

Blue Care Elect Preferred

Northeastern University - PPO

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage Period: on or after 01/01/2017

Coverage for: Individual and Family | Plan Type: PPO



This is only a summary. If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at www.bluecrossma.com/coverage-info or by calling 1-888-543-8770.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$0 in-network; \$500 member / \$1,000 family out-of-network. Does not apply to emergency room, emergency transportation.	You must pay all the costs up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <u>deductible</u> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <u>deductible</u> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out-of-</u> <u>pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	Yes. \$2,000 member / \$4,000 family in-network; \$4,000 member / \$8,000 family out-of-network.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.
Does this plan use a <u>network</u> of <u>providers</u> ?	Yes. See www.bluecrossma.com/findadoctor or call 1-800-821-1388 for a list of preferred providers.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <u>provider</u> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <u>provider</u> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <u>preferred</u> , or participating for <u>providers</u> in their <u>network</u> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <u>providers</u> .
Do I need a referral to see a specialist?	No.	You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without permission from this plan.
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 6. See your policy or plan document for additional information about excluded services .

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- Copayments are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- <u>Coinsurance</u> is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the <u>allowed amount</u> (or provider's charge if it is less than the <u>allowed amount</u> for the service. For example, if the plan's <u>allowed amount</u> for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000 (and it is less than the provider's charge), your <u>coinsurance</u> payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your <u>deductible</u>.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the <u>allowed amount</u>. If an out-of-network <u>provider</u> charges more than the <u>allowed amount</u>, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the <u>allowed amount</u> is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called <u>balance billing</u>.)
- This plan may encourage you to use in-network <u>providers</u> by charging you lower <u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u> and <u>coinsurance</u> amounts. (If you are eligible to elect a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), Flexible Spending Account (FSA) or you have elected a Health Savings Account (HSA), you may have access to additional funds to help cover certain <u>out-of-pocket</u> expenses such as <u>copayments</u>, <u>coinsurance</u>, <u>deductibles</u> and costs related to services not otherwise covered.)

Common	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use		Limitationa & Evacationa
Medical Event		In-Network	Out-of-Network	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Specialist visit	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Other practitioner office visit	\$25 / chiropractor visit	20% coinsurance / chiropractor visit	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; limited to age-based schedule and / or frequency
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$100 for hospital services; no charge for other covered providers	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; copayment applies per category of test / day

Common	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use		Limitations O Fuscutions
Medical Event		In-Network	Out-of-Network	Limitations & Exceptions
	Generic drugs	\$5 / retail supply or \$10 / mail service supply	Not covered	Up to 30-day retail (90-day mail service) supply; cost share may be waived for certain covered drugs and supplies; pre-authorization required for certain drugs
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about	Preferred brand drugs	\$30 / retail supply or \$60 / mail service supply	Not covered	Up to 30-day retail (90-day mail service) supply; cost share may be waived for certain covered drugs and supplies; pre-authorization required for certain drugs
is available at www.bluecrossma.com/me dications.	Non-preferred brand drugs	\$50 / retail supply or \$100 / mail service supply	Not covered	Up to 30-day retail (90-day mail service) supply; cost share may be waived for certain covered drugs and supplies; pre-authorization required for certain drugs
	Specialty drugs	Applicable cost share (generic, preferred, non-preferred)	Not covered	When obtained from a designated specialty pharmacy; pre-authorization required for certain drugs
If you have outpatient	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
surgery	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Emergency room services	\$100 / visit	\$100 / visit	Copayment waived if admitted or for observation stay
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency medical transportation	No charge	No charge	none
inedical attention	Urgent care	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
If you have a beenital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required
If you have a hospital stay	Physician/surgeon fee	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required

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Medical Event	Services You May Need	In-Network	Out-of-Network	Limitations & Exceptions
	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required for certain services
If you have mental health,	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required
behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Substance use disorder outpatient services	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required for certain services
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required for certain services
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Delivery and all inpatient services	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network

Common	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use		Linketine O.F. continue
Medical Event		In-Network	Out-of-Network	Limitations & Exceptions
	Home health care	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required
	Rehabilitation services	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; limited to 100 visits per calendar year (other than for autism, home health care, and speech therapy)
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Habilitation services	\$25 / visit	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; rehabilitation therapy coverage limits apply; cost share and coverage limits waived for early intervention services for eligible children
	Skilled nursing care	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; limited to 100 days per calendar year; pre-authorization required
	Durable medical equipment	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network
	Hospice service	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; pre-authorization required for certain services
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; limited to one exam per calendar year
	Glasses	Not covered	Not covered	none
	Dental check-up	No charge for members with a cleft palate / cleft lip condition	20% coinsurance for members with a cleft palate / cleft lip condition	Limited to members under age 18; deductible applies first for out-of-network

Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

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

- Acupuncture
- Children's glasses

- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (adult)

- Long-term care
- Private-duty nursing

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

- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic care
- Hearing aids (\$2,000 per ear every 36 months for members age 21 or younger)
- Infertility treatment
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Routine eye care adult (one exam per calendar year)
- Routine foot care (only for patients with systemic circulatory disease)
- Weight loss programs (\$150 per calendar year per policy)

Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

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

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact your plan sponsor. Note: A plan sponsor is usually the member's employer or organization that provides group health coverage to the member. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or www.coiio.cms.gov. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.coiio.cms.gov.

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to <u>appeal</u> or file a <u>grievance</u>. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact the Member Service number listed on your ID card or contact your plan sponsor. Note: A plan sponsor is usually the member's employer or organization that provides group health coverage to the member. You may also contact The Office of Patient Protection at 1-800-436-7757 or www.mass.gov/hpc/opp.

Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?

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

Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?

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

Language Assistance

To obtain language assistance, please call the toll-free Member Service number on your ID card.

SPANISH (Español): Para obtener asistencia en español, llame al número gratuito de Servicio de Atención al Miembro que figura en su tarjeta de identificación.

TAGALOG (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ng tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa libreng numero ng telepono ng Serbisyo sa Miyembro na nakasulat sa inyong ID card.

CHINESE (中文): 如果您需要中文語言幫助,請撥打會員卡上的客戶服務免費電話號碼

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Disclaimer:

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

About these Coverage Examples:

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



This is not a cost estimator.

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

See the next page for important information about these examples.

Having a baby (normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays \$7,380
- Patient pays \$160

Sample care costs:

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\$40
\$200
\$200
\$500
\$900
\$900
\$2,100
\$2,700

Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$0
Copays	\$10
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$150
Total	\$160

Managing type 2 diabetes

(routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$3,390
- Patient pays \$2,010

Sample care costs:

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

Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$0
Copays	\$1,930
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$80
Total	\$2,010

Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:

What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

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

What does a Coverage Example show?

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

Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

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

Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

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

Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

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

Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

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

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MCC Compliance

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



Nondiscrimination Notice

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts provides:

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

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

If you believe that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by mail at Civil Rights Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, One Enterprise Drive, Quincy, MA 02171-2126; phone at 1-800-472-2689 (TTY: 711); fax at 1-617-246-3616; or email at civilrightscoordinator@bcbsma.com.

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

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

Complaint forms are available at hhs.gov.



Translation ResourcesProficiency of Language Assistance Services

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

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

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

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

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

Arabic/ةىر:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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