0 copay for other Medicare Part B drugs.</p> <p><i>Prior authorization and/or step therapy may be required</i></p>

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<p> Obesity screening and therapy to promote sustained weight loss</p> <p>If you have a body mass index of 30 or more, we cover intensive counseling to help you lose weight. This counseling is covered if you get it in a primary care setting, where it can be coordinated with your comprehensive prevention plan. Talk to your primary care doctor or practitioner to find out more.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for preventive obesity screening and therapy.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p>Opioid treatment program services</p> <p>Opioid use disorder treatment services are covered under Part B of Original Medicare. Members of our plan receive coverage for these services through our plan. Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FDA-approved opioid agonist and antagonist treatment medications and the dispensing and administration of such medications, if applicable• Substance use counseling• Individual and group therapy• Toxicology testing <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group substance abuse treatment.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group substance abuse treatment.</p>

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Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies	<u>In-network</u>
Covered services include, but are not limited to:	Medicare-covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• X-rays• Radiation (radium and isotope) therapy including technician materials and supplies• Surgical supplies, such as dressings• Splints, casts and other devices used to reduce fractures and dislocations• Laboratory tests• Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins only with the fourth pint of blood that you need - you must either pay the costs for the first 3 pints of blood you get in a calendar year or have the blood donated by you or someone else. All other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used.• Other outpatient diagnostic tests	outpatient X-ray services: \$0 copay
<i>Authorization rules may apply</i>	Medicare-covered outpatient therapeutic radiology services (such as radiation treatment for cancer): \$0 copay
	Medicare-covered medical supplies: \$0 copay
	Medicare-covered outpatient lab services: \$0 copay
	Medicare-covered outpatient blood services: \$0 copay
	Medicare-covered diagnostic procedures/tests: \$0 copay
	Medicare-covered outpatient diagnostic radiology services (such as MRIs and CT scans): \$0 copay

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
Outpatient diagnostic tests and therapeutic services and supplies (continued)	<p><u>Out-of-network</u> Medicare-covered outpatient X-ray services: \$0 copay</p> <p>Medicare-covered outpatient therapeutic radiology services (such as radiation treatment for cancer): \$0 copay</p> <p>Medicare-covered medical supplies: \$0 copay</p> <p>Medicare-covered outpatient lab services: \$0 copay</p> <p>Medicare-covered outpatient blood services: \$0 copay</p> <p>Medicare-covered diagnostic procedures/tests: \$0 copay</p> <p>Medicare-covered outpatient diagnostic radiology services (such as MRIs and CT scans): \$0 copay</p>

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Outpatient hospital observation</p> <p>Observation services are hospital outpatient services given to determine if you need to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged.</p> <p>For outpatient hospital observation services to be covered, they must meet the Medicare criteria and be considered reasonable and necessary. Observation services are covered only when provided by the order of a physician or another individual authorized by state licensure law and hospital staff bylaws to admit patients to the hospital or order outpatient tests.</p> <p>Note: Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you are an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an “outpatient.” If you are not sure if you are an outpatient, you should ask the hospital staff.</p> <p>You can also find more information in a Medicare fact sheet called “Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient? If You Have Medicare – Ask!” This fact sheet is available on the Web at www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2018-09/11435-Are-You-an-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can call these numbers for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered observation services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered observation services.</p>
Authorization rules may apply	

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Outpatient hospital services</p> <p>We cover medically-necessary services you get in the outpatient department of a hospital for diagnosis or treatment of an illness or injury.</p> <p>Covered services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Services in an emergency department or outpatient clinic, such as observation services or outpatient surgery• Laboratory and diagnostic tests billed by the hospital• Mental health care, including care in a partial-hospitalization program, if a doctor certifies that inpatient treatment would be required without it• X-rays and other radiology services billed by the hospital• Medical supplies such as splints and casts• Certain drugs and biologicals that you can't give yourself <p>Note: Unless the provider has written an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you are an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient hospital services. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an "outpatient." If you are not sure if you are an outpatient, you should ask the hospital staff.</p> <p>You can also find more information in a Medicare fact sheet called "Are You a Hospital Inpatient or Outpatient? If You Have Medicare – Ask!" This fact sheet is available on the Web at www.medicare.gov/sites/default/files/2018-09/11435-Are-You-an-Inpatient-or-Outpatient.pdf or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can call these numbers for free, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services.</p>
<p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	


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<p>Outpatient mental health care</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <p>Mental health services provided by a state-licensed psychiatrist or doctor, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or other Medicare-qualified mental health care professional as allowed under applicable state laws.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual visits with a psychiatrist.</p> <p>\$0 copay for each virtual visit with a psychiatrist through MDLive.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group visits with a psychiatrist.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual visits with a mental health specialist.</p> <p>\$0 copay for each virtual visit with a mental health specialist through MDLive.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group visits with a mental health specialist.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual visits with a psychiatrist.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group visits with a psychiatrist.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual visits with a mental health specialist.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group visits with a mental health specialist.</p>

