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BENEFIT	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Benefit payments are based on the amount of the provider's charge that Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plans recognize for payment of benefits. The allowed amount may vary depending upon the type provider and where services are received.		
SUMMARY OF COST SHARING PROVISIONS (Includes Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse)		
Calendar Year Deductible	\$200 individual; \$600 family Any covered expenses incurred in the last 3 months of any benefit period which have been allocated toward all <u>or</u> a portion of the Calendar year Deductible for that year may also be allocated toward next years Calendar year Deductible.	
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$1,500 individual; \$4,500 family All deductibles, copays and coinsurance for in-network services and all deductibles, copays and coinsurance for out-of-network mental health disorders and substance abuse emergency services apply to the out-of-pocket maximum. Coinsurance for out-of-network Home Health, Hospice and Other Covered Services (excluding occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and DME in Alabama) applies to the out-of-pocket maximum After you reach your Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket maximum, applicable expenses for you will be covered at 100% of the allowed amount for the remainder of the calendar year	
INPATIENT HOSPITAL AND PHYSICIAN BENEFITS (Includes Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse)		
Precertification is required for inpatient admissions (except medical emergency services and maternity); notification within 48 hours for medical emergencies. Generally, if precertification is not obtained, no benefits are available. Call 1-800-248-2342 (toll-free) for precertification.		
Inpatient Hospital	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible, after \$100.00 copay for day 1; \$50.00 per day hospital copay for days 2-6 for each admission	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, after \$200.00 per admission deductible Note: In Alabama, available only for medical emergency services and accidental injury
Inpatient Physician Visits and Consultations	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse Services covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse Services covered at 80% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible
OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL BENEFITS (Includes Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse)		
Precertification is required for some outpatient hospital benefits; please see benefit booklet. Precertification is also required for provider-administered drugs; visit AlabamaBlue.com/ProviderAdministeredPrecertificationDrugList . If precertification is not obtained, no benefits are available.		
Outpatient Surgery (Including Ambulatory Surgical Centers)	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$250.00 hospital copay and subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , not covered

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Emergency Room (Medical Emergency)	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$100.00 hospital copay	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$100.00 hospital copay and subject to calendar year deductible Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse Services covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$100.00 hospital copay
Emergency Room (Accident) Note: If you have a medical emergency as defined by the plan after 72 hours of an accident, refer to Emergency Room (Medical Emergency) above.	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$100.00 hospital copay	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$100.00 hospital copay and subject to calendar year deductible for services rendered within 72 hours: 80% of the allowed amount subject to calendar year deductible when services are rendered after 72 hours of the accident and not a medical emergency as defined by the plan
Emergency Room (Physician)	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$50.00 physician copay	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$50.00 physician copay Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse Services covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$50.00 physician copay
Chemotherapy, Dialysis, IV Therapy, Outpatient Diagnostic Lab, Pathology, Radiation Therapy & X-ray	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , not covered
Intensive Outpatient Services and Partial Hospitalization for Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse Services	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, subject to \$50.00 daily hospital copay	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , not covered
PHYSICIAN BENEFITS (Includes Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse)		
Precertification is required for some physician benefits; please see benefit booklet. Precertification is also required for provider-administered drugs; visit AlabamaBlue.com/ProviderAdministeredPrecertificationDrugList. If precertification is not obtained, no benefits are available.		
Office Visits and Consultations	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, after \$35.00 primary care physician copay or \$50.00 specialist physician copay	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible

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Second Surgical Opinions	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Surgery & Anesthesia	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Maternity Care	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Chemotherapy, Diagnostic Lab, Dialysis, IV Therapy, Pathology, Radiation Therapy & X-ray	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
PREVENTIVE CARE BENEFITS		
Routine Immunizations and Preventive Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• See AlabamaBlue.com/preventiveservices for a listing of the specific immunizations and preventive services or call our Customer Service Department for a printed copy• Certain immunizations may also be obtained through the Pharmacy Vaccine Network. See AlabamaBlue.com/pharmacy for more information.	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Not Covered
Note: In some cases, office visit copays or facility copays may apply. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama will process these claims as required by Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.		
PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS		
Prescription Drugs	Prescription drug benefits are covered through Rx Benefits.	
BENEFITS FOR OTHER COVERED SERVICES (Includes Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse)		
Precertification is required for some other covered services; please see your benefit booklet. If precertification is not obtained, no benefits are available.		
Allergy Testing & Treatment	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible

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Ambulance Service	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Participating Chiropractic Services	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Rehabilitative Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy Occupational, physical and speech therapy limited to combined maximum of 30 visits per member per calendar year	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Habilitative Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy Occupational, physical and speech therapy limited to combined maximum of 30 visits per member per calendar year	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders ages 0-18	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , covered at 50% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible
Home Health and Hospice	Covered at 100% of the allowed amount, no copay or deductible	Covered at 80% of the allowed amount, subject to calendar year deductible In Alabama , not covered

