

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What You Pay for Covered Services

Coverage Period: on or after 01/01/2023

Blue Care Elect Preferred: Northeastern University - Enhanced

Coverage for: Individual and Family | Plan Type: PPO

The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health <u>plan</u>. The SBC shows you how you and the <u>plan</u> would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this <u>plan</u> (called the <u>premium</u>) will be provided separately. This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, see <a href="https://service.northeastern.edu/hr">https://service.northeastern.edu/hr</a>. For general definitions of common terms, such as <u>allowed amount</u>, <u>balance billing</u>, <u>coinsurance</u>, <u>copayment</u>, <u>deductible</u>, <u>provider</u>, or other <u>underlined</u> terms, see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at <u>bluecrossma.org/sbcglossary</u> or call 1-800-348-7921 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$0 in-network; \$500 member / \$1,000 family out-of-network.	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from <u>providers</u> up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the <u>plan</u> , each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes. Emergency room and emergency transportation.	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply. For example, this <u>plan</u> covers certain <u>preventive services</u> without <u>cost sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered <u>preventive services</u> at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/">https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/</a> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services.
What is the <u>out-of-pocket</u> <u>limit</u> for this <u>plan</u> ?	\$2,000 member / \$4,000 family innetwork; \$4,000 member / \$8,000 family out-of-network.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <u>plan</u> , they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billing 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.
Will you pay less if you use a <u>network provider</u> ?	Yes. See  bluecrossma.com/findadoctor or call the Member Service number on your ID card for a list of network providers.	This <u>plan</u> uses a <u>provider network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the <u>plan's network</u> . You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the <u>provider's</u> charge and what your <u>plan</u> pays ( <u>balance billing</u> ). Be aware, your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.
Do you need a <u>referral</u> to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	No.	You can see the specialist you choose without a referral.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	In-Network (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$20 / visit	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; family or general practitioner, internist, OB/GYN physician, pediatrician, geriatric <u>specialist</u> , nurse midwife, limited services clinic, multi- specialty <u>provider</u> group, or by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as primary care; a telehealth <u>cost share</u> may be applicable
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	\$30 / visit; \$30 / chiropractor visit; \$30 / acupuncture visit	20% coinsurance; 20% coinsurance / chiropractor visit; 20% coinsurance / acupuncture visit	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; includes physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as specialty care; limited to 12 acupuncture visits per calendar year; a telehealth cost share may be applicable
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; GYN exam limited to one per calendar year; a telehealth cost share may be applicable. You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> may be required
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$100 for hospitals; No charge for other <u>providers</u>	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>copayment</u> applies per category of test / day; <u>pre-</u> <u>authorization</u> may be required

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If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at bluecrossma.org/medication	Generic drugs	\$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
	Preferred brand drugs	\$30 / retail supply or \$60 / mail service supply	Not covered	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	\$50 / retail supply or \$100 / mail service supply	Not covered	
	Specialty drugs	Applicable <u>cost share</u> (generic, preferred, non-preferred)	Not covered	When obtained from a designated specialty pharmacy; cost share may be waived or reduced for certain covered drugs and supplies; preauthorization required for certain drugs
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> required for certain services
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> required for certain services
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	\$100 / visit	\$100 / visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Copayment waived if admitted or for observation stay
	Emergency medical transportation	No charge	No charge	None
	Urgent care	\$30 / visit	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; a telehealth <u>cost share</u> may be applicable

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If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> / authorization required for certain services
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> / authorization required for certain services
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	\$20 / visit	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; a telehealth <u>cost share</u> may be applicable; <u>pre-authorization</u> required for certain services
	Inpatient services	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> / authorization required for certain services
	Office visits	No charge	20% coinsurance	Deductible applies first for out-of-
If you are pregnant	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No charge	20% coinsurance	network; maternity care may include
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	No charge	20% coinsurance	tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound); a telehealth cost share may be applicable

