



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 www.sharphealthplan.com/CalPERS or call 1-855-995-5004. 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.healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary/ or call Sharp Health Plan at 1-855-995-5004 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible ?	\$0	See the Common Medical Events chart below for services this plan covers.
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible ?	N/A	N/A
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 ?	Medical: \$1,500 Individual / \$3,000 Family Pharmacy: \$6,400 Individual / \$12,800 Family / \$1,000 Mail order	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. OptumRx serves as CalPERS' pharmacy benefit manager.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit ?	Premiums , copayments for supplemental benefits (except prescription drugs), 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.sharphealthplan.com/CalPERS or call 1-855-995-5004 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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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	\$15 copay /visit	Not covered	None
	Specialist visit	\$15 copay /visit	Not covered	Preauthorization is required, except for obstetric gynecologic services.
	Other practitioner office visit	Acupuncture/Chiropractic : \$15 copay /visit	Not covered	Acupuncture/Chiropractic coverage is limited to 20 combined visits/calendar year without preauthorization . Cost sharing for covered supplemental Acupuncture/Chiropractic services do not count towards the out-of-pocket limit .
	Preventive care / screening /immunization	No charge	Not covered	You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive . Ask your provider if the services you need are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No charge/visit (blood work) No charge/visit (x-rays)	Not covered	None
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No charge/procedure	Not covered	Preauthorization is required.

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		In Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.optumrx.com/calpers	Preferred generic drugs	\$5/30-day supply \$10/90-day supply	Not covered	More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.optumrx.com/calpers . After second fill you will pay the appropriate mail service copay for maintenance medication. 90-day supply allowed at Walgreen’s retail pharmacies and OptumRx Home Delivery.
	Preferred brand drugs	\$20/30-day supply \$40/90-day supply	Not covered	
	Non-preferred drugs	\$50/30-day supply \$100/90-day supply	Not covered	
	Specialty drugs	Specialty follows the tier structure above	Not covered	Certain Specialty Medications are available only through BriovaRx®, the OptumRx Specialty Pharmacy and are limited up to a 30-day supply.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge/procedure	Not covered	Preauthorization is required.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge/visit	Not covered	
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	\$50 copay /visit	\$50 copay /visit	Cost sharing waived if admitted to the hospital.
	Emergency medical transportation	No charge/trip	No charge/trip	None
	Urgent care	\$15 copay /visit	\$15 copay /visit	Services must be approved by your primary care provider and received at urgent care facilities affiliated with your Plan Medical Group. Out-of-Network services are covered only when you are outside of the Service Area for your Plan Network.
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No charge/admission	No charge/admission	Preauthorization is required for non-emergency services. Out-of-network services are covered for emergency care only.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge/visit	No charge/visit	

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		In Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient Services	Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Office visits: \$15 copay /visit Group therapy: \$15 copay /visit Other outpatient services*: No charge/visit	Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Office visits: Not covered Group therapy: Not covered Other outpatient services*: Not covered	Preauthorization is required. *Applies to intensive outpatient program and partial hospitalization program.
	Inpatient services	Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder No charge/admission (facility fee); No charge/visit (physician fee)	Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder No charge/admission (facility fee); No charge/visit (physician fee)	
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No charge/visit	Not covered	Cost sharing does not apply to certain preventive services . Depending on the type of services, a copayment , coinsurance , or deductible (if applicable) may apply. Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound). Out-of-network services are covered for emergency care only.
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No charge/visit	No charge/visit	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	No charge/admission	No charge/admission	

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		In Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No charge/visit	Not covered	Preauthorization is required. Coverage is limited to short-term, intermittent services, 100 visits/calendar year.
	Rehabilitation services	\$15 copay /visit	Not covered	Preauthorization is required. Includes physical therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy.
	Habilitation services	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
	Skilled nursing care	No charge/admission	Not covered	Preauthorization is required. Coverage is limited to 100 days/calendar year.
	Durable medical equipment	No charge	Not covered	Preauthorization is required.
	Hospice services	Inpatient: No charge/admission Outpatient: No charge/visit	Not covered	Preauthorization is required.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children’s eye exam	No charge/visit	Not covered	Eye exams are covered once every 12 months. Cost sharing for covered supplemental vision services do not count towards the out-of-pocket limit .
	Children’s glasses	No charge	Not covered	Eyeglasses or contact lenses (following cataract surgery). Cost sharing for covered supplemental vision services do not count towards the out-of-pocket limit .
	Children’s dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered

