

CalPERS/Western Health Advantage: Western Health Advantage (HMO)

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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 1-888-942-7377 or visit [westernhealth.com/calpers](http://westernhealth.com/calpers). 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](http://www.healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary) or call 1-800-318-2596 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall <a href="#">deductible</a> ?	\$0	See the Common Medical Events chart below for your costs for services this <a href="#">plan</a> covers.
Are there services covered before you meet your <a href="#">deductible</a> ?	Yes	This <a href="#">plan</a> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <a href="#">deductible</a> amount. But a <a href="#">copayment</a> or <a href="#">coinsurance</a> may apply. For example, this <a href="#">plan</a> covers certain <a href="#">preventive services</a> without <a href="#">cost sharing</a> and before you meet your <a href="#">deductible</a> . See a list of covered <a href="#">preventive services</a> at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits">www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits</a> .
Are there other <a href="#">deductibles</a> for specific services?	No	You don't have to meet <a href="#">deductibles</a> for specific services.
What is the <a href="#">out-of-pocket limit</a> for this <a href="#">plan</a> ?	\$1,500/Individual or \$3,000/Family per calendar year for medical services; \$6,400/Individual or \$12,800/Family per calendar year for prescription services	The <a href="#">out-of-pocket limit</a> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <a href="#">plan</a> , they have to meet their own <a href="#">out-of-pocket limits</a> until the overall family <a href="#">out-of-pocket limit</a> has been met. OptumRx serves as CalPERS' pharmacy benefit manager.
What is not included in the <a href="#">out-of-pocket limit</a> ?	<a href="#">Premiums</a> , <a href="#">copayments</a> for supplemental benefits, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <a href="#">out-of-pocket limit</a> .
Will you pay less if you use a <a href="#">network provider</a> ?	Yes. See <a href="http://mywha.org/directory">mywha.org/directory</a> or call 1-888-942-7377 for a list of network providers.	This <a href="#">plan</a> uses a <a href="#">provider network</a> . You will pay less if you use a <a href="#">provider</a> in the <a href="#">plan's network</a> . You will pay the most if you use an <a href="#">out-of-network provider</a> , and you might receive a bill from a <a href="#">provider</a> for the difference between the <a href="#">provider's</a> charge and what your <a href="#">plan</a> pays (balance billing). Be aware your <a href="#">network provider</a> might use an <a href="#">out-of-network provider</a> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <a href="#">provider</a> before you get services.
Do you need a <a href="#">referral</a> to see a <a href="#">specialist</a> ?	Yes	This <a href="#">plan</a> will pay some or all of the costs to see a <a href="#">specialist</a> for covered services but only if you have a <a href="#">referral</a> before you see the <a href="#">specialist</a> .

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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 <a href="#">provider's</a> office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$15/visit	Not covered	None
	<a href="#">Specialist</a> visit	\$15/visit	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required.
	<a href="#">Preventive care/screening/immunization</a>	No charge	Not covered	You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your <a href="#">provider</a> if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your <a href="#">plan</a> will pay for.
If you have a test	<a href="#">Diagnostic test</a> (x-ray, blood work)	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required for <a href="#">diagnostic tests</a> . <a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required for imaging.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No charge	Not covered	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about <a href="#">prescription drug coverage</a> is available at <a href="http://www.optumrx.com/calpers">www.optumrx.com/calpers</a>	Generic drugs	Retail: \$5/prescription (30-day supply); Mail order: \$10/prescription (90 to 100-day supply)	Not covered	Prescription benefits provided by OptumRx.* No charge for blood glucose test strips.
	Preferred brand drugs	Retail: \$20/prescription (30-day supply); Mail order: \$40/prescription (90 to 100-day supply)	Not covered	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	Retail: \$50/prescription (30-day supply); Mail order: \$100/prescription (90 to 100-day supply)	Not covered	
	Specialty drugs	<a href="#">Copayments</a> apply as described above (Generic, Preferred brand and Non-preferred brand)	Not covered	
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required.

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If you need immediate medical attention	<a href="#">Emergency room care</a>	\$50/visit (facility); No charge (professional)	\$50/visit (facility); No charge (professional)	Member cost shares for <a href="#">emergency room care</a> are waived if admitted. At <a href="#">urgent care</a> centers, services from an <a href="#">out-of-network provider</a> are covered only when obtained outside the service area. <a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required.
	<a href="#">Emergency medical transportation</a>	No charge	No charge	
	<a href="#">Urgent Care Center</a>	\$15/visit	\$15/visit	
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required.
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	\$15/visit (professional); No charge (other outpatient services)	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required for outpatient mental health and residential treatment center. <a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required for inpatient mental health.
	Inpatient services	No charge	Not covered	
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Cost sharing</a> does not apply for <a href="#">preventive services</a> , including routine prenatal care and first postnatal visit. <a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required for inpatient services.
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No charge	Not covered	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	No charge	Not covered	

