



## CONTACTS

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Toll free at 1-866-543-5966

TTY toll free 711

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

#### FIND A DOCTOR

Use the Find a Doctor tool on bluecrossmnonline.com

Select BlueCard PPO

Or call 1-800-810-BLUE (2583) (Also applies to BCBS Global Core)

#### **ONLINE CARE**

Go to doctorondemand.com/bluecrossmn

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESOURCES**

Log into your member website to see a full list of resources and tools

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

1-888-662-BLUE (2583)

#### **Fitness incentive**

Sign up at bluecrossmn.sharecare.com

#### **Maternity management**

1-866-489-6948

#### RETAIL LOCATIONS

Make an appointment for help with enrollment, benefits, claims, free classes and more in Edina, Roseville or Duluth. Visit **bluecrossmn.com/centers**.

#### KEY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Pharmacy Mail Order: Call Express Scripts (ESI) at 1-866-470-2245

Fax the prescription to ESI at 1-800-837-0959 or visit: express-scripts.com

Accredo Specialty Pharmacy: Call 1-866-470-9554 or visit: myaccredopatients.com

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WELCOME

Welcome to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota. Use this guide as a tool in choosing your health plan. Inside, you'll find information on:

- What to consider when choosing a plan
- Health and wellbeing resources and programs
- Answers to FAQs, basic terms and other helpful tips

#### **Questions?**

Call customer service or visit **bluecrossmnonline.com**.

# YOUR PLAN INFO — AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Registering at your member website is the first step to getting personalized information about your health plan.

You can easily access your personal plan information, resources and tools on your member website. When your member ID card arrives (in the mail), go online and register at **bluecrossmnonline.com**. Once registered, you can:

- Find doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies
- View claims and Explanations of Health Care Benefits (EOBs)
- Send secure emails to customer service
- · View, print, email or order member ID cards
- Check health financial accounts balances (if applicable)

You'll need your member ID card to register. Be sure to have it handy.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

- 1 Click "Register"
- Fill out the registration page using your information as it appears on your ID card
- Create your login ID and password
  - The system will log you in.

    Next, you'll see your member
    dashboard with your personal
    information.

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUR MEMBER ID CARD

#### Member name **BlueCross Group number BlueShield** Each family member This identifies your xxxxxxxx • covered by your plan Name ELIZABETH SAMPLENAME employer's plan. 2-5001 will have an ID card. This 0-0000 2-9524 000000000000 includes minor children. -2583 Svc Type Care Type 2-0820 Plan details RxBIN XXXXXX Office Copay ER Copay 1-4795 2-0900 Member ID number Your member ID number helps providers look up your plan details. SYMBOLS PRINT HERE We also use it to track expenses. of Minnesota, a nonprofit independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Questions? Shield Association, is serving only as the claims administrator. Contact information is on the back of your ID card.

The sample shown is a guide only. The information and

the format of your card may vary.

## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR PLAN: COSTS**

Having health insurance means you and a health plan share in paying your medical costs. The share you pay changes throughout your plan year as you receive medical care and pay costs. Here's how it works:

During your plan year, you'll have two groups of costs: health plan **fees** and **medical care costs**. The plan tracks what you pay in medical costs and applies eligible costs (see glossary) toward certain milestones (see deductible and out-of-pocket maximum on the next page). When your costs hit these milestones, you move into the next stage of your plan. Your share of costs becomes less as you reach each stage.

Here are descriptions of health plan fees, medical costs and milestones:

#### **HEALTH PLAN FEES**



#### **Premium**

Your regular payment to your health plan (on a monthly, per paycheck, etc. basis)

Your employer may pay part of your premium.



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

#### **MEDICAL COSTS**



Copays (your plan may or may not have copays)

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

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



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



#### **Covered medical costs**

#### The medical services your plan covers

"Covered" means your plan pays for some or all of the costs. These are different in each plan.

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



Your covered costs **usually count toward** your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.