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<p>Outpatient rehabilitation services</p> <p>Covered services include: physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech language therapy.</p> <p>Outpatient rehabilitation services are provided in various outpatient settings, such as hospital outpatient departments, independent therapist offices, and Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs).</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered occupational therapy services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered physical, language and speech therapy services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered occupational therapy services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered physical, language and speech therapy services.</p>
<p>Outpatient substance abuse services</p> <p>Coverage under Medicare Part B is available for treatment services that are provided in the outpatient department of a hospital to patients who for example, have been discharged from an inpatient stay for the treatment of drug substance abuse or who require treatment but do not require the availability and intensity of services found only in the inpatient hospital setting.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered individual substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered group substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.</p>

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<p>Outpatient surgery, including services provided at hospital outpatient facilities and ambulatory surgical centers</p> <p>Note: If you are having surgery in a hospital facility, you should check with your provider about whether you will be an inpatient or outpatient. Unless the provider writes an order to admit you as an inpatient to the hospital, you are an outpatient and pay the cost-sharing amounts for outpatient surgery. Even if you stay in the hospital overnight, you might still be considered an “outpatient.”</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered observation services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered outpatient hospital services. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered ambulatory surgical services. \$0 copay for Medicare-covered observation services.</p>
<p>Partial hospitalization services</p> <p>“Partial hospitalization” is a structured program of active psychiatric treatment provided as a hospital outpatient service, or by a community mental health center, that is more intense than the care received in your doctor’s or therapist’s office and is an alternative to inpatient hospitalization.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered partial hospitalization services.</p>


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<p>Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medically-necessary medical care or surgery services furnished in a physician's office, certified ambulatory surgical center, hospital outpatient department, or any other location• Consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a specialist• Basic hearing and balance exams performed by your specialist, if your doctor orders it to see if you need medical treatment• Some telehealth services including consultation, diagnosis, and treatment by a physician or practitioner, for patients in certain rural areas or other places approved by Medicare• Telehealth services for monthly end-stage renal disease-related visits for home dialysis members in a hospital-based or critical access hospital-based renal dialysis center, renal dialysis facility, or the member's home• Telehealth services to diagnose, evaluate, or treat symptoms of a stroke	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered primary care physician services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered physician specialist services.</p> <p>\$20 copay for Medicare-covered services provided by other health care professionals such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, etc.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered primary care physician services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered physician specialist services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services provided by other health care professionals such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, etc.</p>



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Physician/Practitioner services, including doctor's office visits (continued)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virtual check-ins (for example, by phone or video chat) with your doctor for 5-10 minutes if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ You're not a new patient and○ The check-in isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days and○ The check-in doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment• Evaluation of video and/or images you send to your doctor, and interpretation and follow-up by your doctor within 24 hours if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ You're not a new patient and○ The evaluation isn't related to an office visit in the past 7 days and○ The evaluation doesn't lead to an office visit within 24 hours or the soonest available appointment• Consultation your doctor has with other doctors by phone, internet, or electronic health record if you're not a new patient• Second opinion by another network provider prior to surgery• Non-routine dental care (covered services are limited to surgery of the jaw or related structures, setting fractures of the jaw or facial bones, extraction of teeth to prepare the jaw for radiation treatments of neoplastic cancer disease, or services that would be covered when provided by a physician)• Supplemental telehealth for urgent care and behavioral services available through MDlive. Please refer to Telehealth section for additional information.	
Authorization rules may apply	

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<p>Podiatry services</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnosis and the medical or surgical treatment of injuries and diseases of the feet (such as hammer toe or heel spurs). • Routine foot care for members with certain medical conditions affecting the lower limbs <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><i>Routine Podiatry Services</i></p> <p><u>In-and out of-network</u> \$0 copay per visit for routine podiatry visits up to 6 visits</p>
<p> Prostate cancer screening exams</p> <p>For men age 50 and older, covered services include the following once every 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital rectal exam • Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for an annual PSA test.</p> <p>\$0 copay for an annual Medicare-covered digital rectal exam.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for an annual Medicare-covered digital rectal exam.</p>
<p>Prosthetic devices and related supplies</p> <p>Devices (other than dental) that replace all or part of a body part or function. These include, but are not limited to: colostomy bags and supplies directly related to colostomy care, pacemakers, braces, prosthetic shoes, artificial limbs, and breast prostheses (including a surgical brassiere after a mastectomy). Includes certain supplies related to prosthetic devices, and repair and/or replacement of prosthetic devices. Also includes some coverage following cataract removal or cataract surgery – see “Vision Care” later in this section for more detail.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered prosthetics.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered medical supplies.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered prosthetics.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered supplies.</p> <p>Authorization required if cost is greater than \$2,500</p>