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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 .)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmetic Surgery • Dental Care (Adult and Child) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long Term Care • Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Duty Nursing • Routine Foot Care

Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acupuncture • Bariatric Surgery • Chiropractic Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing Aids • Infertility Treatment (including Artificial Insemination) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine eye care (Adult and Child) • Weight Loss Programs

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/ebsa/contactEBSA/consumerassistance.html>; California Department of Managed Health Care at 1-888-466-2219 or <http://www.HealthHelp.ca.gov>; Office of Personnel Management Multi State Plan Program at 1-800-318-2596 or <https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/multi-state-plan-program>. 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: California Department of Managed Health Care at 1-888-466-2219 or <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 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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Language Access Services:

English

ATTENTION: If you do not speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711).

Español (Spanish)

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711).

繁體中文 (Chinese)

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711)。

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese)

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711).

Tagalog (Tagalog – Filipino):

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711).

한국어 (Korean):

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711) 번으로 전화해 주십시오.

Հայերեն (Armenian):

ՈՒՇԱԴՐՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ՝ Եթե խոսում եք հայերեն, ապա ձեզ անվճար կարող են տրամադրվել լեզվական աջակցության ծառայություններ: Ձանգահարեք 1-800-359-2002 (TTY (հեռատիպ)՝ 711)։

فارسی (Farsi):

توجه: بگربه زبان فارسی گفتگو می کنید متسکالت بنیان به صورت رطگان برلی ش مت ماس بگوید (1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711) اب اب بشد می فر ام.

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Language Access Services (Cont.):

Русский (Russian):

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода.
Звоните 1-800-359-2002 (телетайп: 711).

日本語 (Japanese):

注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

(Arabic):

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية فإن خدمات المساعدين لغوية متوفرة للرد على أسئلتك مجاناً. اتصل بـ 1-800-359-2002 (رقم هاتف الصم والبكم: 711).

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ (Punjabi):

ਧਿਆਨ ਧਿਓ: ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਿੰਦੇ ਹੋ, ਤਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਧਿੰ ਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸੇਵਿਕਾ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਉਪਲਬਧ ਹੈ। 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711) 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

ខ្មែរ (Mon Khmer, Cambodian):

ប្រយ័ត្ន: បើសិនជាអ្នកនិយាយភាសាខ្មែរ, សេវាជំនួយផ្នែកភាសាដោយមិនគិតលុយគឺអាចមានសំរាប់បំរើអ្នក។ ចូរ ទូរស័ព្ទ

1-800-359-2002 (TTY: 711)។

Hmoob (Hmong):

LUS CEEV: Yog tias koj hais lus Hmoob, cov kev pab txog lus, muaj kev pab dawb rau koj. Hu rau 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711).

हिंदी (Hindi):

ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी बोलते हैं तो आपके लए मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। 1-800-359-2002 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।

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ภาษาไทย (Thai):

เรียน: ถ้าคุณพูดภาษาไทยคุณสามารถใช้บริการช่วยเหลือทางภาษาได้ ฟรี โทร 1-800-359-2002 (TTY:711).

Notice of Nondiscrimination

Sharp Health Plan complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Sharp Health Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Sharp Health Plan:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
 - Qualified sign language interpreters
 - Information in other formats (such as large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, or other formats) free of charge
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
 - Qualified interpreters
 - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Customer Care at 1-800-359-2002. If you believe that Sharp Health Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability, you can file a grievance with our Civil Rights Coordinator at:

Sharp Health Plan
Attn: Appeal/Grievance Department
8520 Tech Way, Suite 200
San Diego, CA 92123-1450
Telephone: 1-800-359-2002 (TTY: 711)
Fax: (619) 740-8572

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or you can also complete the online Grievance/Appeal form on the Plan's website sharphealthplan.com. Please call our Customer Care team at 1-800-359-2002 if you need help filing a grievance. You can also file a discrimination complaint if there is a concern of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights

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electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Notice of Nondiscrimination (Cont.)