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If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	<a href="#">Home health care</a>	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required. \$15/visit for speech, occupational and physical therapy.
	<a href="#">Rehabilitation services</a>	\$15/visit for speech, occupational and physical therapy; No charge for other rehabilitation services	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required.
	<a href="#">Habilitation services</a>	\$15/visit for speech, occupational and physical therapy; No charge for other habilitation services	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required.
	<a href="#">Skilled nursing care</a>	No charge	Not covered	100 days per calendar year. <a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required.
	<a href="#">Durable medical equipment</a>	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> may be required.
	<a href="#">Hospice services</a>	No charge	Not covered	<a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No charge	Not covered	One comprehensive eye exam per year (including dilation if medically indicated).
	Children's glasses	Not covered	Not covered	See Durable Medical Equipment for medically necessary glasses/contact lenses after cataract surgery.
	Children's dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	None

\*OptumRx administers the prescription benefit for this plan and can be reached at 1-855-505-8110.

**Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

<b>Services Your <a href="#">Plan</a> Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or <a href="#">plan</a> document for more information and a list of any other <a href="#">excluded services</a>.)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cosmetic Surgery</li> <li>• Dental Care Adult</li> <li>• Long-Term Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.</li> <li>• Private-Duty Nursing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Routine Foot Care</li> <li>• Weight Loss Programs</li> </ul>
<b>Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your <a href="#">plan</a> document.)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acupuncture</li> <li>• Bariatric Surgery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chiropractic Care</li> <li>• Hearing Aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infertility Treatment</li> <li>• Routine Eye Care Adult</li> </ul>

**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 Managed Health Care California Help Center, 980 9th Street Suite #500, Sacramento, CA 95814-4275 at 1-888-466-2219 or [www.hmohelp.ca.gov](http://www.hmohelp.ca.gov), or the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://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](http://www.HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:** There are agencies that can help you 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 California Department of Managed Health Care at 1-888-HMO-2219 or 1-888-877-5378 (TTY) or visit their website [www.hmohelp.ca.gov](http://www.hmohelp.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 standard](#), you may be eligible for a [premium tax credits](#) to help you pay for a [plan](#) through the [Marketplace](#).

**Language Access Services:**

See addendum for notification of nondiscrimination and language assistance.

—————*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 <a href="#">Plan's</a> overall <a href="#">Deductible</a>	\$0
■ <a href="#">Specialist Copayment</a>	\$15
■ Hospital (facility) <a href="#">Copayment</a>	\$0
■ Other <a href="#">Copayment</a>	\$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	\$0
Copayments	\$35
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
<b>The total Peg would pay is</b>	<b>\$95</b>

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

■ The <a href="#">Plan's</a> overall <a href="#">Deductible</a>	\$0
■ <a href="#">Specialist Copayment</a>	\$15
■ Hospital (facility) <a href="#">Copayment</a>	\$0
■ Other <a href="#">Copayment</a>	\$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	\$0
Copayments	\$943
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$34
<b>The total Joe would pay is</b>	<b>\$977</b>

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

■ The <a href="#">Plan's</a> overall <a href="#">Deductible</a>	\$0
■ <a href="#">Specialist Copayment</a>	\$15
■ Hospital (facility) <a href="#">Copayment</a>	\$0
■ Other <a href="#">Copayment</a>	\$15

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>\$1,900</b>
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In this example, Mia would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$125
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
<b>The total Mia would pay is</b>	<b>\$125</b>

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



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Western Health Advantage:

Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:

- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)

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 the Member Services Manager at 888.WHA.PERS (888.942.7377) and find more information online at

<https://www.westernhealth.com/legal/non-discrimination-notice/>.

If you believe that Western Health Advantage has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation age, or disability, you can file a grievance by telephone, mail, fax, email, or online with: Member Services Manager, 2349 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95833, 888.942.7377, 888.877.5378 (TTY), 916.568.0126 (fax), whapers@westernhealth.com, <https://www.westernhealth.com/legal/grievance-form/>. If you need help filing a grievance, the Member Services Manager is available to help you. For more information about the Western Health Advantage grievance process and your grievance rights with the California Department of Managed Health Care, please visit our website at <https://www.westernhealth.com/legal/grievance-form/>.

If there is a concern of discrimination based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at:

Website: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>; Mail: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201; Phone: 800.368.1019 or 800.537.7697 (TDD).

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

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## ENGLISH

If you, or someone you're helping, have questions about Western Health Advantage, you have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost. To talk to an interpreter, call 888.942.7377 or TTY 888.877.5378.

## SPANISH

Si usted, o alguien a quien usted está ayudando, tiene preguntas acerca de Western Health Advantage, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 888.942.7377, o al TTY 888.877.5378 si tiene dificultades auditivas.

## CHINESE

如果您，或是您正在協助的對象，有關於Western Health Advantage方面的問題，您有權利免費以您的母語得到幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥電話 888.942.7377或聽障人士專線(TTY) 888.877.5378。

## VIETNAMESE

Nếu quý vị, hay người mà quý vị đang giúp đỡ, có câu hỏi về Western Health Advantage, quý vị sẽ có quyền được giúp và có thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thông dịch viên, xin gọi số 888.942.7377, hoặc gọi đường dây TTY dành cho người khiếm thính tại số 888.877.5378.