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<p>Pulmonary rehabilitation services</p> <p>Comprehensive programs of pulmonary rehabilitation are covered for members who have moderate to very severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and an order for pulmonary rehabilitation from the doctor treating the chronic respiratory disease.</p> <p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>


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<p>Rewards Program <i>Rewards Program for Healthy Activities</i></p> <p>You can earn rewards for completing selected screenings, managing chronic conditions, or seeing your physician for a physical.</p> <p>Members can potentially receive rewards for completing eligible health activities during the calendar year (January 1 - December 31).</p> <p>The amount of the reward is up to a maximum of \$100 annually and will be triggered by submission of a claim. Most Healthy Action completions reward members \$25 in the form of a gift card. The Annual Wellness Visit will reward members \$50 upon completion.</p> <p>These rewards can be redeemed for a variety of gift cards that can be used at select pharmacies or national retailers. Members can opt to obtain a gift card for the completion of each individually completed healthy activity or they can opt to pool their reward amounts for numerous completed healthy activities. A maximum of one payment for each specific healthy activity per year will be rewarded until you reach the \$100 maximum.</p>	<p>Earn up to \$100 annually for completing healthy activities* such as the examples below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome to Medicare/Annual Physical or Qualified Wellness Visits• Annual Flu Vaccine• Colorectal Screening• Retinal Exam• Mammogram <p>Additional healthy activities may be identified and provided to members after the beginning of the plan year via mail, email, or through the member portal.</p> <p>*This list is subject to change.</p>
<p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p>The Rewards Program offers the above healthy activities for all members as well as additional healthy activities based on your unique needs.</p> <p>To register and determine the current list of healthy activities, go to www.BlueRewardsTX.com. You will need your member ID card, date of birth and email address to register online if you have not already.</p>

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<p>Rewards Program (continued)</p>	<p>You can also call the number on the back of your member ID card to learn more about the program and register. Customer Service will take your information to begin the process to set up your account.</p> <p>REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED</p>
<p> Screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse</p> <p>We cover one alcohol misuse screening for adults with Medicare (including pregnant women) who misuse alcohol, but aren't alcohol dependent.</p> <p>If you screen positive for alcohol misuse, you can get up to 4 brief face-to-face counseling sessions per year (if you're competent and alert during counseling) provided by a qualified primary care doctor or practitioner in a primary care setting.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening and counseling to reduce alcohol misuse preventive benefit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

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<p> Screening for lung cancer with low dose computed tomography (LDCT)</p> <p>For qualified individuals, a LDCT is covered every 12 months.</p> <p>Eligible members are: people aged 55 – 77 years who have no signs or symptoms of lung cancer, but who have a history of tobacco smoking of at least 30 pack-years and who currently smoke or have quit smoking within the last 15 years, who receive a written order for LDCT during a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision making visit that meets the Medicare criteria for such visits and be furnished by a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner.</p> <p><i>For LDCT lung cancer screenings after the initial LDCT screening:</i> the member must receive a written order for LDCT lung cancer screening, which may be furnished during any appropriate visit with a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner. If a physician or qualified non-physician practitioner elects to provide a lung cancer screening counseling and shared decision making visit for subsequent lung cancer screenings with LDCT, the visit must meet the Medicare criteria for such visits.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare covered counseling and shared decision making visit or for the LDCT.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and counseling to prevent STIs</p> <p>We cover sexually transmitted infection (STI) screenings for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and Hepatitis B. These screenings are covered for pregnant women and for certain people who are at increased risk for an STI when the tests are ordered by a primary care provider. We cover these tests once every 12 months or at certain times during pregnancy.</p> <p>We also cover up to 2 individual 20 to 30 minute, face-to-face high-intensity behavioral counseling sessions each year for sexually active adults at increased risk for STIs. We will only cover these counseling sessions as a preventive service if they are provided by a primary care provider and take place in a primary care setting, such as a doctor’s office.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered screening for STIs and counseling for STIs preventive benefit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

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<p>Services to treat kidney disease</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kidney disease education services to teach kidney care and help members make informed decisions about their care. For members with stage IV chronic kidney disease when referred by their doctor, we cover up to six sessions of kidney disease education services per lifetime• Outpatient dialysis treatments (including dialysis treatments when temporarily out of the service area, as explained in Chapter 3 of the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> booklet)• Inpatient dialysis treatments (if you are admitted as an inpatient to a hospital for special care)• Self-dialysis training (includes training for you and anyone helping you with your home dialysis treatments)• Home dialysis equipment and supplies• Certain home support services (such as, when necessary, visits by trained dialysis workers to check on your home dialysis, to help in emergencies, and check your dialysis equipment and water supply) <p>Certain drugs for dialysis are covered under your Medicare Part B drug benefit. For information about coverage for Part B Drugs, please go to the section, “Medicare Part B prescription drugs.”</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered dialysis services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered kidney disease education.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered dialysis services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered kidney disease education.</p>
<p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	