The California Department of Managed Health Care is responsible for regulating health care service plans. If your Grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved by Sharp Health Plan or your Grievance has remained unresolved for more than 30 days, you may call toll-free the Department of Managed Care for assistance:

- 1-888-HMO-2219 Voice
- 1-877-688-9891 TDD

The Department of Managed Care's Internet Web site has complaint forms and instructions online:
<http://www.hmohelp.ca.gov>.

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

- The [plan's](#) overall [deductible](#) \$0
- [Specialist copayment](#) \$15
- Hospital (facility) [copayment](#) \$0
- Other [coinsurance](#) 0%

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	\$12,800
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In this example, Peg would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$100
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Peg would pay is	\$100

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

- The [plan's](#) overall [deductible](#) \$0
- [Specialist copayment](#) \$15
- Hospital (facility) [copayment](#) \$0
- Other [coinsurance](#) 0%

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	\$7,400
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In this example, Joe would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$600
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Joe would pay is	\$600

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

- The [plan's](#) overall [deductible](#) \$0
- [Specialist copayment](#) \$15
- Hospital (facility) [copayment](#) \$0
- Other [coinsurance](#) 0%

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	\$1,900
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In this example, Mia would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$100
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Mia would pay is	\$100

The [plan](#) would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.

Glossary of Health Coverage and Medical Terms

- This glossary has many commonly used terms, but isn't a full list. These glossary terms and definitions are intended to be educational and may be different from the terms and definitions in your plan. Some of these terms also might not have exactly the same meaning when used in your policy or plan, and in any such case, the policy or plan governs. (See your Summary of Benefits and Coverage for information on how to get a copy of your policy or plan document.)
- **Bold blue** text indicates a term defined in this Glossary.
- See page 4 for an example showing how **deductibles**, **co-insurance** and **out-of-pocket limits** work together in a real life situation.

Allowed Amount

Maximum amount on which payment is based for covered health care services. This may be called "eligible expense," "payment allowance" or "negotiated rate." If your **provider** charges more than the allowed amount, you may have to pay the difference. (See **Balance Billing**.)

Appeal

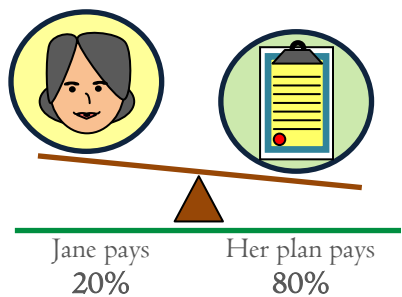
A request for your health insurer or **plan** to review a decision or a **grievance** again.

Balance Billing

When a **provider** bills you for the difference between the provider's charge and the **allowed amount**. For example, if the provider's charge is \$100 and the allowed amount is \$70, the provider may bill you for the remaining \$30. A **preferred provider** may **not** balance bill you for covered services.

Co-insurance

Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent (for example, 20%) of the **allowed amount** for the service. You pay co-insurance **plus** any **deductibles** you owe. For example, if the **health insurance** or **plan's** allowed amount for an office visit is \$100 and you've met your deductible, your co-insurance payment of 20% would be \$20. The health insurance or plan pays the rest of the allowed amount.



Complications of Pregnancy

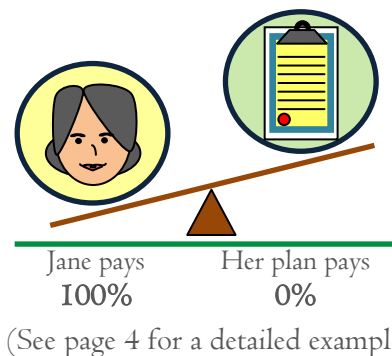
Conditions due to pregnancy, labor and delivery that require medical care to prevent serious harm to the health of the mother or the fetus. Morning sickness and a non-emergency caesarean section aren't complications of pregnancy.

Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$15) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service.

Deductible

The amount you owe for health care services your **health insurance** or **plan** covers before your health insurance or plan begins to pay. For example, if your deductible is \$1000, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your \$1000 deductible for covered health care services subject to the deductible. The deductible may not apply to all services.



Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Equipment and supplies ordered by a health care **provider** for everyday or extended use. Coverage for DME may include: oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, crutches or blood testing strips for diabetics.

Emergency Medical Condition

An illness, injury, symptom or condition so serious that a reasonable person would seek care right away to avoid severe harm.

Emergency Medical Transportation

Ambulance services for an **emergency medical condition**.

Emergency Room Care

Emergency services you get in an emergency room.

Emergency Services

Evaluation of an **emergency medical condition** and treatment to keep the condition from getting worse.

Excluded Services

Health care services that your **health insurance** or **plan** doesn't pay for or cover.

Grievance

A complaint that you communicate to your health insurer or **plan**.

Habilitation Services

Health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Health Insurance

A contract that requires your health insurer to pay some or all of your health care costs in exchange for a **premium**.

Home Health Care

Health care services a person receives at home.

Hospice Services

Services to provide comfort and support for persons in the last stages of a terminal illness and their families.

Hospitalization

Care in a hospital that requires admission as an inpatient and usually requires an overnight stay. An overnight stay for observation could be outpatient care.

Hospital Outpatient Care

Care in a hospital that usually doesn't require an overnight stay.

In-network Co-insurance

The percent (for example, 20%) you pay of the **allowed amount** for covered health care services to **providers** who contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. In-network co-insurance usually costs you less than **out-of-network co-insurance**.

In-network Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care services to **providers** who contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. In-network co-payments usually are less than **out-of-network co-payments**.

Medically Necessary

Health care services or supplies needed to prevent, diagnose or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease or its symptoms and that meet accepted standards of medicine.

Network

The facilities, **providers** and suppliers your health insurer or **plan** has contracted with to provide health care services.

Non-Preferred Provider

A **provider** who doesn't have a contract with your health insurer or **plan** to provide services to you. You'll pay more to see a non-preferred provider. Check your policy to see if you can go to all providers who have contracted with your **health insurance** or plan, or if your health insurance or plan has a "tiered" **network** and you must pay extra to see some providers.

Out-of-network Co-insurance

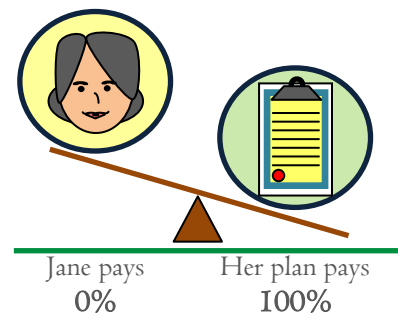
The percent (for example, 40%) you pay of the **allowed amount** for covered health care services to providers who do **not** contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. Out-of-network co-insurance usually costs you more than **in-network co-insurance**.

Out-of-network Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$30) you pay for covered health care services from providers who do **not** contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. Out-of-network co-payments usually are more than **in-network co-payments**.

Out-of-Pocket Limit

The most you pay during a policy period (usually a year) before your **health insurance** or **plan** begins to pay 100% of the **allowed amount**. This limit never includes your **premium**, **balance-billed** charges or health care your health



(See page 4 for a detailed example.)

insurance or plan doesn't cover. Some health insurance or plans don't count all of your **co-payments**, **deductibles**, **co-insurance** payments, out-of-network payments or other expenses toward this limit.

Physician Services

Health care services a licensed medical physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) provides or coordinates.

Plan

A benefit your employer, union or other group sponsor provides to you to pay for your health care services.

