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Coverage for: 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 1-800-499-1275 or visit Our website at www.excellusbcbs.com. 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.cciio.cms.gov or www.healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary or call 1-800-499-1275 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	In-Network: $1,300 Individual/ $2,600 Family; Out-of-Network: $5,000 Individual/ $10,000 Family	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 preventive Prescription drugs or to services in Phase 1	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 deductibles for specific services.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?	In-Network: $9,750 Individual/$19,500 Family; Out-of-Network: $10,000 Individual/ $20,000 Family	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?	Costs for premiums, balance billing charges, 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 www.excellusbcbs.com or call 1-800-499-1275 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
		In-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	$40 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	40% Coinsurance	None Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
	Specialist visit	$70 Copay/visit	40% Coinsurance	
	Preventive care/screening/ immunization	Adult Physical: No Charge Adult Immunizations: No Charge Well Child Visit: No Charge Deductible does not apply	Adult Physical: 40% Coinsurance Adult Immunizations: 40% Coinsurance Well Child Visit: 40% Coinsurance	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. 1 Exam per 1 CalendarYear
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	X-Ray: $70 Copay/visit X-Ray: Deductible does not apply Blood Work: $40 Copay/visit Blood Work: Deductible does not apply	X-Ray: 40% Coinsurance Blood Work: 40% Coinsurance	None Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	$100 Specialist Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	40% Coinsurance	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about **prescription drug coverage** is available at www.excellusbcbs.com/rxlist	Tier 1 (Generic drugs)	$10/prescription retail, $25/ prescription mail order No Charge retail/mail order for Members to age 19 Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Most generic drugs are included in Tier 1; however, some generic drugs may also be included in Tier 2 or Tier 3 Covers up to a 30-day supply (retail); 90-day supply (mail order)/prescription. Specialty Drugs may be limited to a 30-day supply/prescription. Preauthorization required. If you don't get a preauthorization, you must pay the entire cost and submit a claim to us for reimbursement. Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis
	Tier 2 (Preferred brand drugs)	$45/prescription retail, $112.50/prescription mail order Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	

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		In-Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
	Tier 3 (Non-preferred brand drugs)	$90/prescription retail, $225/ prescription mail order Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA). Cost-Sharing for epinephrine devices shall not exceed $100 per Plan Year.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	None Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	$300 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	$300 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	None Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
	Emergency medical transportation	$300 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	$300 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	None Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
	Urgent care	$70 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	40% Coinsurance	None Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	None

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	Physician/surgeon fees	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	Cost-Sharing for covered services with a primary diagnosis of mental health or substance use disorder may be lower than the Cost-Sharing listed in order to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA).
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	No Charge	40% Coinsurance	20 visits for family counseling
	Inpatient services	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	None
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No Charge	40% Coinsurance	Cost sharing does not apply for preventive services.
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound.). Depending on the type of services, a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible may apply.
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	None
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	40 Visits per contract year limit. The visit limit does not apply to Home Health Care for a mental health condition or substance use disorder.
	Rehabilitation services	$40 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	40% Coinsurance	60 Visits per 1 CalendarYear limit. The visit limit does not apply to Rehabilitation Services for a mental health condition or substance use disorder.
	Habilitation services	$40 Copay/visit Deductible does not apply	40% Coinsurance	60 Visits per 1 CalendarYear limit. The visit limit does not apply to Habilitation Services for a mental health condition or substance use disorder.
	Skilled nursing care	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	200 Days per contract year limit. The visit limit does not apply to Skilled Nursing Care for a mental health condition or substance use disorder.
	Durable medical equipment	50% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	None
	Hospice services	20% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance	210 Days per contract year limit Family bereavement counseling limited to 5 Visits per contract year
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No Charge Deductible does not apply	40% Coinsurance	1 Exam per contract year

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		In-Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
	Children's glasses	50% Coinsurance	50% Coinsurance	1 Purchase per contract year
	Children's dental check-up	No Charge Deductible does not apply	No Charge Deductible does not apply	None

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)
- Long-term care
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Private-duty nursing
- 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.)

- Abortion
- Acupuncture
- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic care
- Hearing aids
- Infertility treatment
- Routine eye care (Adult)

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 https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/ask-a-question/ask-ebsa. 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: the phone number on Your ID card or www.excellusbcbs.com; Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/ask-a-question/ask-ebsa; New York State Department of Financial Services Consumer Assistance Unit at 1-800-342-3736 or www.dfs.ny.gov. Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact the Consumer Assistance Program at 1-888-614-5400, or e-mail cha@cssny.org or www.communityhealthadvocates.org. A list of states with Consumer Assistance Programs is available at: https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/laws-and-regulations/laws/affordable-care-act/for-employers-and-advisers/consumer-assistance-programs.doc and www.cms.gov/CCIIO/Resources/Consumer-Assistance-Grants.

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.

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

––––––––––––––––––––––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	**$1,300**
Specialist copayment	**$70**
Hospital (facility) coinsurance	**20%**
Other coinsurance	**50%**

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	**$12,690**

In this example, Peg would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	$1,300
Copayments	$300
Coinsurance	$1,950
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$20
The total Peg would pay is	**$3,570**

Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes

(a year of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)

The plan's overall deductible	**$1,300**
Specialist copayment	**$70**
Hospital (facility) coinsurance	**20%**
Other coinsurance	**50%**

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	$0
Copayments	$1,630
Coinsurance	$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$20
The total Joe would pay is	**$1,650**

Mia's Simple Fracture

(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

The plan's overall deductible	**$1,300**
Specialist copayment	**$70**
Hospital (facility) coinsurance	**20%**
Other coinsurance	**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*)

Total Example Cost	**$2,800**

In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	$250
Copayments	$950
Coinsurance	$0
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	$0
The total Mia would pay is	**$1,200**

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

Notice of Availability of Language Assistance Services

ATTENTION: If you speak English, free language assistance services are available to you. Appropriate auxiliary aids and services to provide information in accessible formats are also available free of charge. To access these services, please call us at 1-877-626-9298 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).

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ATANSYON: Si ou pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, sèvis asistans lang gratis disponib pou ou. Èd ak sèvis oksilyè apwopriye pou bay enfòmasyon nan fòma aksesib yo disponib tou gratis. Pou jwenn aksè nan sèvis sa yo, tanpri rele nou nan 1-877-626-9298 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).

توجه: اگر به زبان دری صحبت می کنید، خدمات کمک زبان رایگان برای شما قابل دسترس است. کمک امدادی مناسب و خدمات برای دسترسی به معلومات در فرمت میسر بصورت مجانی ارائه می‌شود. برای دسترسی به این خدامت، با این شماره ها تماس حاصل کنید 1-877-626-9298 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).

TAHADHARI: Ikiwa unazungumza Kiswahili, huduma za usaidizi wa lugha bila malipo zinapatikana kwa ajili yako. Misaada ya ziada inayofaa na huduma za kutoa habari katika miundo inayofikika zinapatikana pia bila malipo Ili kupata huduma hizi, tafadhali tupigie simu kwa 1-877-626-9298 (TTY: 1-800-662-1220).