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<p>Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care</p> <p>(For a definition of “skilled nursing facility care,” see Chapter 12 of this booklet. Skilled nursing facilities are sometimes called “SNFs.”)</p> <p>Plan covers 100 days per benefit period. Covered services include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Semiprivate room (or a private room if medically necessary)• Meals, including special diets• Skilled nursing services• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy• Drugs administered to you as part of your plan of care (This includes substances that are naturally present in the body, such as blood clotting factors.)• Blood - including storage and administration. Coverage of whole blood and packed red cells begins only with the fourth pint of blood that you need - you must either pay the costs for the first 3 pints of blood you get in a calendar year or have the blood donated by you or someone else. All other components of blood are covered beginning with the first pint used.• Medical and surgical supplies ordinarily provided by SNFs• Laboratory tests ordinarily provided by SNFs• X-rays and other radiology services ordinarily provided by SNFs• Use of appliances such as wheelchairs ordinarily provided by SNFs• Physician/Practitioner services	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay per stay.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay per stay.</p>

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<p>Skilled nursing facility (SNF) care (continued)</p> <p>Generally, you will get your SNF care from network facilities. However, under certain conditions listed below, you may be able to pay in-network cost sharing for a facility that isn't a network provider, if the facility accepts our plan's amounts for payment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A nursing home or continuing care retirement community where you were living right before you went to the hospital (as long as it provides skilled nursing facility care)• A SNF where your spouse is living at the time you leave the hospital <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the Medicare-covered smoking and tobacco use cessation preventive benefits.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>
<p> Smoking and tobacco use cessation (counseling to stop smoking or tobacco use)</p> <p><u>If you use tobacco, but do not have signs or symptoms of tobacco-related disease:</u> We cover two counseling quit attempts within a 12-month period as a preventive service with no cost to you. Each counseling attempt includes up to four face-to-face visits.</p> <p><u>If you use tobacco and have been diagnosed with a tobacco-related disease or are taking medicine that may be affected by tobacco:</u> We cover cessation counseling services. We cover two counseling quit attempts within a 12-month period, however, you will pay the applicable inpatient or outpatient cost sharing. Each counseling attempt includes up to four face-to-face visits.</p> <p>Authorization rules may apply</p>	

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Supervised Exercise Therapy (SET)</p> <p>SET is covered for members who have symptomatic peripheral artery disease (PAD) and a referral for PAD from the physician responsible for PAD treatment.</p> <p>Up to 36 sessions over a 12-week period are covered if the SET program requirements are met.</p> <p>The SET program must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consist of sessions lasting 30-60 minutes, comprising a therapeutic exercise-training program for PAD in patients with claudication• Be conducted in a hospital outpatient setting or a physician's office• Be delivered by qualified auxiliary personnel necessary to ensure benefits exceed harms, and who are trained in exercise therapy for PAD• Be under the direct supervision of a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist who must be trained in both basic and advanced life support techniques <p>SET may be covered beyond 36 sessions over 12 weeks for an additional 36 sessions over an extended period of time if deemed medically necessary by a health care provider.</p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered supervised exercise therapy.</p>
<p><i>Authorization rules may apply</i></p>	

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p>Supplemental telehealth services</p> <p>Covered services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certain telehealth services, including: urgent care and behavioral health services.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ You have the option of getting these services through an in-person visit or by telehealth. If you choose to get one of these services by telehealth, you must use a network provider who offers the service by telehealth.○ This telehealth service is offered through MDLive. Members will need to complete registration and be directed to complete a medical questionnaire upon first visit to the MDLive portal. Please contact MDLive at 1-888-680-8646 or visit the MDLive website at www.mdlive.com. Access to telehealth service can be completed through computer, tablet, smartphone, traditional phone and can include web-based video.	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for urgent care; \$0 copay for outpatient mental health; \$0 copay for outpatient mental health psychiatric visit through MDLive.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> Telehealth services are not covered.</p>
<p>Urgently needed services</p> <p>Urgently needed services are provided to treat a non-emergency, unforeseen medical illness, injury, or condition that requires immediate medical care.</p> <p>Cost sharing for necessary urgently needed services furnished out-of-network is the same as for such services furnished in-network.</p> <p>Worldwide emergency/urgent care services are covered.</p>	<p><u>In-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p>\$0 copay for each virtual visit through MDLive.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u> \$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p> <p><u>Worldwide coverage</u> \$0 copay for each visit.</p>

Services that are covered for you

What you must pay when you get these services

 **Vision care**

Covered services include:

- Outpatient physician services for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and injuries of the eye, including treatment for age-related macular degeneration. Original Medicare doesn't cover routine eye exams (eye refractions) for eyeglasses/contacts
- For people who are at high risk of glaucoma, we will cover one glaucoma screening each year. People at high risk of glaucoma include: people with a family history of glaucoma, people with diabetes, African-Americans who are age 50 and older, and Hispanic Americans who are 65 or older
- For people with diabetes, screening for diabetic retinopathy is covered once per year
- One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses after each cataract surgery that includes insertion of an intraocular lens. (If you have two separate cataract operations, you cannot reserve the benefit after the first surgery and purchase two eyeglasses after the second surgery.)
- Supplemental vision services (non-Medicare-covered)
 - Routine eye exam
 - Routine eye wear

Authorization rules may apply

Medicare-Covered Services:

In-network

\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.