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	Home health care	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> required
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Rehabilitation services	\$30 / visit for outpatient services; No charge for inpatient services	20% <u>coinsurance</u> for outpatient services; 20% <u>coinsurance</u> for inpatient services	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; limited to 100 outpatient visits per calendar year (other than for autism, home health care, and speech therapy); limited to 60 days per calendar year for inpatient admissions; a telehealth cost share may be applicable; pre-authorization required for certain services
	Habilitation services	\$30 / visit	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Deductible applies first for out-of- network; outpatient rehabilitation therapy coverage limits apply; cost share and coverage limits waived for early intervention services for eligible children; a telehealth cost share may be applicable
	Skilled nursing care	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; limited to 100 days per calendar year; <u>pre-authorization</u> required
	Durable medical equipment	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network
	Hospice services	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; <u>pre-authorization</u> required for certain services

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If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No charge	20% coinsurance	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; limited to one exam per calendar year
	Children's glasses	Not covered	Not covered	None
	Children's dental check-up	No charge for members with a cleft palate / cleft lip condition	20% <u>coinsurance</u> for members with a cleft palate / cleft lip condition	<u>Deductible</u> applies first for out-of- network; limited to members under age 18

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

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

- Children's glasses
- Cosmetic surgery

- Dental care (Adult)
- Long-term care

Private-duty nursing

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

- Acupuncture (12 visits per calendar year)
- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic care
- Hearing aids (\$2,000 per ear every 36 months for members age 21 or younger)
- Infertility treatment
- 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: There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or <a href="www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform">www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform</a> and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or <a href="www.cciio.cms.gov">www.cciio.cms.gov</a>. Your state insurance department might also be able to help. If you are a Massachusetts resident, you can contact the Massachusetts Division of Insurance at 1-877-563-4467 or <a href="www.mass.gov/doi">www.mass.gov/doi</a>. Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the <a href="Health Insurance Marketplace">Health Insurance Marketplace</a>. For more information about the <a href="Marketplace">Marketplace</a>, visit <a href="www.HealthCare.gov">www.HealthCare.gov</a> or call 1-800-318-2596. For more information about possibly buying individual coverage through a state exchange, you can contact your state's <a href="marketplace">marketplace</a>, if applicable. If you are a Massachusetts resident, contact the Massachusetts Health Connector by visiting <a href="www.mahealthconnector.org">www.mahealthconnector.org</a>. For more information on your rights to continue your employer coverage, contact your <a href="marketplace">plan</a> sponsor is usually the member's employer or organization that provides group health coverage to the member.)

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights: There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your <u>plan</u> for a denial of a <u>claim</u>. This complaint is called a <u>grievance</u> or <u>appeal</u>. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical <u>claim</u>. Your <u>plan</u> documents also provide complete information on how to submit a <u>claim</u>, <u>appeal</u>, or a <u>grievance</u> for any reason to your <u>plan</u>. For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, call 1-800-348-7921 or contact your <u>plan</u> sponsor. (A <u>plan</u> sponsor is usually the member's employer or organization that provides group health coverage to the member.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **About these Coverage Examples:**



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

# Peg is Having a Baby

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

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

### This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

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

Total Example Cost	\$12,700
In this example, Peg would pay:	
<u>Cost sharing</u>	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$0
Copayments	\$10
Coinsurance	\$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
The total Peg would pay is	\$70

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

■ The plan's overall deductible	\$0
■ Specialist visit copay	\$30
■ Primary care visit copay	\$20
■ Diagnostic tests copay	\$0

### This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

<u>Primary care physician</u> office visits (including disease education)

Diagnostic tests (blood work)

Prescription drugs

Durable medical equipment (glucose meter)

Total Example Cost	\$5,600		
In this example, Joe would pay:			
Cost sharing			
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$0		
Copayments	\$1,200		
Coinsurance	\$0		
What isn't covered			
Limits or exclusions			
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,220		

## **Mia's Simple Fracture**

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

■ The plan's overall deductible	\$0
■ Specialist visit copay	\$30
■ Emergency room copay	\$100
■ Ambulance services copay	\$0

#### This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Emergency room care (including medical supplies)

Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)

Total Francis Cost

Durable medical equipment (crutches)

Rehabilitation services (physical therapy)

Total Example Cost	\$2,800
In this example, Mia would pay:	
<u>Cost sharing</u>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$300
Coinsurance	\$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Mia would pay is	\$300