BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

: Jefferson County Commission

Coverage For: Individual + Family **Plan Type:** PPO

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, call Human Resources at 205-325-5249 or visit us at www.jeffconline.org. 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 www.bcbsal.org/sbcglossary/ or call 1-877-255-7250 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	From 10/01/2023 to 09/30/2024: $200 individual in-network. $1,000 individual out-of-network.	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 services in-network are covered before you meet your deductible.	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 https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/.
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet deductible for specific services.
What is the out–of–pocket limit for this plan?	$2,000 individual.	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, they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limit until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.
What is not included in the out–of–pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billed charges, health care this plan doesn't cover, pre-certification penalties and specialty drug manufacturer assistance programs.	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 AlabamaBlue.com or call 1-800-810-BLUE 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?	No.	You can see the specialist you choose without a referral.

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
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	$25 copay/visit No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	In-network copay waived when services are rendered at Cooper Green Mercy Health Services
	Specialist visit	$25 copay/visit No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	
	Preventive care/screening/ immunization	No Charge No overall deductible	Not Covered	Please visit AlabamaBlue.com/preventiveservices; additional services are available. 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 No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are physician services; facility benefits are also available; precertification may be required
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about **prescription drug coverage** is available at AlabamaBlue.com/pharmacy	Tier 1 Drugs	$5 copay (retail) $10 copay (mail order) No overall deductible	Not Covered	Prior authorization required for specific drugs; the cost share for drugs on the FlexAccess Drug List may vary based on available drug manufacturer assistance; if assistance is available, the amount member pays out-of-pocket will be set by the drug manufacturer assistance program; go to AlabamaBlue.com/FlexAccessDrugList for a list of retail drugs in the FlexAccess Program.
	Tier 2 Drugs	$40 copay (retail) $80 copay (mail order) No overall deductible	Not Covered	
	Tier 3 Drugs	$90 copay (retail) $180 copay (mail order) No overall deductible	Not Covered	
	Tier 4 Drugs	$150 copay (retail) No overall deductible	Not Covered	
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	$100 copay No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	In Alabama, out-of-network not covered; facility copay waived for services rendered at Cooper Green Health Services Facility
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	None

* For more information about limitations and exceptions, see the plan or policy document at AlabamaBlue.com.

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		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	Accident: $200 copay/visit No overall deductible Medical Emergency: $200 copay/visit No overall deductible	Accident: $200 copay/visit No overall deductible Medical Emergency: $200 copay/visit No overall deductible	Physician charges apply; copay waived if admitted; non-medical emergencies subject to higher patient responsibility
	Emergency medical transportation	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	Subject to in-network overall deductible
	Urgent care	$25 copay/visit No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	In-network copay waived when services are rendered at Cooper Green Mercy Health Services
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	$100 copay/day days 1-3 No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	In Alabama, out-of-network benefits are only available for medical emergency and accidental injury; precertification is required
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	None
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	$25 copay/visit for office visits, 20% coinsurance other outpatient services	Not Covered	Office visits limited to 15 visits/year. Overall deductible does not apply. No coverage unless pre-authorized by Behavioral Health Systems. No coverage for services by out-of-network providers. Substance abuse rehabilitation benefits limited to employees only and to one treatment episode per lifetime. Substance abuse benefits for dependents limited to one treatment episode of detoxification per year.
	Inpatient services	$100 copay per day for days 1 – 3 for inpatient, 20% coinsurance for intensive outpatient	Not Covered	
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	Cost sharing does not apply for preventive services. Depending on the type of services, a copayment, coinsurance or deductible may apply. Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound)
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	$100 copay/day days 1-3 No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	

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If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	Limited to a maximum of 60 visits per member per plan year; benefits are also available for home infusion services; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered; precertification may be required for coverage
	Rehabilitation services	20% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are for Rehabilitation & Habilitation services; each service has a separate 20 visit maximum for occupational, physical and speech therapy
	Habilitation services	20% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	
	Skilled nursing care	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	Limited to 60 days per person per plan year; out-of-network is subject to the in-network plan year deductible; precertification is required
	Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	None
	Hospice services	No Charge No overall deductible	50% coinsurance	Limited to a 180 day lifetime maximum per person; in Alabama out-of-network not covered; precertification is required
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No Charge No overall deductible	Not Covered	Please visit AlabamaBlue.com/preventiveservices
	Children's glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not covered; member pays 100%
	Children's dental check-up	No Charge No overall deductible	Not Covered	Please visit AlabamaBlue.com/preventiveservices

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.)

- Acupuncture
- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (Adult)
- Glasses, child
- Hearing aids
- Long-term care
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Routine foot care
- Weight loss programs

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Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)		
• Bariatric surgery • Chiropractic care	• Infertility treatment (limitations apply)	• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.

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 Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. 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 www.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: Your plan administrator at the phone number listed in your benefit booklet. You may also contact Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform.

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

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes plans, health insurance available through the Marketplace 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 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.

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

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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 in-network pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

The plan's overall deductible	$200
Specialist copay/coinsurance	$25/0%
Hospital (facility) copay/coinsurance	$100/0%
Other copay/coinsurance	$200/20%

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:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	$0
Copayments	$210
Coinsurance	$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$60
The total Peg would pay is	$270

Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes
(a year of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)

The plan's overall deductible	$200
Specialist copay/coinsurance	$25/0%
Hospital (facility) copay/coinsurance	$100/0%
Other copay/coinsurance	$200/20%

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*)

Total Example Cost	**$5,600**

In this example, Joe would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	$170
Copayments	$560
Coinsurance	$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$40
The total Joe would pay is	$770

Mia's Simple Fracture
(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

The plan's overall deductible	$200
Specialist copay/coinsurance	$25/0%
Hospital (facility) copay/coinsurance	$100/0%
Other copay/coinsurance	$200/20%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:
Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
Diagnostic tests (*x-ray*)
Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

Total Example Cost	**$2,800**

In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	$200
Copayments	$260
Coinsurance	$270
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$0
The total Mia would pay is	$730

Note: These numbers assume the patient does not participate in the plan's wellness program. If you participate in the plan's wellness program, you may be able to reduce your costs. For more information about the wellness program, please contact: AlabamaBlue.com.