\$0 copay for an annual glaucoma screening.

\$0 copay for 1 pair of eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses after cataract surgery.

Out-of-network

\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.

\$0 copay for an annual glaucoma screening.

\$0 copay for 1 pair of eyeglasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses after cataract surgery.

Supplemental Vision Services:

In-network


\$0 copay for 1 routine eye exam every year.

Out-of-network

\$0 copay for 1 routine eye exam every year

In-network and Out-of-network

\$70 eyeglasses allowance or \$105 allowance for contact lenses in lieu of eyeglasses. Combined in-network and out-of-network every 2 years.

Services that are covered for you	What you must pay when you get these services
<p> “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit</p> <p>The plan covers the one-time “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit. The visit includes a review of your health, as well as education and counseling about the preventive services you need (including certain screenings and shots), and referrals for other care if needed.</p> <p>Important: We cover the “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit only within the first 12 months you have Medicare Part B. When you make your appointment, let your doctor’s office know you would like to schedule your “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit.</p>	<p><u>In-network</u></p> <p>There is no coinsurance, copayment, or deductible for the “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit.</p> <p><u>Out-of-network</u></p> <p>\$0 copay for Medicare-covered services.</p>

Section 2.2 Getting care using our plan’s optional visitor/traveler benefit

When you are continuously absent from the Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) service area for more than six (6) months, we are required to disenroll you from our plan. However, we offer a supplemental benefit that will not disenroll you for a six-month period, and will allow you to remain enrolled in Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) when you are outside of our service area, due to travel, secondary residency or visiting family/friends, for up to six (6) months.

Under the Visitor/Traveler program you may receive all services covered under Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) at in-network cost sharing for up to 6 months if you use a pre-approved provider. Please contact Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) at 1-877-299-1008 for assistance in locating a provider when using the visitor/traveler benefit. The Visitor/Travel Program will include Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) network coverage of all Part A, Part B, and Supplemental benefits offered by your plan outside your service area; you must notify the plan of your travel. (NOTE: To ensure coverage, you will be required to notify Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) approximately seven (7) days in advance of your travel.)

Member Liability Calculation

When you receive Covered Services outside of our service area from a Medicare Advantage PPO network provider, the cost of the service, on which your liability (copayment/coinsurance) is based, will be either:

- The Medicare allowable amount for covered services, or
- The amount either we negotiate with the provider or the local Blue Medicare Advantage plan negotiates with its provider on behalf of our members, if applicable. The amount negotiated may be either higher than, lower than, or equal to the Medicare allowable amount.

Non-Participating Healthcare Providers Outside Our Service Area

Your plan has a national service area, defined as anywhere in the United States. As a member of our plan, you can receive your care from either a network provider or an out-of-network provider. You may seek care from any provider that accepts Medicare. Your benefit levels are the same whether or not you utilize a network provider.

Section 3.1 Services we do *not* cover (exclusions)

This section tells you what services are “excluded” from Medicare coverage and therefore, are not covered by this plan. If a service is “excluded,” it means that this plan doesn’t cover the service.

The chart below lists services and items that either are not covered under any condition or are covered only under specific conditions.

If you get services that are excluded (not covered), you must pay for them yourself. We won’t pay for the excluded medical services listed in the chart below except under the specific conditions listed. The only exception: we will pay if a service in the chart below is found upon appeal to be a medical service that we should have paid for or covered because of your specific situation. (For information about appealing a decision we have made to not cover a medical service, go to Chapter 9, Section 5.3 in the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet.)

All exclusions or limitations on services are described in the Benefits Chart or in the chart below.

Even if you receive the excluded services at an emergency facility, the excluded services are still not covered and our plan will not pay for them.

Services not covered by Medicare	Not covered under any condition	Covered only under specific conditions
Services considered not reasonable and necessary, according to the standards of Original Medicare	✓	
Experimental medical and surgical procedures, equipment and medications. Experimental procedures and items are those items and procedures determined by our plan and Original Medicare to not be generally accepted by the medical community.		✓ May be covered by Original Medicare under a Medicare-approved clinical research study or by our plan. (See Chapter 3, Section 5 for more information of the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> booklet on clinical research studies.)