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



#### Non-covered services

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

If you receive these services, you pay in full.



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

#### **HEALTH PLAN MILESTONES AND STAGES**



**Deductible** (your plan may or may not have a deductible)

When your plan begins, you are in the first stage where you pay for all covered medical services. When these costs hit a certain amount (the deductible), you move into the next stage.



Your deductible **counts toward** your out-of-pocket maximum.



#### Coinsurance

This stage starts after you hit your deductible. Now, you and the plan each pay a percentage for covered services. Example: 80/20 coinsurance means the plan pays 80 percent and you pay 20 percent.



Coinsurance **counts toward** your out-of-pocket maximum.



#### **Out-of-pocket maximum**

This is the last stage of your plan. When the medical costs you've paid reach a certain amount (the out-of-pocket maximum), the health plan pays all your covered medical costs for the plan year's remainder.\*

#### UNDERSTANDING PLAN MILESTONES AND STAGES

- 1. When your plan begins, you're in the first stage. You pay for all your covered medical costs until you hit the **deductible**.
- 2. After hitting your deductible, you enter the next stage. You now pay only a percentage of your medical costs and the health plan pays the rest. This is the **coinsurance** stage of your plan.
- 3. The coinsurance stage lasts until you reach the out-of-pocket maximum. At that point, the plan starts paying for all covered medical costs for the rest of the plan year.



#### **HOW YOUR CLAIMS ARE PROCESSED**



You go to your health care provider.





Your provider files the claim (in network).





You receive an Explanation of Health Care Benefits (EOB). (This is not a bill.)





You receive a statement from your provider. Make sure it matches your EOB.





You pay your provider for your portion of the costs.



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<sup>\*</sup>Covered medical costs up to the lifetime maximum.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR PLAN: NETWORK ACCESS

#### **NETWORKS**

A network is a group of medical providers (doctors, clinics and hospitals) with which the health plan has an agreement. The agreement means you get a discount on medical care when you go to these providers. If you have providers you prefer, you'll want to check if they're in the network you're considering. (You can see if a provider is in your network using the Find a Doctor tool on your member website.)

#### **Network types**

**Preferred provider organization (PPO)** – With this type of network, you can see any doctor in your network — no referral required.

#### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

- BlueCard® PPO Access to more than 95 percent of doctors and 96 percent of hospitals nationwide
- Blue Cross Blue Shield Global® Core In-network access to primary care providers in more than 170 countries

Each Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Each health care provider is an independent contractor and not our agent. It is up to the member to confirm provider participation in their network prior to receiving services.

**High Value Network** — A network of providers throughout Minnesota. Some of the care systems included are: HealthEast, Children's, Allina, Centracare Health, M Health Fairview (Mesabi), Lakewood, Sanford Health, Gundersen Health, and Winona Health. Access a full list with the Find a Doctor tool at bluecrossmnonline.com.

#### PREVENTIVE CARE

## Most preventive visits are covered at



when you see a doctor in network

(Check your benefit booklet on your member website.)

#### IS A PROVIDER IN THE NETWORK?

To see if a doctor, clinic or hospital is in a specific network, log in at **bluecrossmnonline.com** and use the Find a Doctor tool or call customer service.

#### DO I NEED A REFERRAL?

For most networks, you don't need a referral to see a specialist in your network. In-network specialists are listed in the Find a Doctor tool online or you can call customer service.

# CHOOSING A PLAN: THINK ABOUT YOUR NEEDS

When choosing a plan, think about how much medical care, including prescriptions you (and your dependents) expect to need within the plan year. Also, think about your financial situation and if it's important to you to keep your current providers.