Preauthorization

A decision by your health insurer or **plan** that a health care service, treatment plan, **prescription drug** or **durable medical equipment** is **medically necessary**. Sometimes called prior authorization, prior approval or precertification. Your **health insurance** or plan may require preauthorization for certain services before you receive them, except in an emergency. Preauthorization isn't a promise your health insurance or plan will cover the cost.

Preferred Provider

A **provider** who has a contract with your health insurer or **plan** to provide services to you at a discount. Check your policy to see if you can see all preferred providers or if your **health insurance** or plan has a "tiered" **network** and you must pay extra to see some providers. Your health insurance or plan may have preferred providers who are also "participating" providers. Participating providers also contract with your health insurer or plan, but the discount may not be as great, and you may have to pay more.

Premium

The amount that must be paid for your **health insurance** or **plan**. You and/or your employer usually pay it monthly, quarterly or yearly.

Prescription Drug Coverage

Health insurance or **plan** that helps pay for **prescription drugs** and medications.

Prescription Drugs

Drugs and medications that by law require a prescription.

Primary Care Physician

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) who directly provides or coordinates a range of health care services for a patient.

Primary Care Provider

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or physician assistant, as allowed under state law, who provides, coordinates or helps a patient access a range of health care services.

Provider

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), health care professional or health care facility licensed, certified or accredited as required by state law.

Reconstructive Surgery

Surgery and follow-up treatment needed to correct or improve a part of the body because of birth defects, accidents, injuries or medical conditions.

Rehabilitation Services

Health care services that help a person keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Skilled Nursing Care

Services from licensed nurses in your own home or in a nursing home. Skilled care services are from technicians and therapists in your own home or in a nursing home.

Specialist

A physician specialist focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a **provider** who has more training in a specific area of health care.

UCR (Usual, Customary and Reasonable)

The amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what **providers** in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service. The UCR amount sometimes is used to determine the **allowed amount**.

Urgent Care

Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require **emergency room care**.

How You and Your Insurer Share Costs - Example

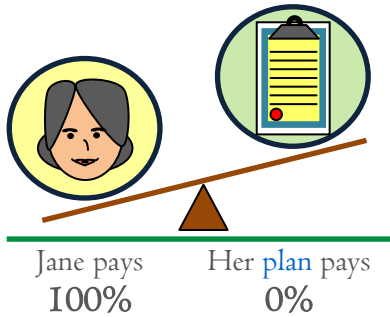
Jane's Plan Deductible: \$1,500

Co-insurance: 20%

Out-of-Pocket Limit: \$5,000

January 1st
Beginning of Coverage
Period

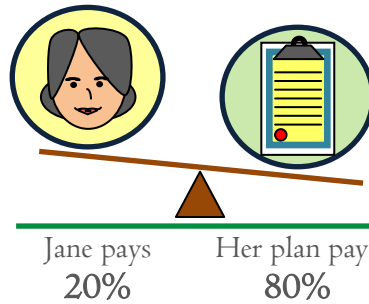
December 31st
End of Coverage Period



Jane hasn't reached her \$1,500 deductible yet

Her plan doesn't pay any of the costs.
Office visit costs: \$125
Jane pays: \$125
Her plan pays: \$0

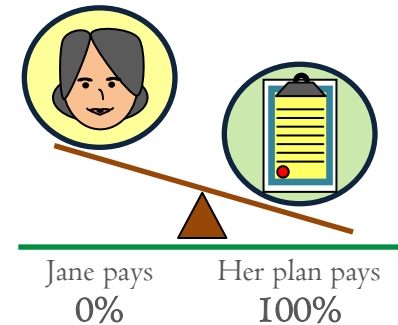
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Jane reaches her \$1,500 deductible, co-insurance begins

Jane has seen a doctor several times and paid \$1,500 in total. Her plan pays some of the costs for her next visit.
Office visit costs: \$75
Jane pays: 20% of \$75 = \$15
Her plan pays: 80% of \$75 = \$60

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Jane reaches her \$5,000 out-of-pocket limit

Jane has seen the doctor often and paid \$5,000 in total. Her plan pays the full cost of her covered health care services for the rest of the year.
Office visit costs: \$200
Jane pays: \$0
Her plan pays: \$200