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Services not covered by Medicare	Not covered under any condition	Covered only under specific conditions
Private room in a hospital.		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Covered only when medically necessary.</p>
Personal items in your room at a hospital or a skilled nursing facility, such as a telephone or a television.	✓	
Full-time nursing care in your home.	✓	
*Custodial care is care provided in a nursing home, hospice, or other facility setting when you do not require skilled medical care or skilled nursing care.	✓	
Homemaker services include basic household assistance, including light housekeeping or light meal preparation.	✓	
Fees charged for care by your immediate relatives or members of your household.	✓	
Cosmetic surgery or procedures		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in cases of an accidental injury or for improvement of the functioning of a malformed body member. • Covered for all stages of reconstruction for a breast after a mastectomy, as well as for the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.
Routine dental care, such as cleanings, fillings or dentures.	✓	

Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO)SM

Services not covered by Medicare	Not covered under any condition	Covered only under specific conditions
Non-routine dental care.		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Dental care required to treat illness or injury may be covered as inpatient or outpatient care.</p>
Routine chiropractic care		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation is covered.</p>
Home-delivered meals	✓	
Orthopedic shoes		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>If shoes are part of a leg brace and are included in the cost of the brace, or the shoes are for a person with diabetic foot disease.</p>
Supportive devices for the feet		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Orthopedic or therapeutic shoes for people with diabetic foot disease.</p>
Radial keratotomy, LASIK surgery, and other low vision aids.	✓	
Reversal of sterilization procedures and or non-prescription contraceptive supplies.	✓	
Acupuncture		<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Covered for chronic low back pain only when medically necessary.</p>
Naturopath services (uses natural or alternative treatments).	✓	

*Custodial care is personal care that does not require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel, such as care that helps you with activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing.

Chapter 6 What you pay for your Part D prescription drugs

Section 2.1	What are the drug payment stages for Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO) members?
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As shown in the table below, there are “drug payment stages” for your prescription drug coverage under Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO). How much you pay for a drug depends on which of these stages you are in at the time you get a prescription filled or refilled. Keep in mind you are always responsible for the plan’s monthly premium (if applicable) regardless of the drug payment stage.

Stage 1 <i>Yearly Deductible Stage</i>	Stage 2 <i>Initial Coverage Stage</i>	Stage 3 <i>Coverage Gap Stage</i>	Stage 4 <i>Catastrophic Coverage Stage</i>
<p>Because there is no deductible for the plan, this payment stage does not apply to you. (Details are in Section 4 of this chapter.)</p>	<p>You begin in this stage when you fill your first prescription of the year. During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your drugs and you pay your share of the cost. You stay in this stage until your year-to-date “total drug costs” (your payments plus any Part D plan’s payments) total \$4,130. (Details are in Section 5 of this chapter.)</p>	<p>See Section 6 for your costs during this stage. You stay in this stage until your year-to-date “out-of-pocket costs” (your payments) reach a total of \$6,550. This amount and rules for counting costs toward this amount have been set by Medicare. (Details are in Section 6 of this chapter.)</p>	<p>During this stage, the plan will pay most of the cost of your drugs for the rest of the calendar year (through December 31, 2021). (Details are in Section 7 of this chapter.)</p>

Section 4.1	You do not pay a deductible for your Part D drugs
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There is no deductible for Blue Cross Group Medicare Advantage Open Access (PPO). You begin in the Initial Coverage Stage when you fill your first prescription of the year. See Section 5 for information about your coverage in the Initial Coverage Stage.

Section 5.2 A table that shows your costs for a *one-month* supply of a drug

During the Initial Coverage Stage, your share of the cost of a covered drug will be either a copayment or coinsurance.

- **“Copayment”** means that you pay a fixed amount each time you fill a prescription.
- **“Coinsurance”** means that you pay a percent of the total cost of the drug each time you fill a prescription.

As shown in the table below, the amount of the copayment or coinsurance depends on which tier your drug is in. Please note:

- If your covered drug costs less than the copayment amount listed in the chart, you will pay that lower price for the drug. You pay *either* the full price of the drug *or* the copayment amount, *whichever is lower*.
- We cover prescriptions filled at out-of-network pharmacies in only limited situations. Please see the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet Chapter 5, Section 2.5 for information about when we will cover a prescription filled at an out-of-network pharmacy.