#### IN GENERAL:

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

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

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

(See glossary for definitions)

#### DO YOU (AND YOUR DEPENDENTS) EXPECT TO:

See a doctor regularly?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Need regular prescriptions, specialty drugs or medical equipment?	☐ Yes	□ No
Have surgery, childbirth or other major medical care?	☐ Yes	☐ No



	IF MORE "YES" BOXES CHECKED	IF MORE "NO" BOXES CHECKED
Recommended plan type	Higher-premium/ lower-deductible plan	Lower-premium/ higher-deductible plan
Why is this recommended?	If you pay more for your premium, your out-of-pocket costs will be less when you get care.	If you don't expect to need much medical care, you can choose to pay less for your premium.
Cautions	Be sure you can afford the higher premium because you will pay this regularly.	Be sure you can afford out-of-pocket medical costs if you should need care unexpectedly.



#### Is keeping your current doctor important to you?

If yes, be sure to check if that doctor is in the network you're considering. If the provider isn't in the network, it will cost you more to see this doctor. Find out if a provider is in network by calling customer service or visiting **bluecrossmnonline.com** and using the Find a Doctor tool.

#### Ortonville Area Health Services Custom Choice \$6000-0% - High Value Network January 1, 2021

#### Coinsurance reflects member responsibility

	In network*	
	MN Network: High Value	Out of network**
	National Network: BlueCard PPO	
Calendar-year deductible	Medical and prescription combined	Medical and prescription combined
The in- and out-of-network maximums accumulate	\$6.000 individual	
separately.	\$12,000 Individual \$12,000 family	\$12,000 individual \$24,000 family
Coinsurance Level – What the member pays	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Calendar-year out-of-pocket maximum	-	
The in- and out-of-pocket maximums accumulate	Medical and prescription combined	Medical and prescription combined
separately.	\$6,000 individual	\$13,000 individual \$26,000 family
Non-covered charges and charges in excess of the allowed amount do not apply to the out-of-pocket maximum.	\$12,000 family	\$20,000 fairily
Benefit payment levels	Payment for participating network providers as described. Most payments are based on allowed amount.	If nonparticipating provider services are covered, you are responsible for the difference between the billed charges and allowed amount. Most payments are based on allowed amount.
Preventive care		
well-child care to age 6	0%	0%
prenatal care	0%	0%
preventive medical evaluations age 6 and older	0%	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
<ul><li>cancer screening</li><li>preventive hearing and vision exams</li></ul>	0%	Deductible then 50% coinsurance Deductible then 50% coinsurance
immunizations and vaccinations	0%	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Omada®	0.70	Boadonsie tron 60 % comedianes
diabetes and cardiovascular disease prevention program (Generic Program)	0%	No coverage
Physician services		
e-visits	First 5 visits 0%, subsequent visits Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
retail health clinic (office visit)	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
physician office visits	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
<ul><li>professional lab services</li><li>office and outpatient lab services</li></ul>	Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance Deductible then 50% coinsurance
office and outpatient lab services     office and outpatient lab diagnostic imaging	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance  Deductible then 50% coinsurance
allergy injections and serum	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
specialist office visits	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Urgent Care professional services	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Other professional services		
chiropractic manipulation (office visit)	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
chiropractic therapy     home health care	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
• physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy	Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance	No Coverage Deductible then 50% coinsurance
<ul><li>(office visit)</li><li>physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy</li></ul>	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
(therapy)		2 2 2 3 3 3 5 5 5 7 6 5 6 1 5 G T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T
Hospital Inpatient services	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Hospital Outpatient services		
facility lab services     facility diagnostic imaging	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
<ul><li>facility diagnostic imaging</li><li>chemotherapy and radiation therapy</li></ul>	Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance Deductible then 50% coinsurance
scheduled outpatient surgery	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
urgent care services (facility services)	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance

