

**Excellus BCBS: Blue Choice 25**

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Coverage for: Family | Plan Type: HMO



The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) will be provided separately.

This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, call 1-800-499-1275 or visit Our website at www.excellusbcs.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?	\$0	See the Common Medical Events chart below for your costs for services this plan covers
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes, Preventive Care	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: \$6,350 Individual/\$12,700 Family; Out-of-Network: Not Applicable	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.excellusbcs.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.

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)	
<b>If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic</b>	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$25 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit \$5 Copayment for Members to age 26	Not Covered	None
	<a href="#">Specialist</a> visit	\$40 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	
	<a href="#">Preventive care/screening/immunization</a>	Adult Physical: No Charge Adult Immunizations: No Charge Well Child Visit: No Charge	Adult Physical: Not Covered Adult Immunizations: Not Covered Well Child Visit: 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. <sup>1</sup> Exam per calendar year
<b>If you have a test</b>	<a href="#">Diagnostic test</a> (x-ray, blood work)	X-Ray: \$40 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit Blood Work: No Charge	X-Ray: Not Covered Blood Work: Not Covered	None
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$40 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	
<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b> More information about <a href="#">prescription drug coverage</a> is available at <a href="http://www.excellusbcbcs.com/rxlist">www.excellusbcbcs.com/rxlist</a>	Tier 1 (Generic drugs)	\$10/prescription retail, \$20/prescription mail order	Not Covered	Covers up to a 30-day supply (retail); 90-day supply (mail order)/prescription <a href="#">Preauthorization</a> required for certain <a href="#">prescription drugs</a> . If you don't get a <a href="#">preauthorization</a> , you must pay the entire cost of the drug.
	Tier 2 (Preferred brand drugs)	\$30/prescription retail, \$60/prescription mail order	Not Covered	
	Tier 3 (Non-preferred brand drugs)	\$50/prescription retail, \$100/prescription mail order	Not Covered	
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	\$50 <a href="#">Copay</a>	Not Covered	None
	Physician/surgeon fees	\$40/surgery <a href="#">Copay</a>	Not Covered	
<b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>	<a href="#">Emergency room care</a>	\$100 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	\$100 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	None
	<a href="#">Emergency medical transportation</a>	\$100 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	\$100 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	None
	<a href="#">Urgent care</a>	\$35 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	None
<b>If you have a hospital stay</b>	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No Charge	Not Covered	None
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% <a href="#">Coinsurance</a> up to \$200	Not Covered	\$200 Maximum Coinsurance
<b>If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services</b>	Outpatient services	\$25 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	None
	Inpatient services	No Charge	Not Covered	
<b>If you are pregnant</b>	Office visits	No Charge	Not Covered	<a href="#">Cost sharing</a> does not apply for <a href="#">preventive services</a> .

\* For more information about limitations and exceptions, see [plan](#) or policy document at [www.excellusbcbcs.com](http://www.excellusbcbcs.com)

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		In-Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	20% <a href="#">Coinsurance</a> up to \$200	Not Covered	Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound.). Depending on the type of services, a <a href="#">copayment</a> , <a href="#">coinsurance</a> , or <a href="#">deductible</a> may apply. \$200 Maximum Coinsurance
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	No Charge	Not Covered	None
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	<a href="#">Home health care</a>	No Charge	Not Covered	40 Visits per plan year limit
	<a href="#">Rehabilitation services</a>	\$40 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	30 Visits Per Plan Year limit
	<a href="#">Habilitation services</a>	\$40 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	30 Visits Per Plan Year limit
	<a href="#">Skilled nursing care</a>	No Charge	Not Covered	45 Days per year limit
	<a href="#">Durable medical equipment</a>	50% <a href="#">Coinsurance</a>	Not Covered	None
	<a href="#">Hospice services</a>	No Charge	Not Covered	210 Days per year limit Family bereavement counseling limited to 5 days per year
<b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>	Children's eye exam	\$40 <a href="#">Copay</a> /visit	Not Covered	1 Exam per plan year
	Children's glasses	50% <a href="#">Coinsurance</a>	Not Covered	1 Pair per plan year
	Children's dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	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](#).)

- Acupuncture
- Dental care (Child)
- Private-duty nursing
- Cosmetic surgery
- Long-term care
- Routine foot care
- Dental care (Adult)
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Weight loss programs

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

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

**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](http://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.excellusbcb.com](http://www.excellusbcb.com); Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or [www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/ask-a-question/ask-ebsa](http://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](http://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](mailto:cha@cssny.org) or [www.communityhealthadvocates.org](http://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](http://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](#).

-----*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</a> copayment	\$40
■ Hospital (facility) copayment	\$0
■ Other <a href="#">coinsurance</a>	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*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$12,700</b>
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#### In this example, Peg would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
<a href="#">Deductibles</a>	\$0
<a href="#">Copayments</a>	\$80
<a href="#">Coinsurance</a>	\$520
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
<b>The total Peg would pay is</b>	<b>\$660</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</a> copayment	\$40
■ Hospital (facility) copayment	\$0
■ Other <a href="#">coinsurance</a>	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*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>
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#### In this example, Joe would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
<a href="#">Deductibles</a>	\$0
<a href="#">Copayments</a>	\$1,120
<a href="#">Coinsurance</a>	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
<b>The total Joe would pay is</b>	<b>\$1,140</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</a> copayment	\$40
■ Hospital (facility) copayment	\$0
■ Other <a href="#">coinsurance</a>	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*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>
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#### In this example, Mia would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
<a href="#">Deductibles</a>	\$0
<a href="#">Copayments</a>	\$400
<a href="#">Coinsurance</a>	\$120
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
<b>The total Mia would pay is</b>	<b>\$520</b>

## **Notice of Nondiscrimination**

Our Health Plan complies with federal civil rights laws. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The Health Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

The Health Plan:

- 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, please refer to the enclosed document for ways to reach us.

If you believe that the Health Plan has 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 with:

Advocacy Department  
Attn: Civil Rights Coordinator  
PO Box 4717  
Syracuse, NY 13221  
Telephone number: 1-800-614-6575  
TTY number: 1-800-421-1220  
Fax: 315-671-6656

You can file a grievance in person or by mail or fax. If you need help filing a grievance, the Health Plan's Civil Rights 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, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

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

Attention : If you speak English free language help is available to you. Please refer to the enclosed document for ways to reach us.

Atención: Si habla español, contámos con ayuda gratuita de idiomas disponible para usted. Consulte el documento adjunto para ver las formas en que puede comunicarse con nosotros.

注意：如果您说中文，我们可为您提供免费的语言协助。  
请参见随附的文件以获取我们的联系方式。

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Uwaga: jeśli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Patrz załączony dokument w celu uzyskania informacji na temat sposobów kontaktu z nami.

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Consultez le document ci-joint pour savoir comment nous joindre.

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