

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



Coverage Period: Beginning On or After 1/1/2019

Gold Access+ HMO® 1500/35 OffEx

Coverage for: Individual + Family | Plan Type: HMO

**⚠️** The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. **NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) 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, visit [bsca.com/policies/M0016532\\_EOC.pdf](https://bsca.com/policies/M0016532_EOC.pdf) or call 1-888-319-5999. For general definitions of common terms, such as allowed amount, balance billing, coinsurance, copayment, deductible, provider, or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary](https://healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary) or call 1-866-444-3272 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$1,500 per individual / \$3,000 per family for participating providers.	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from providers up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the plan each family member must meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible.
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes. Preventive care and services listed in your complete terms of coverage.	This plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the deductible amount. But a copayment or coinsurance may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without cost-sharing and before you meet your deductible. See a list of covered preventive services at <a href="https://healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits">healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits</a> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	Yes. Prescription drugs -- \$250 per individual / \$500 per family. There are no other specific deductibles.	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.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?	\$7,000 per individual / \$14,000 per family for participating providers.	The out-of-pocket limit is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan, the overall family out-of-pocket limit must be met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Copayments for certain services, premiums, 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 network provider?	Yes. See <a href="https://blueshieldca.com/fap">blueshieldca.com/fap</a> or call 1-888-319-5999 for a list of network providers.	This plan uses a provider network. You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network. You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider, and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing). Be aware, your network provider might use an out-of-network provider for some services (such as lab work). Check with your provider before you get services.
Do you need a referral to see a specialist?	Yes.	This plan will pay some or all of the costs to see a specialist for covered services but only if you have a referral before you see the specialist.

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 All **copayment** and **coinsurance** costs shown in this chart are after your **deductible** has been met, if a **deductible** applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		<u>Participating Provider</u> (You will pay the least)	<u>Non-Participating Provider</u> (You will pay the most)	
<b>If you visit a health care <u>provider's</u> office or clinic</b>	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	Self-referral is available for Access+ Specialist visits.
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	<i>Access+ Specialist:</i> \$60/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Other Specialist:</i> \$60/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	
	<u>Preventive care/screening</u> /immunization	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	You may have to pay for services that aren't <u>preventive</u> . Ask your <u>provider</u> if the services needed are <u>preventive</u> . Then check what your <u>plan</u> will pay for.
<b>If you have a test</b>	<u>Diagnostic test</u> (x-ray, blood work)	<i>Lab &amp; Path:</i> \$15/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>X-Ray &amp; Imaging:</i> \$50/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Other Diagnostic Examination:</i> \$50/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<i>Lab &amp; Path:</i> Not Covered <i>X-Ray &amp; Imaging:</i> Not Covered <i>Other Diagnostic Examination:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. The services listed are at a freestanding location.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	<i>Outpatient Radiology Center:</i> \$50/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> \$250/visit	<i>Outpatient Radiology Center:</i> Not Covered <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.

