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Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	Participating <b>\$2,000</b> Individual/ <b>\$6,000</b> Family. Doesn't apply to certain services that charge a copay, preventive care, and prescription drugs. Copays don't count toward the deductible.	You must pay all the costs up to the <b>deductible</b> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <b>deductible</b> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <b>deductible</b> .
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <b>deductibles</b> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	Yes. For Participating <b>\$6,850</b> Individual/ <b>\$13,700</b> Family.	The <b>out-of-pocket</b> limit is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.
What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> .
Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u> ?	Yes. See <a href="http://www.bcbstx.com">www.bcbstx.com</a> for a list of Participating Providers.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <b>provider</b> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <b>provider</b> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <b>preferred</b> , or participating for <b>providers</b> in their <b>network</b> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <b>providers</b> .
Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	Yes. All specialist visits require a <b>written</b> PCP referral unless it's for an OB/GYN or for emergency care.	This plan will pay some or all of the costs to see a <b>specialist</b> for covered services but only if you have the plan's permission before you see the <b>specialist</b> .
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 5. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .

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

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Participating Provider	Your cost if you use a Non-Participating Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<b>If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic</b>	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$40 copay/visit	Not Covered	---none---
	Specialist visit	\$65 copay/visit	Not Covered	
	Other practitioner office visit	\$40 copay PCP/ \$60 copay specialist for office visits or 30% coinsurance for other services	Not Covered	Acupuncture not covered. Chiropractic care limited to 35 visits per year.
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge	Not Covered	---none---
<b>If you have a test</b>	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	---none---
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$250 copay/test	Not Covered	Deductible and coinsurance do not apply; other focus procedures take the office visit copay.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Participating Provider	Your cost if you use a Non-Participating Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b>  More information about <b>prescription drug coverage</b> is available at <a href="https://www.myprime.com/content/dam/prime/memberportal/forms/AuthorForms/IVL/2016/2016_TX_5T_EX.pdf">https://www.myprime.com/content/dam/prime/memberportal/forms/AuthorForms/IVL/2016/2016_TX_5T_EX.pdf</a>	Preferred generic drugs	Retail - No Charge/\$5 copay Mail - No Charge	Not Covered	Lower copay applies at preferred Participating pharmacies. One copay per 30-day supply - up to a 90-day supply for generic and brand drugs, up to a 30-day supply for specialty drugs. Payment of the difference between the cost of a brand name drug and a generic may also be required if a generic drug is available. Certain women's preventive services will be covered with no cost to the member.
	Non-preferred generic drugs	Retail - \$10/\$15 copay Mail - \$30 copay	Not Covered	
	Preferred brand drugs	Retail - \$50/\$60 copay Mail - \$150 copay	Not Covered	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	Retail - \$100/\$110 copay Mail - \$300 copay	Not Covered	
	Specialty drugs	\$150 copay	Not Covered	
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	\$200 copay/procedure plus 30% coinsurance	Not Covered	Copay is charged in addition to the overall deductible. Elective abortion is not covered except in limited circumstances.
	Physician/surgeon fees	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	Copay is charged in addition to the overall deductible. Termination of pregnancy is not covered except in limited circumstances.
<b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>	Emergency room services	\$500 copay/visit plus 30% coinsurance	\$500 copay/visit plus 30% coinsurance	Copay is charged in addition to the overall deductible and is waived if admitted.
	Emergency medical transportation	30% coinsurance	30% coinsurance	---none---
	Urgent care	\$75 copay/visit	Not Covered	
<b>If you have a hospital stay</b>	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$250 copay/admit plus 30% coinsurance	Not Covered	Copay is charged in addition to the overall deductible.
	Physician/surgeon fee	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	---none---

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Participating Provider	Your cost if you use a Non-Participating Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b>	Mental/behavioral health outpatient services	\$40 copay for office visits or 30% coinsurance for other outpatient services	Not Covered	Inpatient copay is charged in addition to the overall deductible.
	Mental/behavioral health inpatient services	\$250 copay/admit plus 30% coinsurance	Not Covered	
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	\$40 copay for office visits or 30% coinsurance for other outpatient services	Not Covered	
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	\$250 copay/admit plus 30% coinsurance	Not Covered	
<b>If you are pregnant</b>	Prenatal and postnatal care	\$40 copay PCP/ \$65 copay specialist for initial visit	Not Covered	Copay applies to first prenatal visit (per pregnancy)
	Delivery and all inpatient services	\$250 copay/admit plus 30% coinsurance	Not Covered	Per occurrence deductible is charged in addition to the overall deductible.
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	Home health care	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	60 visit maximum per benefit period.
	Rehabilitation services	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	35 visit maximum per benefit period, including chiropractic.
	Habilitation services	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	
	Skilled nursing care	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	25 day maximum per benefit period.
	Durable medical equipment	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	---none---
	Hospice service	30% coinsurance	Not Covered	

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use a Participating Provider	Your cost if you use a Non-Participating Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	No Charge	No Charge	One visit per year. Reimbursed up to \$30 Non-Participating. See benefit booklet for network details.
	Glasses	No Charge	No Charge	One pair of glasses per year. Up to \$150 Participating. Reimbursed up to \$45 frames/\$25 single vision lenses Non-Participating. See benefit booklet for network details.
	Dental check-up	30% coinsurance	30% coinsurance	Two visits per year. See benefit booklet for network details

### 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 <u>excluded services</u> .)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abortions (except where a pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy which, as certified by a physician, places the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed)</li> <li>• Acupuncture</li> <li>• Bariatric surgery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dental care (Adult)</li> <li>• Long term care</li> <li>• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private duty nursing (Only covered for extended care expenses)</li> <li>• Routine eye care (Adult)</li> <li>• Weight loss programs</li> </ul>

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.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chiropractic care</li> <li>• Cosmetic surgery (Only covered for the correction of congenital deformities or for conditions resulting from accidental injuries, scars, tumors or diseases. when medically necessary.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing aids (Limited to one for each ear every three years)</li> <li>• Infertility treatment (Diagnosis covered but treatment and Invitro not covered)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine foot care (Only covered in connection with diabetes, circulatory disorders of the lower extremities, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral neuropathy, or chronic arterial or venous insufficiency)</li> </ul>

### Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

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

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan at 1-877-299-2377. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).

## Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to **appeal** or file a **grievance**. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas at 1-877-299-2377 or visit [www.bcbstx.com](http://www.bcbstx.com), or contact U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or visit [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform).

## Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?

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

## Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?

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

## Language Access Services:

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

## About These Coverage Examples:

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



**This is not a cost estimator.**

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

See the next page for important information about these examples.

### Having a baby (normal delivery)

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

#### Sample care costs:

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

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$2,300
Copays	\$200
Coinsurance	\$1,500
Limits or exclusions	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>

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

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$3,180
- Patient pays \$2,220

#### Sample care costs:

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

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$2,000
Copays	\$40
Coinsurance	\$100
Limits or exclusions	\$80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,220</b>

## Questions and answers about Coverage Examples:

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

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

### What does a Coverage Example show?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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