Your share of the cost when you get a *one-month* supply of a covered Part D prescription drug:

Tier	Retail (standard and preferred) cost sharing (in-network) (up to a 30-day supply)	Mail-order (standard and preferred) cost sharing (up to a 30-day supply)	Long-term care (LTC) cost sharing (up to a 31-day supply)	Out-of-network cost sharing (Coverage is limited to certain situations; see the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> Chapter 5 for details.) (up to a 30-day supply)
Cost-Sharing Tier 1 (Preferred Generic)	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	\$10	\$10
Cost-Sharing Tier 2 (Generic)	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	\$10	\$10
Cost-Sharing Tier 3 (Preferred Brand)	Standard: \$25 Preferred: \$20	Standard: \$25 Preferred: \$20	\$25	\$25

Tier	Retail (standard and preferred) cost sharing (in-network) (up to a 30-day supply)	Mail-order (standard and preferred) cost sharing (up to a 30-day supply)	Long-term care (LTC) cost sharing (up to a 31-day supply)	Out-of-network cost sharing (Coverage is limited to certain situations; see the <i>Evidence of Coverage</i> Chapter 5 for details.) (up to a 30-day supply)
Cost-Sharing Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug)	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	\$50	\$50
Cost-Sharing Tier 5 (Specialty)	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	\$50	\$50

Section 5.4 A table that shows your costs for a *long-term* (up to a 90-day) supply of a drug

For some drugs, you can get a long-term supply (also called an “extended supply”) when you fill your prescription. A long-term supply is up to a 90-day supply. (For details on where and how to get a long-term supply of a drug, see the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet Chapter 5, Section 2.4.)

The table below shows what you pay when you get a long-term (90-day) supply of a drug.

- Please note: If your covered drug costs less than the copayment amount listed in the chart, you will pay that lower price for the drug. You pay *either* the full price of the drug *or* the copayment amount, *whichever is lower*.

Your share of the cost when you get a *long-term* supply of a covered Part D prescription drug:

Tier	Retail (standard and preferred) cost sharing (in-network) (up to a 90-day supply)	Mail-order (standard and preferred) cost sharing (up to a 90-day supply)
Cost-Sharing Tier 1 (Preferred Generic)	Standard: \$30 Preferred: \$15	Standard: \$20 Preferred: \$10

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Tier	Retail (standard and preferred) cost sharing (in-network) (up to a 90-day supply)	Mail-order (standard and preferred) cost sharing (up to a 90-day supply)
Cost-Sharing Tier 2 (Generic)	Standard: \$30 Preferred: \$15	Standard: \$20 Preferred: \$10
Cost-Sharing Tier 3 (Preferred Brand)	Standard: \$75 Preferred: \$60	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$40
Cost-Sharing Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug)	Standard: \$150 Preferred: \$135	Standard: \$100 Preferred: \$90
Cost-Sharing Tier 5 (Specialty)	Standard: \$150 Preferred: \$135	Standard: \$100 Preferred: \$90

Section 5.5	You stay in the Initial Coverage Stage until your total drug costs for the year reach \$4,130
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You stay in the Initial Coverage Stage until the total amount for the prescription drugs you have filled and refilled reaches the **\$4,130 limit for the Initial Coverage Stage**.

Your total drug cost is based on adding together what you have paid and what any Part D plan has paid:

- **What you have paid** for all the covered drugs you have gotten since you started with your first drug purchase of the year. (See Section 6.2 for more information about how Medicare calculates your out-of-pocket costs.) This includes:
 - The total you paid as your share of the cost for your drugs during the Initial Coverage Stage.
- **What the plan has paid** as its share of the cost for your drugs during the Initial Coverage Stage. (If you were enrolled in a different Part D plan at any time during 2021, the amount that plan paid during the Initial Coverage Stage also counts toward your total drug costs.)

The *Part D Explanation of Benefits* (Part D EOB) that we send to you will help you keep track of how much you and the plan, as well as any third parties, have spent on your behalf for your drugs during the year. Many people do not reach the \$4,130 limit in a year.

We will let you know if you reach this \$4,130 amount. If you do reach this amount, you will leave the Initial Coverage Stage and move on to the Coverage Gap Stage.

Section 6.1 You stay in the Coverage Gap Stage until your out-of-pocket costs reach \$6,550

The tables below show what you pay for prescription drugs during the Coverage Gap Stage.

Coverage Gap Stage Tier	Retail (standard and preferred) cost sharing (in-network) (30-day supply)	Retail (standard and preferred) cost sharing (in-network) (90-day supply)
Cost-Sharing Tier 1 (Preferred Generic)	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	Standard: \$30 Preferred: \$15
Cost-Sharing Tier 2 (Generic)	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	Standard: \$30 Preferred: \$15
Cost-Sharing Tier 3 (Preferred Brand)	Standard: \$25 Preferred: \$20	Standard: \$75 Preferred: \$60
Cost-Sharing Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug)	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	Standard: \$150 Preferred: \$135
Cost-Sharing Tier 5 (Specialty)	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	Standard: \$150 Preferred: \$135