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		<u>Participating Provider</u> (You will pay the least)	<u>Non-Participating Provider</u> (You will pay the most)	
<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b> More information about prescription drug coverage is available at <a href="http://blueshieldca.com/formulary">blueshieldca.com/formulary</a>	Tier 1	<i>Retail:</i> \$15/prescription; Calendar year pharmacy deductible does not apply <i>Mail Service:</i> \$30/prescription; Calendar year pharmacy deductible does not apply	<i>Retail:</i> Not Covered <i>Mail Service:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required for select drugs. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. <i>Retail:</i> Covers up to a 30-day supply; <i>Mail Service:</i> Covers up to a 90-day supply.
	Tier 2	<i>Retail:</i> \$30/prescription <i>Mail Service:</i> \$60/prescription	<i>Retail:</i> Not Covered <i>Mail Service:</i> Not Covered	
	Tier 3	<i>Retail:</i> \$50/prescription <i>Mail Service:</i> \$100/prescription	<i>Retail:</i> Not Covered <i>Mail Service:</i> Not Covered	
	Tier 4	<i>Retail and Network Specialty Pharmacies:</i> 20% <u>coinsurance</u> up to \$250/prescription <i>Mail Service:</i> 20% <u>coinsurance</u> up to \$500/prescription	<i>Retail:</i> Not Covered <i>Mail Service:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. <i>Retail and Network Specialty Pharmacies:</i> Covers up to a 30-day supply; <u>Specialty Drugs</u> must be obtained at a Network Specialty Pharmacy. <i>Mail Service:</i> Covers up to a 90-day supply.
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	<i>Ambulatory Surgery Center:</i> \$150/surgery <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> \$300/surgery	<i>Ambulatory Surgery Center:</i> Not Covered <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> Not Covered	-----None-----
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge; Calendar year medical deductible does not apply	Not Covered	-----None-----
<b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>	<u>Emergency room care</u>	<i>Facility Fee:</i> \$200/visit <i>Physician Fee:</i> No Charge; Calendar year medical deductible does not apply	<i>Facility Fee:</i> \$200/visit <i>Physician Fee:</i> No Charge; Calendar year medical deductible does not apply	-----None-----

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		Participating Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Participating Provider (You will pay the most)	
	<u>Emergency medical transportation</u>	\$100/transport; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	\$100/transport; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	This payment is for emergency or authorized transport.
	<u>Urgent care</u>	<i>Within <u>Plan</u> Service Area:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Outside <u>Plan</u> Service Area:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<i>Within <u>Plan</u> Service Area:</i> Not Covered <i>Outside <u>Plan</u> Service Area:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	-----None-----
<b>If you have a hospital stay</b>	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	-----None-----
<b>If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services</b>	Outpatient services	<i>Office Visit:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Other Outpatient Services:</i> No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Partial Hospitalization:</i> No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Psychological Testing:</i> No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<i>Office Visit:</i> Not Covered <i>Other Outpatient Services:</i> Not Covered <i>Partial Hospitalization:</i> Not Covered <i>Psychological Testing:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required except for office visits, electroconvulsive therapy, and psychological testing. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.

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		<u>Participating Provider</u> (You will pay the least)	<u>Non-Participating Provider</u> (You will pay the most)	
	Inpatient services	<i>Physician Inpatient Services:</i> No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Hospital Services:</i> 20% <u>coinsurance</u> <i>Residential Care:</i> 20% <u>coinsurance</u>	<i>Physician Inpatient Services:</i> Not Covered <i>Hospital Services:</i> Not Covered <i>Residential Care:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	-----None-----
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	-----None-----
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not Covered	-----None-----
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	<u>Home health care</u>	\$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. Coverage limited to 100 visits per member per calendar year.
	<u>Rehabilitation services</u>	<i>Office Visit:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<i>Office Visit:</i> Not Covered <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> Not Covered	-----None-----

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		Participating Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Participating Provider (You will pay the most)	
	<u>Habilitation services</u>	<i>Office Visit:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> \$35/visit; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<i>Office Visit:</i> Not Covered <i>Outpatient Hospital:</i> Not Covered	
	<u>Skilled nursing care</u>	<i>Freestanding SNF:</i> \$150/day <i>Hospital-based SNF:</i> \$150/day	<i>Freestanding SNF:</i> Not Covered <i>Hospital-based SNF:</i> Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. Coverage limited to 100 days per member per benefit period.
	<u>Durable medical equipment</u>	50% <u>coinsurance</u> ; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
	<u>Hospice services</u>	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required except for pre-hospice consultation. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
<b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>	Children's eye exam	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	Coverage limited to one exam per member per calendar year.
	Children's glasses	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	Coverage is limited to one eyeglass frame and eyeglass lenses or contact lenses instead of eyeglasses, up to the benefit per calendar year. The cost listed is for Single Vision.
	Children's dental check-up	No Charge; Calendar year medical <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	Coverage for prophylaxis services (cleaning) is limited to once in a six month period.