BENEFIT	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
EXPANDED PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES (EPS)		
Expanded Psychiatric Services (EPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPS network is available throughout Alabama and in Meridian, Mississippi and Northwest Florida. • To find an EPS provider call Customer Service at 1-800-292-8868 or search the online provider on our website at AlabamaBlue.com 	<p>When care is received or coordinated by an EPS provider, the following mental health disorders and substance abuse benefits are available:</p> <p>Covered at 100% of the allowed amount; no copay or deductible Inpatient: Includes hospital, physician and therapy expenses Outpatient: Includes office visits, therapy, counseling and testing</p> <p>When care is not received or coordinated by an EPS provider, the mental health disorders and substance abuse benefit levels are not separately stated. Please refer to the appropriate subsections above and below that relate to the services or supplies you receive, such as Inpatient Hospital Benefits, Outpatient Hospitals Benefits, etc.</p>	
HEALTH MANAGEMENT BENEFITS (Includes Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse)		
Individual Case Management	Coordinates care in event of catastrophic or lengthy illness or injury. For more information, please call 1-800-821-7231.	
Chronic Condition Management	Coordinates care for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other specialized conditions.	
Baby Yourself®	A maternity program; For more information, please call 1-800-222-4379. You can also enroll online at AlabamaBlue.com/BabyYourself .	
Contraceptive Management	Covers prescription contraceptives, which include: birth control pills, injectables, diaphragms, IUDs and other non-experimental FDA approved contraceptives; subject to applicable deductibles, copays and coinsurance	
Air Medical Transport	Air medical transportation to a network hospital near home if hospitalized while traveling more than 150 miles from home; to arrange transportation, call AirMed at 1-877-872-8624.	

Useful Information to Maximize Benefits

- To maximize your benefits, always use in-network providers for services covered by your health benefit plan. To find in-network providers, check a provider directory, provider finder website (**AlabamaBlue.com**) or call 1-800-810-BLUE (2583).
- In-network hospitals, physicians and other healthcare providers have a contract with a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan for furnishing healthcare services at a reduced price (examples: BlueCard® PPO, PMD). Sometimes an in-network provider may furnish a service to you that is not covered under the contract between the provider and a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan. When this happens, benefits may be denied or reduced. Please refer to your benefit booklet for the type of provider network that we determine to be an in-network provider for a particular service or supply.
- Out-of-network providers generally do not contract with Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plans. If you use out-of-network providers, you may be responsible for filing your own claims and paying the difference between the provider's charge and the allowed amount. The allowed amount may be based on the negotiated rate payable to in-network providers in the same area or the average charge for care in the area.
- Please be aware that providers/specialists may be listed in a PPO directory or provider finder website, but not covered under this benefit plan. Please check your benefit booklet for more detailed coverage information.
- Please refer to your benefit book or contact Blue Cross directly about coverage for your hospital charges and other related medical services. Approval for air medical transportation does not mean that hospitalization and other medical expenses will be covered. All coverage determinations for medical benefits are subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of the health plan. Air medical transportation services are provided through a contract with AirMed International, LLC, an independent company that does not provide Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama products. Blue Cross is not responsible for any mistakes, errors or omissions that AirMed, its employees or staff members make. Air medical transportation services terminate if coverage by your health plan ends.

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and 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 and information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact our 1557 Compliance Coordinator. If you believe that we have failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email at: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Compliance Office, 450 Riverchase Parkway East, Birmingham, Alabama 35244, Attn: 1557 Compliance Coordinator, 1-855-216-3144, 711 (TTY), 1-205-220-2984 (fax), 1557Grievance@bcbsal.org (email). If you need help filing a grievance, our 1557 Compliance Coordinator is available to help you.

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 <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, D.C. 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Foreign Language Assistance

Spanish: ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)

Korean: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

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 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)。

Vietnamese: CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Arabic: انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، توجد خدمات مساعدة فيما يتعلق باللغة، بدون تكلفة، متاحة لك. اتصل بـ 1-855-216-3144 (الهاتف النصي: 711).

German: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

French: ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-216-3144 (ATS: 711).

French Creole: ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Gujarati: ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હોય, તો ભાષા સહાયતા સેવા, તમારા માટે નિ:શુલ્ક ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 1-855-216-3144 પર કોલ કરો (TTY: 711).

Tagalog: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Hindi: ध्यान दें: अगर आपकी भाषा हिंदी है, तो आपके लिए भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।

Laotian: ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Russian: ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855-216-3144 (телетайп: 711).

Portuguese: ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Polish: UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Turkish: DİKKAT: Eğer Türkçe konuşuyor iseniz, dil yardımı hizmetlerinden ücretsiz olarak yararlanabilirsiniz. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) irtibat numaralarını arayın.

Italian: ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

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。1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。