



A Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company

Northwestern University Postdoctoral Benefit Plan: Buy-up PPO Plan


Coverage for: Individual/Family | Plan Type: PPO



The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. **NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) will be provided separately. This is only a summary.** For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, call 1-800-541-2767 or at <https://policy-srv.box.com/s/y7036lznf5hg9h14tyvxttsnr8a45kj>.

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 1-855-756-4448 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	For In-Network: \$500 Individual / \$1,500 Family For Out-of-Network: \$1,500 Individual / \$4,500 Family	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from <u>providers</u> up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the <u>plan</u> , each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes. Certain <u>preventive care</u> , services that charge a <u>copayment</u> , <u>prescription drugs</u> , and emergency room services are covered before you meet your <u>deductible</u> .	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply. For example, this <u>plan</u> covers certain <u>preventive services</u> without <u>cost sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered <u>preventive services</u> at www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/ .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?	For In-Network: \$1,800 Individual / \$4,800 Family For Out-of-Network: \$6,000 Individual / \$16,000 Family Prescription drug expense limit: \$1,500 Individual / \$5,450 Family	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <u>plan</u> , they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	<u>Premiums</u> , <u>balance-billing</u> charges, and health care this <u>plan</u> doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .
Will you pay less if you use a network provider?	Yes. See www.bcbsil.com or call 1-800-541-2767 for a list of <u>network providers</u> .	This <u>plan</u> uses a <u>provider network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the <u>plan's network</u> . You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the <u>provider's charge</u> and what your <u>plan</u> pays (<u>balance billing</u>). Be aware, your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.
Do you need a referral to see a specialist?	No.	You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without a <u>referral</u> .

 All **copayment** and **coinsurance** costs shown in this chart are after your **deductible** has been met, if a **deductible** applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		In-Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$10/visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	None
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	\$20/visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	None
	<u>Preventive care/screening/immunization</u>	No Charge; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your <u>provider</u> if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your <u>plan</u> will pay for.
If you have a test	<u>Diagnostic test</u> (x-ray, blood work)	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> may be required; see your benefit booklet* for details.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	

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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 need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.bcbsil.com/rx-drugs/drug-lists/drug-lists	Generic drugs	\$10/prescription (retail) \$20/prescription (mail order); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	\$10/prescription (retail); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	30-day supply at Retail 90-day supply at Mail Order Rx Out-of-Pocket Expense Limit: \$1,500 Individual / \$5,450 Family
	Preferred brand drugs	\$30/prescription (retail) \$60/prescription (mail order); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	\$30/prescription (retail); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	For Out-of-Network drug <u>provider</u> , you are responsible for 25% of the eligible amount after the <u>copayment</u> .
	Non-preferred brand drugs	\$60/prescription (retail) \$120/prescription (mail order); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	\$60/prescription (retail); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Certain women's <u>preventive services</u> will be covered with no cost to the member. For a full list of these prescriptions and/or services, please contact Customer Service. Payment of the difference between the cost of a brand name drug and a generic may be required if a generic drug is available. The amount you may pay per 30-day supply of a covered insulin drug, regardless of quantity or type, shall not exceed \$100, when obtained from a Preferred Participating or Participating Pharmacy.
	<u>Specialty drugs</u>	\$90/prescription (retail); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	\$90/prescription (retail); <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<u>Specialty drug</u> coverage based on group policy. Prior authorization may be required. <u>Specialty drugs</u> are limited to a 30-day supply except for certain FDA-designated dosing regimens.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> may be required.
	Physician/surgeon fees	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	None

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If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	\$150/visit plus 10% <u>coinsurance</u> ; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	\$150/visit plus 10% <u>coinsurance</u> ; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	<u>Copayment</u> waived if admitted.
	Emergency medical transportation	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> may be required for non-emergency transportation; see your benefit booklet* for details.
	Urgent Care	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	None
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> required.
	Physician/surgeon fees	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	None
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	\$10/office visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply; 10% <u>coinsurance</u> for other outpatient services	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	PCP <u>copay</u> applies to psychotherapy office visit only. <u>Preauthorization</u> may be required; see your benefit booklet* for details.
	Inpatient services	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> required.
If you are pregnant	Office visits	\$10 PCP/\$20 SPC/visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Copayment</u> applies for the first prenatal visit (per pregnancy). <u>Cost sharing</u> does not apply for <u>preventive services</u> . Depending on the type of services, a <u>copayment</u> , <u>coinsurance</u> , or <u>deductible</u> may apply. Maternity care may include tests and service described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound).
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	None