**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.)**

- Cosmetic surgery
- Long-term care
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine foot care

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- Dental care (Adult)
- Hearing Aids
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Weight loss programs

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

- Acupuncture
- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic Care
- Infertility Treatment

**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: Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [cciio.cms.gov](http://cciio.cms.gov). Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information about the Marketplace, visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:** There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your plan for a denial of a claim. This complaint is called a grievance or appeal. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical claim. Your plan documents also provide complete information to submit a claim, appeal, or a grievance for any reason to your plan. For more information about your rights, this notice or assistance, contact: Blue Shield Customer Service at 1-888-319-5999 or the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)** or [dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform). Additionally, you can contact the California Department of Managed Health Care Help at 1-888-466-2219 or visit [helpline@dmhc.ca.gov](mailto:helpline@dmhc.ca.gov) or visit <http://www.healthhelp.ca.gov>.

**Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes**

If you don't have Minimum Essential Coverage for a month, you'll have to make a payment when you file your tax return unless you qualify for an exemption from the requirement that you have health coverage for that month.

**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.

## Language Access Services:

English: For assistance in English at no cost, call 1-866-346-7198.

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español sin cargo, llame al 1-866-346-7198.

Tagalog (Tagalog): Kung kailanganninyo ang libreng tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 1-866-346-7198.

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Punjabi(ਪੰਜਾਬੀ): پنجابی وچ مدد لئی مہربانی کر کے 1-866-346-7198 تے مفت کال کرو۔

Khmer (ភាសាខ្មែរ): សូមទំនួលយកអាសាមត់រដ្ឋសម្រាប់ការជួយឥតគិតថ្លៃ សូមទាក់ទងមកលេខ 1-866-346-7198.

Arabic(العربية): للحصول على المساعدة في اللغة العربية مجاناً ، اتصل بنا على هذا الرقم: 1-866-346-7198.

Hmong (Hnoob): Xav tau kev pab dawb lub Hmoob, thov hu rau 1-866-346-7198.

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*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 plan might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your providers charge, and many other factors. Focus on the cost sharing amounts (deductibles, copayments and coinsurance) and excluded services under the plan. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health plans. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

**Peg is Having a Baby**  
(9 months of participating pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

- The plan's overall deductible \$1,500
- Specialist copayment \$60
- Hospital (facility) coinsurance 20%
- Other copayment \$15

**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*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$12,800</b>
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**In this example, Peg would pay:**

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$1,500
Copayments	\$290
Coinsurance	\$1,790
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
<b>The total Peg would pay is</b>	<b>\$3,640</b>

**Managing Joe's Type 2 Diabetes**  
(a year of routine participating care of a well-controlled condition)

- The plan's overall deductible \$1,500
- Specialist copayment \$60
- Hospital (facility) coinsurance 20%
- Other copayment \$15

**This EXAMPLE event includes services like:**

- Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)
- Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)
- Prescription drugs
- Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>
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**In this example, Joe would pay:**

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$250
Copayments	\$1,370
Coinsurance	\$860
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
<b>The total Joe would pay is</b>	<b>\$2,540</b>

**Mia's Simple Fracture**  
(participating emergency room visit and follow up care)

- The plan's overall deductible \$1,500
- Specialist copayment \$60
- Hospital (facility) coinsurance 20%
- Other copayment \$50

**This EXAMPLE event includes services like:**

- Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
- Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)
- Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
- Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
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**In this example, Mia would pay:**

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$430
Coinsurance	\$40
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
<b>The total Mia would pay is</b>	<b>\$470</b>

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The plan would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.



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  - Written information in other formats (including large print, audio, accessible electronic formats and other formats)
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  - Information written in other languages

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Blue Shield of California  
Civil Rights Coordinator  
P.O. Box 629007  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-9007

**Phone: (844) 831-4133 (TTY: 711)**

**Fax: (844) 696-6070**

**Email: [BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com](mailto:BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com)**

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

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200 Independence Avenue SW.  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, DC 20201  
(800) 368-1019; TTY: (800) 537-7697

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