



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.bcbstx.com/tamus or by calling 1-866-295-1212.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
<p>What is the overall <u>deductible</u>?</p>	<p>In-Network \$400 Person/\$1,200 Family Out-of-Network \$800 Person/\$2,400 Family Doesn't apply to services that charge a copay, prescription drugs, and In-Network diagnostic tests and preventive care. Copays and per occurrence deductibles do not count toward meeting the deductible.</p>	<p>You must pay all the costs up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the deductible 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 deductible.</p>
<p>Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?</p>	<p>Yes. Out of Network: \$400 per non-emergency hospital admission. \$50 Rx deductible In- and Out-of-Network. There are no other specific deductibles.</p>	<p>You must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific deductible amount before this plan begins to pay for these services.</p>
<p>Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?</p>	<p>Yes. In-Network \$5,000 Person + \$400 Medical Deductible/ \$10,000 Family + \$1,200 Medical Deductible Out-of-Network \$10,000 Person + \$800 Medical Deductible/ \$20,000 Family + \$2,400 Medical Deductible</p>	<p>The out-of-pocket 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.</p>
<p>What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u>?</p>	<p>Premiums, preauthorization penalties, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.</p>	<p>Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.</p>
<p>Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u>?</p>	<p>Yes. See www.bcbstx.com/tamus or call 1-866-295-1212 for a list of In-Network providers.</p>	<p>If you use an in-network doctor or other health care provider, 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 provider for some services. Plans use the term in-network, preferred, or participating for providers in their network. See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of providers.</p>
<p>Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u>?</p>	<p>No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.</p>	<p>You can see the specialist you choose without permission from this plan.</p>
<p>Are there services this plan doesn't cover?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 5. See your policy or plan document for additional information about excluded services.</p>

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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 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**.)
- This plan may encourage you to use In-Network **providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use an In-Network Provider	Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$20 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Specialist visit	\$30 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Other practitioner office visit	\$30 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	Chiropractic services are limited to 30 visits per plan year for In- and Out-of-Network.
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge	Not Covered	---none---
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No Charge	50% coinsurance after deductible	Office visit copay may apply. Deductible waived In-Network.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	Certain Diagnostic Procedures only. See your policy or plan document for a list of procedures. Preauthorization may be required.

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<p>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</p> <p>More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.expressscripts.com</p>	Generic drugs	Retail: \$10 copay/ prescription after \$50 deductible Mail: \$20 copay/ prescription after \$50 deductible	Total cost of prescription at the time of service. 75% of allowable charges are reimbursed after deductible and applicable copayment.	Retail: one copay per 30 day supply Mail: two copays up to 90 day supply
	Preferred brand drugs	Retail: \$35 copay/ prescription after \$50 deductible Mail: \$70 copay/ prescription after \$50 deductible	Total cost of prescription at the time of service. 75% of allowable charges are reimbursed after deductible and applicable copayment.	Retail: one copay per 30 day supply Mail: two copays up to 90 day supply
	Non-preferred brand drugs	Retail: \$60 copay/ prescription after \$50 deductible Mail: \$120 copay/ prescription after \$50 deductible	Total cost of prescription at the time of service. 75% of allowable charges are reimbursed after deductible and applicable copayment.	Retail: one copay per 30 day supply Mail: two copays up to 90 day supply
	Specialty drugs	Generic \$10 copay Preferred \$35 copay Non-preferred \$60 copay/ after \$50 deductible	Total cost of prescription at the time of service. 75% of allowable charges are reimbursed after deductible and applicable copayment.	Beginning with second fill specialty medication must be filled through Specialty Pharmacy: one copayment per 30 day supply
<p>If you have outpatient surgery</p>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---

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If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	20% coinsurance after deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Emergency medical transportation	20% coinsurance after deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Urgent care	\$20/\$30 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible plus \$400 per occurrence deductible for non-emergency admission	All non-emergency services must be preauthorized; \$500 penalty for failure to preauthorize Out-of-Network.
	Physician/surgeon fee	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	\$20 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	Certain services must be preauthorized; refer to plan document.
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible plus \$400 per occurrence deductible for non-emergency admission	All non-emergency services must be preauthorized; \$500 penalty for failure to preauthorize Out-of-Network.
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	\$20 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	Certain services must be preauthorized; refer to plan document.
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible plus \$400 per occurrence deductible for non-emergency admission	All non-emergency services must be preauthorized; \$500 penalty for failure to preauthorize Out-of-Network.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use an In-Network Provider	Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	\$20/\$30 copay/initial visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	Specialist has higher copay. No Charge after initial copay. For physician services only.
	Delivery and all inpatient services	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible plus \$400 per occurrence deductible for non-emergency admission	All non-emergency services must be preauthorized; \$500 penalty for failure to preauthorize Out-of-Network.
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	All services must be preauthorized. Limited to 60 visits per plan year.
	Rehabilitation services	\$30 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Habilitation services	\$30 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Skilled nursing care	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	All services must be preauthorized. Limited to 60 days per plan year.
	Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Hospice service	20% coinsurance after deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	All services must be preauthorized. No plan maximums.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	\$20 copay/visit no deductible	50% coinsurance after deductible	---none---
	Glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	---none---
	Dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	---none---

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"> • Cosmetic surgery • Dental care (Adult) • Hearing aids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infertility treatment • Long-term care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine foot care (covered only with diagnosis of diabetes) • Weight loss programs (except Naturally Slim program)

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.)

- Acupuncture (limitations may apply)
- Chiropractic care (limitations may apply)
- Private-duty nursing
- Bariatric surgery (limitations may apply)
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Routine eye care (Adult Vision Screening)

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 1-866-295-1212. 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, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or 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 1-866-295-1212 or visit 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. Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your **appeal**. Contact the Texas Department of Insurance's Consumer Health Assistance Program at (855) 839-2427 or visit www.texashealthoptions.com.

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:

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 1-866-295-1212.

Tagalog (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 1-866-295-1212.

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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 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 \$5,640
- Patient pays \$1,900

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
Total	\$7,540

Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$400
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$1,300
Limits or exclusions	\$200
Total	\$1,900

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

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$4,120
- Patient pays \$1,280

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	\$400
Copays	\$600
Coinsurance	\$200
Limits or exclusions	\$80
Total	\$1,280

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 **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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