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

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Coverage Period: Beginning On or After 1/1/2026

Gold Local Access+ HMO® 500/35 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/M0042244_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 or call **1-866-444-3272** to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	**$500** per individual / **$1,000** 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 healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits.
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	Yes. Prescription drugs -- **$100** per individual / **$200** 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?	**$7,800** per individual / **$15,600** 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, they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limits until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been 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 blueshieldca.com/fad 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
		Participating Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Participating 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	$35/visit; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	----------None----------
	Specialist visit	*Access+ Specialist*: $60/visit; deductible does not apply *Other Specialist*: $60/visit; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Self-referral is available for Access+ Specialist visits.
	Preventive care/screening /immunization	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	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)	*Lab & Path*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply *X-Ray & Imaging*: $55/visit; deductible does not apply *Other Diagnostic Examination*: $55/visit; deductible does not apply	*Lab & Path*: Not Covered *X-Ray & Imaging*: Not Covered *Other Diagnostic Examination*: Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits. The services listed are at a freestanding location.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	*Outpatient Radiology Center*: $100/visit; deductible does not apply *Outpatient Hospital*: $250/visit	*Outpatient Radiology Center*: Not Covered *Outpatient Hospital*: Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits.
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about **prescription drug coverage** is available at blueshieldca.com/formulary	Tier 1	*Retail*: Level A: $20/prescription; deductible does not apply Level B: $25/prescription; deductible does not apply *Mail Service*: $40/prescription; deductible does not apply	*Retail*: Not Covered *Mail Service*: Not Covered	Preauthorization is required for select drugs. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits. *Retail*: Covers up to a 30-day supply; 90-days may be covered with a copayment for each 30-day supply; *Mail Service*: Covers up to a 90-day supply.
	Tier 2	*Retail:* Level A: $50/prescription Level B: $70/prescription *Mail Service*: $100/prescription	*Retail*: Not Covered *Mail Service*: Not Covered	

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	Tier 3	*Retail*: Level A: $70/prescription Level B: $100/prescription *Mail Service*: $140/prescription	*Retail*: Not Covered *Mail Service*: Not Covered	
	Tier 4	*Retail and Network Specialty Pharmacies*: 20% coinsurance up to $250/prescription *Mail Service*: 20% coinsurance up to $500/prescription	*Retail*: Not Covered *Mail Service*: Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits. *Retail and Network Specialty Pharmacies*: Covers up to a 30-day supply; Specialty drugs must be obtained at a Network Specialty Pharmacy. *Mail Service*: Covers up to a 90-day supply.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	*Ambulatory Surgery Center*: $300/surgery *Outpatient Hospital*: $400/surgery	*Ambulatory Surgery Center*: Not Covered *Outpatient Hospital*: Not Covered	----------None----------
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	*Facility Fee*: $300/visit *Physician Fee*: No Charge; deductible does not apply	*Facility Fee*: $300/visit *Physician Fee*: No Charge; deductible does not apply	----------None----------
	Emergency medical transportation	$175/transport	$175/transport	This payment is for emergency or authorized transport.
	Urgent care	$35/visit; deductible does not apply	*Within Plan Service Area*: Not Covered *Outside Plan Service Area*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply	----------None----------
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% coinsurance	Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits.

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	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	----------None----------
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	*Office Visit*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply *Other Outpatient Services*: No Charge; deductible does not apply *Partial Hospitalization*: No Charge; deductible does not apply *Psychological Testing*: No Charge; deductible does not apply	*Office Visit*: Not Covered *Other Outpatient Services*: Not Covered *Partial Hospitalization*: Not Covered *Psychological Testing*: Not Covered	Preauthorization is required except for office visits and office-based opioid treatment. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits.
	Inpatient services	*Physician Inpatient Services*: No Charge; deductible does not apply *Hospital Services*: 20% coinsurance *Residential Care*: 20% coinsurance	*Physician Inpatient Services:* Not Covered *Hospital Services:* Not Covered *Residential Care:* Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits.
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	----------None----------
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	20% coinsurance	Not Covered	
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	$35/visit; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits. Coverage limited to 100 visits per member per Calendar Year.
	Rehabilitation services	*Office Visit*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply *Outpatient Hospital*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply	*Office Visit*: Not Covered *Outpatient Hospital*: Not Covered	----------None----------

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	Habilitation services	*Office Visit*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply *Outpatient Hospital*: $35/visit; deductible does not apply	*Office Visit*: Not Covered *Outpatient Hospital*: Not Covered	
	Skilled nursing care	*Freestanding SNF*: $300/day *Hospital-based SNF*: $300/day	*Freestanding SNF*: Not Covered *Hospital-based SNF*: Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits. Coverage limited to 100 days per member per benefit period.
	Durable medical equipment	50% coinsurance; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Preauthorization is required. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits.
	Hospice services	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Preauthorization is required except for pre-hospice consultation. Failure to obtain preauthorization may result in non-payment of benefits.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No Charge; deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Coverage limited to one exam per member per Calendar Year.
	Children's glasses	No Charge; deductible 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; deductible 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
- Dental care (Adult)
- Hearing Aids
- Infertility Treatment
- Long-term care
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Routine foot care
- Weight loss programs

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

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- Acupuncture
- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic Care

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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. Additionally, you can contact the California Department of Managed Health Care Help at 1-888-466-2219 or visit helpline@dmhc.ca.gov or visit http://www.healthhelp.ca.gov.

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 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.

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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 participating pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

The plan's overall deductible	$500
Specialist copayment	$60
Hospital (facility) coinsurance	20%
Other copayment	$35

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	$500
Copayments	$600
Coinsurance	$1,300
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$60
The total Peg would pay is	**$2,460**

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

The plan's overall deductible	$500
Specialist copayment	$60
Hospital (facility) coinsurance	20%
Other copayment	$35

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	$100
Copayments	$1,300
Coinsurance	$400
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$20
The total Joe would pay is	**$1,820**

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

The plan's overall deductible	$500
Specialist copayment	$60
Hospital (facility) coinsurance	20%
Other copayment	$55

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

Total Example Cost	**$2,800**

In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	$500
Copayments	$500
Coinsurance	$40
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$0
The total Mia would pay is	**$1,040**

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

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