Coverage Gap Stage Tier	Mail-order (standard and preferred) cost sharing (30-day supply)	Mail-order (standard and preferred) cost sharing (90-day supply)
Cost-Sharing Tier 1 (Preferred Generic)	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	Standard: \$20 Preferred: \$10
Cost-Sharing Tier 2 (Generic)	Standard: \$10 Preferred: \$5	Standard: \$20 Preferred: \$10
Cost-Sharing Tier 3 (Preferred Brand)	Standard: \$25 Preferred: \$20	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$40
Cost-Sharing Tier 4 (Non-Preferred Drug)	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	Standard: \$100 Preferred: \$90
Cost-Sharing Tier 5 (Specialty)	Standard: \$50 Preferred: \$45	Standard: \$100 Preferred: \$90

Medicare has rules about what counts and what does *not* count as your out-of-pocket costs. When you reach an out-of-pocket limit of \$6,550, you leave the Coverage Gap Stage and move on to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

Section 6.2	How Medicare calculates your out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs
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Here are Medicare’s rules that we must follow when we keep track of your out-of-pocket costs for your drugs.

These payments are included in your out-of-pocket costs

When you add up your out-of-pocket costs, **you can include** the payments listed below (as long as they are for Part D covered drugs and you followed the rules for drug coverage that are explained in Chapter 5 of the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet):

- The amount you pay for drugs when you are in any of the following drug payment stages:
 - The Initial Coverage Stage
 - The Coverage Gap Stage
- Any payments you made during this calendar year as a member of a different Medicare prescription drug plan before you joined our plan.

It matters who pays:

- If you make these payments **yourself**, they are included in your out-of-pocket costs.
- These payments are *also included* if they are made on your behalf by **certain other individuals or organizations**. This includes payments for your drugs made by a friend or relative, by most charities, by AIDS drug assistance programs, by a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program that is qualified by Medicare, or by the Indian Health Service. Payments made by Medicare’s “Extra Help” Program are also included.
- Some of the payments made by the Medicare Coverage Gap Discount Program are included. The amount the manufacturer pays for your brand name drugs is included. But the amount the plan pays for your generic drugs is not included.

Moving on to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage:

When you (or those paying on your behalf) have spent a total of \$6,550 in out-of-pocket costs within the calendar year, you will move from the Coverage Gap Stage to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.

These payments are not included in your out-of-pocket costs

When you add up your out-of-pocket costs, you are **not allowed to include** any of these types of payments for prescription drugs:

- The amount you pay for your monthly premium, if applicable.
- Drugs you buy outside the United States and its territories.
- Drugs that are not covered by our plan.
- Drugs you get at an out-of-network pharmacy that do not meet the plan's requirements for out-of-network coverage.
- Non-Part D drugs, including prescription drugs covered by Part A or Part B and other drugs excluded from coverage by Medicare.
- Payments you make toward prescription drugs not normally covered in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan.
- Payments made by the plan for your brand or generic drugs while in the Coverage Gap.
- Payments for your drugs that are made by group health plans including employer health plans.
- Payments for your drugs that are made by certain insurance plans and government-funded health programs such as TRICARE and Veterans Affairs.
- Payments for your drugs made by a third-party with a legal obligation to pay for prescription costs (for example, Workers' Compensation).

Reminder: If any other organization such as the ones listed above pays part or all of your out-of-pocket costs for drugs, you are required to tell our plan. Call Customer Service to let us know (phone numbers are printed on the back cover of the *Explanation of Benefits* booklet).

How can you keep track of your out-of-pocket total?

- **We will help you.** The *Part D Explanation of Benefits* (Part D EOB) report we send to you includes the current amount of your out-of-pocket costs (Section 3 in Chapter 6 of the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet tells about this report). When you reach a total of \$6,550 in out-of-pocket costs for the year, this report will tell you that you have left the Coverage Gap Stage and have moved on to the Catastrophic Coverage Stage.
- **Make sure we have the information we need.** Section 3.2 in Chapter 6 of the *Evidence of Coverage* booklet tells what you can do to help make sure that our records of what you have spent are complete and up to date.

Section 7.1	Once you are in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you will stay in this stage for the rest of the year
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You qualify for the Catastrophic Coverage Stage when your out-of-pocket costs have reached the \$6,550 limit for the calendar year. Once you are in the Catastrophic Coverage Stage, you will stay in this payment stage until the end of the calendar year.

During this stage, the plan will pay most of the cost for your drugs.

- **Your share** of the cost for a covered drug will be either coinsurance or a copayment, whichever is the *larger* amount:
 - – *either* – coinsurance of 5% of the cost of the drug
 - – *or* – \$3.70 for a generic drug or a drug that is treated like a generic and \$9.20 for all other drugs.
- **Our plan pays the rest** of the cost.

Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas members, except in emergency situations. Please call our Customer Service number or see your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information on how to find an out-of-network provider.

PPO plans provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, which refers to HCSC Insurance Services Company (HISC). PPO employer/union group plans provided by Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company (HCSC). HCSC and HISC are Independent Licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. HCSC and HISC are Medicare Advantage organizations with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in these plans depends on contract renewal.