	In network*	
	MN Network: High Value	Out of network**
	National Network: BlueCard PPO	
Emergency care  emergency room (facility charges)  professional charges  ambulance (medically necessary transport to the nearest facility equipped to treat the condition)	Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance	
Durable Medical Equipment/Medical Supplies	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Bariatric surgery	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Assisted Fertilization	Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse services)  • inpatient professional services  • outpatient professional services (office visit/therapy)  • outpatient professional services (office – other services)  • outpatient hospital/facility services	Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance Deductible then 0% coinsurance	Deductible then 50% coinsurance Deductible then 50% coinsurance Deductible then 50% coinsurance Deductible then 50% coinsurance
Prescription drugs – Classic Network  Retail (31-day limit)  Flex Rx drug list  • Preferred Generic  • Preferred Brand  • Non-Preferred	Deductible then 0% Coinsurance Deductible then 0% Coinsurance Deductible then 0% Coinsurance	No coverage No coverage No coverage
Specialty drug list	Deductible then 0% Coinsurance	No coverage
90dayRx – Mail order pharmacy (90-day limit) Flex Rx drug list • Preferred Generic • Preferred Brand • Non-Preferred	Deductible then 0% Coinsurance Deductible then 0% Coinsurance Deductible then 0% Coinsurance	No coverage No coverage No coverage
90dayRx – Retail pharmacy (90-day limit) Flex Rx drug list • Preferred Generic • Preferred Brand • Non-Preferred  Value Based Benefit Design (preventive Rx)	Deductible then 0% Coinsurance Deductible then 0% Coinsurance Deductible then 0% Coinsurance	No coverage No coverage No coverage
Drug coverage or the following conditions: diabetes (drugs and supplies), high blood pressure, cholesterol lowering, anti-coagulants/anti-platelets, respiratory, osteoporosis	0%	No Coverage
Important Information About Your Pharmacy Benefits	90dayRx applies to participating retail and/or mail service pharmacy only. Identified specialty drugs purchased through a specialty pharmacy network supplier are eligible for coverage (no coverage for specialty drugs purchased through a nonparticipating specialty pharmacy supplier).  The patient will pay the difference if a brand-name drug is dispensed when a generic drug is available.	
	The drug list uses a step therapy prograbluecrossmnonline.com and select "Fasked questions."	Prescriptions," then see "frequently

Your out-of-pocket costs depend on the network status of your provider. To check status, call Blue Cross customer service or visit bluecrossmnonline.com.

#### \*Lowest out-of-pocket costs: in-network providers

Highest out-of-pocket costs: out-of-network nonparticipating providers (You are responsible for the difference between Blue Cross' allowed amount and the amount billed by nonparticipating providers. This is in addition to any applicable deductible, copay or coinsurance. Benefit payments are calculated on Blue Cross' allowed amount, which is typically lower than the amount billed by the provider.)

This is only a summary. Read your benefit booklet for more information about what is and isn't covered

For more information, visit bluecrossmnonline.com or call Blue Cross customer service at the number on the back of your member ID card.

The Omada program is from Omada Health, Inc., an independent company providing digital intensive behavioral counseling program.

**Embedded deductible –** The plan begins paying benefits that require cost sharing for the first family member who meets the individual deductible. The family deductible must then be met by one or more of the remaining family members and then the plan pays benefits for all covered family members.



## KNOW WHERE TO GO FOR CARE

Save money and time by using the right type of place for the care you need. Make sure the doctor, clinic or hospital is in your network before getting care.





#### **DOCTOR ON DEMAND**

Medical visits 24/7; mental health visits available next day by appointment

### Routine care/common health concern

Get face-to-face, online care from a board-certified doctor at doctorondemand.com/bluecrossmn

- · Cold, cough and flu
- Bladder infection
- Mental health\*



Minimal or no wait time



#### **CONVENIENCE CLINIC**

Open extended hours (nights/weekends)

#### Minor health issue

No appointment needed for treatment of minor health issues.