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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	<u>Home health care</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> may be required.
	<u>Rehabilitation services</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Limited to 100 visits combined per benefit period for occupational therapy, speech therapy, and physical therapy. <u>Preauthorization</u> may be required.
	<u>Habilitation services</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	
	<u>Skilled nursing care</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> may be required.
	<u>Durable medical equipment</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	Benefits are limited to items used to serve a medical purpose. <u>Durable Medical Equipment</u> benefits are provided for both purchase and rental equipment (up to the purchase price). <u>Preauthorization</u> may be required.
	<u>Hospice services</u>	10% <u>coinsurance</u>	40% <u>coinsurance</u>	<u>Preauthorization</u> may be required.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	Not Covered	Not Covered	None
	Children's glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	None
	Children's dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	None

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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.)

- Dental care (Adult)
- Long-term care
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Weight loss programs

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

- Acupuncture
- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic care
- Cosmetic surgery (only for correcting congenital deformities or conditions resulting from accidental injuries, scars, tumors, or diseases)
- Hearing aids (for children 1 per ear every 24 months, for adults up to \$2,500 per ear every 24 months)
- Infertility treatment (4 invitro attempt maximum with special approval up to 6 per benefit period)
- Most coverage provided outside the United States. See www.bcbsil.com
- Private duty nursing (with the exception of inpatient private duty nursing) (unlimited visit per calendar year)
- Routine foot care (only in connection with diabetes)

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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: For group health coverage contact the plan Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois at 1-800-541-2767 or visit www.bcbsil.com. For group health coverage subject to ERISA contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. For non-federal governmental group health plans, contact Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov. Church plans are not covered by the Federal COBRA continuation coverage rules. If the coverage is insured, individuals should contact their State insurance regulator regarding their possible rights to continuation coverage under State law. 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: For group health coverage subject to ERISA: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois at 1-800-541-2767 or visit www.bcbsil.com, or contact the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or visit www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact the Illinois Department of Insurance at (877) 527-9431 or visit <http://insurance.illinois.gov>.

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.

Language Access Services:

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 1-800-541-2767.

Tagalog (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa 1-800-541-2767.

Chinese (中文): 如果需要中文的帮助, 请拨打这个号码 1-800-541-2767.

Navajo (Dine): Dinek'ehgo shika at'ohwol ninisingo, kwijigo holne' 1-800-541-2767.

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 \$500
- Specialist copayment \$20
- Hospital (facility) coinsurance 10%
- Other coinsurance 10%

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	\$12,700
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In this example, Peg would pay:

<i>Cost sharing</i>	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$500
<u>Copayments</u>	\$20
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$1,200
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
The total Peg would pay is	\$1,780

Managing Joe's Type 2 Diabetes

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

- The plan's overall deductible \$500
- Specialist copayment \$20
- Hospital (facility) coinsurance 10%
- Other coinsurance 10%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

- Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)
- Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)
- Prescription drugs
- Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

Total Example Cost	\$5,600
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In this example, Joe would pay:

<i>Cost sharing</i>	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$500
<u>Copayments</u>	\$600
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$40
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,160

Mia's Simple Fracture

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

- The plan's overall deductible \$500
- Specialist copayment \$20
- Hospital (facility) coinsurance 10%
- Other coinsurance 10%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

- Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
- Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)
- Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
- Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

Total Example Cost	\$2,800
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In this example, Mia would pay:

<i>Cost sharing</i>	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$500
<u>Copayments</u>	\$200
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$200
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Mia would pay is	\$900

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35th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Phone: 855-664-7270 (voicemail)
TTY/TDD: 855-661-6965
Fax: 855-661-6960

You may file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, at:

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
Independence Avenue SW
Room 509F, HHH Building 1019
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: 800-368-1019
TTY/TDD: 800-537-7697
Complaint Portal: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>
Complaint Forms: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

If you, or someone you are helping, have questions, you have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost.
To talk to an interpreter, call 855-710-6984.