**TAGALOG**

Kung ikaw, o ang iyong tinutulungan, ay may mga katanungan tungkol sa Western Health Advantage, may karapatan ka na makakuha ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika ng walang gastos. Upang makausap ang isang tagasalin, tumawag sa 888.942.7377 o TTY para sa may kapansanan sa pandinig sa 888.877.5378.

**KOREAN**

만약 귀하 또는 귀하가 돕고 있는 어떤 사람이 Western Health Advantage에 관해서 질문이 있다면 귀하는 그러한 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 비용 부담 없이 얻을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 그렇게 통역사와 얘기하기 위해서는 888.942.7377이나 청각 장애인용 TTY 888.877.5378로 연락하십시오.

**ARMENIAN**

Եթե Դուք կամ Ձեր կողմից օգնություն ստացող անձը հարցեր ունի Western Health Advantage-ի մասին, Դուք իրավունք ունեք անվճար օգնություն և տեղեկություններ ստանալու Ձեր նախընտրած լեզվով: Թարգմանչի հետ խոսելու համար զանգահարե՛ք 888.942.7377 համարով կամ TTY 888.877.5378՝ լսողության հետ խնդիրներ ունեցողների համար:

**PERSIAN-FARSI**

اگر شما، یا کسی که شما به او کمک میکنید ، سوال در مورد Western Health Advantage (وسترن هلث آدونتیج) داشته باشید حق این را دارید که کمک و اطلاعات به زبان خود را به طور رایگان دریافت نمایید. لطفاً با شماره تلفن 888.942.7377 تماس بگیرید. افراد ناشنوا می توانند به شماره 888.877.5378 پیام تاپیی ارسال کنند.

**RUSSIAN**

Если у вас или лица, которому вы помогаете, имеются вопросы по поводу Western Health Advantage, то вы имеете право на бесплатное получение помощи и информации на вашем языке. Для разговора с переводчиком позвоните по телефону 888.942.7377 или воспользуйтесь линией TTY для лиц с нарушениями слуха по номеру 888.877.5378.

**JAPANESE**

ご本人様、またはお客様の身の回りの方でも、Western Health Advantageについてご質問がございましたら、ご希望の言語でサポートを受けたり、情報を入手したりすることができます。料金はかかりません。通訳とお話される場合、888.942.7377までお電話ください。聴覚障がい者用TTYをご利用の場合は、888.877.5378までお電話ください。

**ARABIC**

ان كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعد أسئلة بخصوص Western Health Advantage، فليدك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات الضرورية بلغتك من دون اية تكلفة. للتحدث مع مترجم اتصل بـ 888.942.7377 أو برقم الهاتف النصي (TTY) لضعاف السمع 888.877.5378.

**PUNJABI**

ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਸੀਂ, ਜਾਂ ਜਿਸ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਮਦਦ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹੋ, ਦੇ Western Health Advantage ਬਾਰੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ, ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਦਦ ਅਤੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਦੁਬਾਸੀਏ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ, 888.942.7377 'ਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਪੂਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸੁਣਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰਥ ਟੀਟੀਵਾਈ ਲਈ 888.877.5378 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

**CAMBODIAN-MON-KHMER**

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# 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

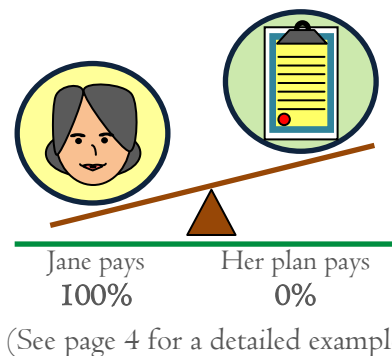
Conditions due to pregnancy, labor and delivery that require medical care to prevent serious harm to the health of the mother or the fetus. Morning sickness and a non-emergency caesarean section aren't complications of pregnancy.

## 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



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 1<sup>st</sup>  
Beginning of Coverage  
Period

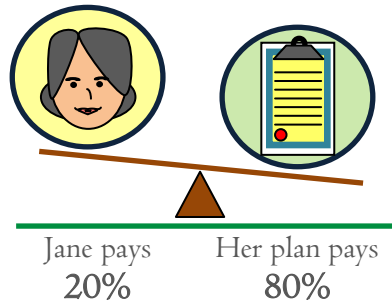
December 31<sup>st</sup>  
End of Coverage Period



**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

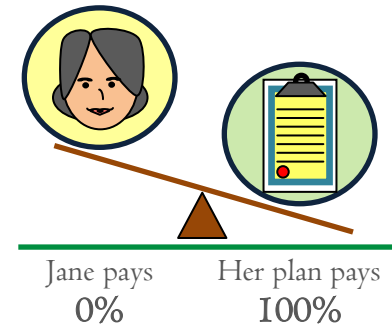
more costs



**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

more costs



**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