- Cold, cough and flu
- Ear and eye infections
- Sore throat



Short wait times

**EMERGENCY ROOM (ER)** 

Open 24/7



#### **OFFICE VISIT**

Open during regular clinic hours

### Preventive/routine care or health concern

Make an appointment for preventive care, routine care and health issues

- General health issues
- Preventive care
- Screenings and vaccines
- Referrals to specialty care





#### **URGENT CARE CLINIC**

Open extended hours (nights/weekends)

#### **Urgent – not life threatening**

Drop in for medical care that is urgent but not life-threatening

- Minor cuts, sprains and burns
- Skin rashes
- Fever and flu
- X-rays and lab testing



Call 911 or go to the nearest ER if the situation seems life-threatening

Chest pain

Life-threatening

- Shortness of breath
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Poisoning or other serious illness/injury



Longer if you go with a minor condition



Varies, typically longer than an office visit

\*Mental health visits are by appointment only 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time.

Doctor On Demand is an independent company providing telehealth services.

Make sure your doctor and clinic/hospital are in your network before receiving care. This will make sure you receive the highest level of benefits. Each health care provider is an independent contractor and not our agent.



Starting on January 1, 2021, your prescription drug benefits will be administered by Blue Cross and

Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross). Prime Therapeutics (Prime) is trusted by Blue Cross to manage your pharmacy benefits.

You should receive a new combined medical and pharmacy ID card before January 1, 2021. Please show your new ID card to both your pharmacy and medical providers to use your benefits.

Please read this letter to learn about some key features of your new prescription drug benefit, starting on January 1, 2021.

#### Prescription drug list — FlexRx Drug List

Before January 1, 2021, go to bluecrossmnonline.com to review all your pharmacy plan resources.

After January 1, 2021, review your specific pharmacy plan resources by registering and logging into your account. You will have full access to your benefit information, including drug pricing.

- 1. Register or log in to your account at bluecrossmnonline.com
- 2. Under the "Prescriptions" tab, click on any of the links to be directed to MyPrime.com website.
- 3. Because you're logged in, the FlexRx Drug List and Classic Pharmacy Network will be selected for you.
- 4. Click on the "Forms" tab and select "Plan Documents" to see your benefits information, including the Drug Exclusion List, FlexRx Drug List, FlexRx Formulary Updates, FlexRx Utilization Management Updates, Specialty Drug List, Home Delivery Brochure, and more.

#### Prescription drug list — FlexRx Drug List

Many prescriptions covered under your current plan will be covered on the Blue Cross FlexRx drug list. Your new drug list may reflect some changes in cost and/or coverage. You can see drug costs online starting January 1, 2021. If there are changes affecting your medications, ask your doctor about cost-saving alternative or generic drugs that may be right for you.

Drugs not found on the drug list may be non-preferred products and have a higher cost associated with them OR the drug might be excluded from your benefit. Please reference the Drug Exclusion List to verify if your drug is excluded.

#### **Pharmacy network** — Classic Pharmacy Network

Most nationwide pharmacies participate in the Classic Pharmacy Network. When you log into the site, you can use the Find a Pharmacy Tool to find the location of your choice. Prior to January 1, visit **bluecrossmnonline.com** and select 'Find a Pharmacy' under 'Related Sites'. Choose the Classic Network to view pharmacies.

#### **Home delivery** — Express Scripts Pharmacy

If you are taking a covered maintenance (or long-term) medicine, consider using the home delivery pharmacy service, Express Scripts Pharmacy. With home delivery, you enjoy the ease of having your maintenance medicines delivered anywhere in the U.S. You could save time and possibly money.

#### To start using the Home Delivery/Mail Order pharmacy service after January 1, 2021:

1. Visit express-scripts.com. Click "Register Now" to create an account and follow the steps.

Or, you can call **1-866-470-2245**. Your doctor can send your prescription electronically to Express Scripts Mail Order or fax the prescription to **1-800-837-0959** 

#### **Specialty pharmacy**

Specialty medicines for complex illnesses (like multiple sclerosis or hemophilia) generally cost more or require extra support and are only available through specialty pharmacies. Your plan requires you to use a pharmacy in the Blue Cross Specialty Pharmacy Network for these medications. You may contact customer service to help determine if you are taking a Specialty Medication.

