

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina:

Blue Advantage Bronze 5500

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

Coverage Period: 1/1/2017-12/31/2017

Coverage for: Individual + 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.bcbsnc.com/booklets or by calling 1-888-206-4697.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	<p><u>In-Network:</u> \$5,500 Individual/\$6,550 Family Member/ \$11,000 Family.</p> <p><u>Out-of-Network:</u> \$11,000 Individual/\$13,100 Family Member/ \$22,000 Family.</p> <p>Individuals are on Individual only plans; Family members and Families are on Family plans. Doesn't apply to In-Network preventive care. Coinsurance and copayments do not apply to the deductible.</p>	<p>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 3 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <u>deductible</u>.</p>
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 3 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	<p><u>In-Network:</u> \$6,550 Individual/\$6,550 Family Member/ \$13,100 Family.</p> <p><u>Out-of-Network:</u> \$13,100 Individual/\$13,100 Family Member/ \$26,200 Family.</p>	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 <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	Premiums, balance-billed charges, health care this plan doesn't cover and penalties for failure to obtain pre-authorization for services.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .

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Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No.	The chart starting on page 3 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u> ?	Yes. For a list of In-Network providers, visit www.bcbsnc.com/content/providersearch/index.htm or call 1-800-446-8053.	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 3 for how this plan pays different kinds of <u>providers</u> .
Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.	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 <u>excluded services</u> .



- **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**.

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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 <u>provider's</u> office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	20% after deductible/visit	50% after deductible/visit	---none---
	Specialist visit	20% after deductible/visit	50% after deductible/visit	---none---
	Other practitioner office visit	20% after deductible/visit	50% after deductible/visit	Limits may apply.
	Preventive care / screening / immunization	No Charge	Not Covered	Limits may apply.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	No coverage for tests not ordered by a doctor.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Precertification may be required.
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about <u>prescription drug coverage</u> is available at www.bcbsnc.com/content/services/formulary/presdrugben.htm	Tier 1 Drugs	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	No coverage for drugs in excess of quantity limits, or therapeutically equivalent to an over the counter drug. Other coverage limits may apply.
	Tier 2 Drugs	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	Same as above.
	Tier 3 Drugs	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	Same as above.
	Tier 4 Drugs	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	Same as above.
	Tier 5 Drugs	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	Same as above.
	Tier 6 Drugs	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	Same as above.

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If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	---none---
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	---none---
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	20% after deductible/visit	20% after deductible/visit	---none---
	Emergency medical transportation	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	---none---
	Urgent care	20% after deductible/visit	20% after deductible/visit	---none---
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Precertification may be required.
	Physician/surgeon fee	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	---none---
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	20% after deductible/office visit and 20% after deductible/ outpatient	50% after deductible	Prior authorization may be required.
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Precertification may be required.
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	20% after deductible/office visit and 20% after deductible/ outpatient	50% after deductible	Prior authorization may be required.
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Precertification may be required.

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If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	---none---
	Delivery and all inpatient services	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Precertification may be required
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Prior authorization may be required for benefits to be provided.
	Rehabilitation services	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Coverage is limited to 30 visits per benefit period for Occupational Therapy / Physical Therapy / Chiropractic services combined and 30 visits per benefit period for Speech Therapy.
	Habilitation services	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Same as above.
	Skilled nursing care	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Coverage is limited to 60 days per benefit period. Precertification may be required.
	Durable medical equipment	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Prior authorization may be required for benefits to be provided. Limits may apply.
	Hospice service	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Precertification may be required for inpatient services.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	20% after deductible	50% after deductible	Limits may apply.
	Glasses	20% after deductible	20% after deductible	Limited to one pair of glasses or contacts per benefit period.
	Dental check-up	No Charge	30% after deductible	Limited to twice per benefit period.

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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
- Long Term Care, Respite Care, Rest Cures
- Routine Foot Care
- Cosmetic Surgery and Services
- Weight Loss Programs
- Dental Care (Adult)
- Abortion (Except in the cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is endangered)
- Routine Eye Care (Adult)

*HSA funds, if available, may be used to cover eligible medical expenses

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
- Hearing Aids up to Age 22
- Private Duty Nursing
- Chiropractic Care
- Infertility Treatment
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S. (For coverage provided outside the U.S., visit www.bcbsnc.com)

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Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep this health insurance coverage as long as you pay your premium. There are exceptions, however, such as if:

- You commit fraud
- The insurer stops offering services in the State
- You move outside the coverage area

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact BCBSNC at 1-888-206-4697. You may also contact your state insurance department at 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1201, or toll free 1-855-408-1212.

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: North Carolina Department of Insurance at 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1201, or toll free 1-855-408-1212.

Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Services provided by Health Insurance Smart NC are available through the North Carolina Department of Insurance. Contact Health Insurance Smart NC, North Carolina Department of Insurance, 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1201, toll free: 1-855-408-1212.

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.**

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

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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 \$1,540
- Patient pays \$6,000

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	\$5,500
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$300
Limits or exclusions	\$200
Total	\$6,000

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

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$300
- Patient pays \$5,100

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	\$5,000
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$20
Limits or exclusions	\$80
Total	\$5,100

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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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