Español Spanish	Si usted o alguien a quien usted está ayudando tiene preguntas, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 855-710-6984.
العربية Arabic	إن كان لديك أو لدى شخص تساعد أسئلة، ف لديك الحق في الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات الضرورية بلغتك من دون أية تكلفة. للتحدث مع مترجم فوري، اتصل بـ 855-710-6984.
繁體中文 Chinese	如果您，或您正在協助的對象，對此有疑問，您有權利免費以您的母語獲得幫助和訊息。洽詢一位翻譯員，請撥電話 號碼 855-710-6984。
Français French	Si vous, ou quelqu'un que vous êtes en train d'aider, avez des questions, vous avez le droit d'obtenir de l'aide et l'information dans votre langue à aucun coût. Pour parler à un interprète, appelez 855-710-6984.
Deutsch German	Falls Sie oder jemand, dem Sie helfen, Fragen haben, haben Sie das Recht, kostenlose Hilfe und Informationen in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Um mit einem Dolmetscher zu sprechen, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer 855-710-6984 an.
ગુજરાતી Gujarati	જો તમને અથવા તમે મદદ કરી રહ્યા હોય એવી કોઈ બીજી વ્યક્તિને એસ.બી.એમ. કાર્યક્રમ બાબતે પ્રશ્નો હોય, તો તમને વિના ખર્ચે, તમારી ભાષામાં મદદ અને માહિતી મેળવવાનો હક છે. દુબાઈ સાથે વાત કરવા માટે આ નંબર 855-710-6984 પર કોલ કરો.
हिंदी Hindi	यदि आपके, या आप जिसकी सहायता कर रहे हैं उसके, प्रश्न हैं, तो आपके अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क सहायता और जानकारी प्राप्त कराने का अधिकार है। किसी अनवादक से बात कराने के लिए 855-710-6984 पर कॉल करें।
Italiano Italian	Se tu o qualcuno che stai aiutando avete domande, hai il diritto di ottenere aiuto e informazioni nella tua lingua gratuitamente. Per parlare con un interprete, puoi chiamare il numero 855-710-6984.
한국어 Korean	만약 귀하 또는 귀하가 돕는 사람이 질문이 있다면 귀하는 무료로 그러한 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 받을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 통역사가 필요하시면 855-710-6984 로 전화하십시오.
Diné Navajo	T'áá ni, éí doodago la'da biká anánílwo'ígíí, na'idilkidgo, ts'idá bee ná ahóóti'i' t'áá níik'e níká a'doolwoi dóó bina'idilkidigíí bee níí h'oodonih. Ata'dahalne'ígíí bich'í' hodiilnih kwe'é 855-710-6984.
فارسی Persian	اگر شما، یا کسی که شما به او کمک می کنید، سؤالی داشته باشید، حق این را دارید که به زبان خود، به طور رایگان کمک و اطلاعات دریافت نمایید. جهت گفتگو با یک مترجم شفاهی، با شماره 855-710-6984 تماس حاصل نمایید.
Polski Polish	Jeśli Ty lub osoba, której pomagasz, macie jakiegokolwiek pytania, macie prawo do uzyskania bezpłatnej informacji i pomocy we własnym języku. Aby porozmawiać z tłumaczem, zadzwoń pod numer 855-710-6984.
Русский Russian	Если у вас или человека, которому вы помогаете, возникли вопросы, у вас есть право на бесплатную помощь и информацию, предоставленную на вашем языке. Чтобы связаться с переводчиком, позвоните по телефону 855-710-6984.
Tagalog Tagalog	Kung ikaw, o ang isang taong iyong tinutulungan ay may mga tanong, may karapatan kang makakuha ng tulong at impormasyon sa iyong wika nang walang bayad. Upang makipag-usap sa isang tagasalin-wika, tumawag sa 855-710-6984.
اردو Urdu	اگر آپ کو، یا کسی ایسے فرد کو جس کی آپ مدد کر رہے ہیں، کوئی سوال درپیش ہے تو، آپ کو اپنی زبان میں بہتعدد اور معلومات حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ مترجم سے بات کرنے کے لیے، 855-710-6984 پر کال کریں۔
Tiếng Việt Vietnamese	Nếu quý vị, hoặc người mà quý vị giúp đỡ, có câu hỏi, thì quý vị có quyền được giúp đỡ và nhận thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình miễn phí. Để nói chuyện với một thông dịch viên, gọi 855-710-6984.