**Note:** See your medical plan materials for details on coverage of specialty medicines that must be administered by a health care professional.

#### **Utilization management programs**

Your prescription drug plan includes prior authorization, step therapy and dispensing limit programs to help make sure medicines are used safely and cost effectively. Drugs that fall into one of these programs are listed on your FlexRx Drug List.

- **Prior authorization:** The prior authorization program is designed to encourage safe, cost-effective medicine use. Under this program, your doctor will need to get an approval from Blue Cross for certain drugs to be covered.
- **Step therapy:** The step therapy program is used to encourage safe and cost-effective medicine use. Under this program, a "step" approach is required to receive coverage for certain high-cost medicines. This means that a medicine will not be covered unless you try another lower-cost medicine first.
- **Dispensing limits:** Dispensing limits (also called quantity limits) may be applied on select medicines. These limits help promote drug safety and help reduce waste and overuse. Limits may involve the amount of covered medicine per prescription or the amount of covered medicine in a given time period. If your doctor prescribes an amount that is more than the dispensing limit, they may request a dispensing limit authorization from Blue Cross for approval consideration.

#### **Drug Exclusions**

There are medications that are excluded from your pharmacy benefits and can include things like certain diabetic supplies, insulin, growth hormones and antibiotics. If your medicine(s) aren't covered, ask your doctor to write a new prescription for preferred alternatives.

#### **Need Help?**

Please call Blue Cross customer service at 1-866-873-5943 if you have any questions about your prescription drug benefits.

**Remember:** Treatment decisions are always between you and your doctor. Coverage is always subject to the exclusions and limitations noted in your plan materials. See your plan materials for details.

**Note:** Wherever differences exist between summaries, such as this letter, and the legal plan documents, the legal plan documents always prevail.

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## WELLBEING RESOURCES

### **Get more for your health**

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

#### **DECISION RESOURCES**

#### Care cost estimator

Research and compare costs for common procedures and non-emergency services on the Blue Cross MN mobile app or online.

· Log into your member website

#### CARE OPTIONS

#### **Blue Distinction Centers®**

Receive quality care from providers that have earned national recognition for high-quality, low-cost care.

Look for the Blue Distinction icon in the Find a Doctor

Blue Distinction Centers (BDCs) met overall quality measures for patient safety and outcomes, developed with input from the medical community. Designation as a BDC means these facilities' overall experience and aggregate data met objective criteria established in collaboration with expert clinicians' and leading professional organizations' recommendations. Individual outcomes may vary. To find out which services are covered under your plan at any facilities, please call the customer service number on the back of your member ID card before making an appointment, to verify the most current information on its network participation and Blue Distinction status.

#### **Online care**

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

• Visit doctorondemand.com/bluecrossmn

Doctor On Demand® is an independent company providing telehealth services.

#### Online behavioral health programs

Concerned about substance use, stress, insomnia, depression or social anxiety? Learn to Live is an online program that's available anytime to help you work through it.

Visit learntolive.com/partners and enter code Blue4
 Learn to Live, Inc. is an independent company offering online cognitive behavioral therapy programs and services

#### SUPPORT TOOLS

#### **Health assessment**

Complete an online questionnaire to determine your RealAge® (biological age) and find ways to improve it.

· Log in at bluecrossmn.sharecare.com

RealAge® is a registered mark of Sharecare, an independent company providing a health and wellness engagement platform. Offerings subject to change.

#### Online health and wellbeing platform

Manage all your health in one place with help from Sharecare. Sharecare provides tools, insights and information on how to improve your health and live your healthiest life.

Log in at bluecrossmn.sharecare.com

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#### Wellness discount marketplace

Use Blue365® to save on local and national wellness products and services.

 Visit blue365deals.com/bcbsmn or log in to your member website

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

#### **Fitness incentive**

Earn an incentive each month for meeting and tracking the minimum physical activity requirement.

· Log in at bluecrossmn.sharecare.com

#### **Health management**

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

• Call 1-800-961-4758

#### **Maternity management**

Receive support and guidance from a maternity Health Coach.

Call 1-866-489-6948

#### Quitting tobacco and vaping

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

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

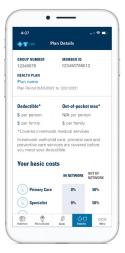
#### Diabetes and heart disease prevention

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

 Visit omadahealth.com/BCBSMN1. See your plan materials for details.

The Omada program is from Omada Health, Inc., an independent company providing a digital intensive behavioral counseling program.

#### GO MOBILE WITH BLUE CROSS



Get convenient, on-the-go access to your health plan, including:

- Deductible and out-of-pocket spending totals
- A digital member ID card
- Search capabilities for in-network care near you
- Medical spending account balances
- Claim status tracking

SEARCH "BlueCrossMN Mobile" AND DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY



# TOP THINGS TO KNOW — FOR UNDERSTANDING YOUR PLAN

What's the difference between participating, nonparticipating, in network and out of network?

PARTICIPATING		NONPARTICIPATING
Provider/pharmacy has health plan	an agreement with your	Provider/pharmacy DOES NOT have an agreement with your health plan
In-network provider/pharmacy	Out-of-network provider/pharmacy	AND Provider/pharmacy is NOT in your plan's network
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Each provider is an independent contractor and not our agent.

Who do I pay when my EOB says I owe money?	A Don't pay anything when you receive an EOB. You will receive a bill from the provider. This is what you pay.
How do I know if a doctor, clinic or hospital is in my network?	A You can find out if a provider is in your network by using the Find a Doctor tool at <b>bluecrossmnonline.com</b> or by calling customer service.
How do I access the member website and what can I find there?	<ul> <li>Using your member ID card, register at bluecrossmnonline.com. Once registered, you can:</li> <li>Find doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies</li> <li>View claims and Explanations of Health Care Benefits (EOBs)</li> <li>Send secure emails to customer service</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>View, print, email or order member ID cards</li> <li>Check health financial accounts balances (if applicable)</li> <li>Access health and wellbeing resources</li> </ul>

- What's the difference between an embedded and non-embedded deductible?
- A Embedded and non-embedded deductibles apply to family plans.

#### **Deductible (definition)**

When your plan begins, you are in the first stage where you pay for all covered medical services. When these costs hit a certain amount (the deductible), you move into the next stage where the health plan pays for some of your medical costs (coinsurance).

Embedded deductible	Non-embedded deductible
When one family member hits the per-person deductible, the health plan begins paying some of that person's medical costs. When the family deductible is met, the plan pays some of the medical costs for all family members.	When the family deductible is met, the plan begins sharing costs for each member. The deductible can be met by one or a combination of family members.

## **GLOSSARY**

#### **TERMS TO KNOW**

Your health plan will make more sense if you know a few important terms.

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

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

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

**Copay:** (Your plan may or may not have copays.) A fee you pay every time you get medical care or a prescription. Copays can vary based on where you get care (virtual, clinic, urgent care, etc.).

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

**Deductible:** This is the first milestone you hit by paying for covered medical services. Along with covered service costs, your copays (if your plan has them) may count toward your deductible.

**Eligible or covered services:** Health care covered by your plan.

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

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

**Formulary or drug list:** A list of FDA-approved prescription drugs preferred by your health plan.

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

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

Member website: A secure website for accessing

plan details and cost information as well as health and wellbeing tools.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Provider:** Refers to doctors, clinics, hospitals and other health care professionals.

**Service (also called "care"):** Medical treatment.

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#### MEMBER ANNUAL NOTICE NEWSLETTER

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

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

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If you need these services, contact us at 1-800-382-2000 or by using the telephone number on the back of your member identification card. TTY users call 711.

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- electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at: https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf
- by phone at: 1-800-368-1019 or 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)
- or by mail at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Avenue SW

Room 509F

**HHH Building** 

Washington, DC 20201

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