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### Benefits-at-a-glance

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**Prior authorization for Select Services** - Services listed in this BAAG are covered when provided in accordance with Certificate requirements and, when required, receive prior authorization or approved by BCBSM except in an emergency.

**Note:** A list of services that require approval **before** they are provided is available online at [bcbsm.com/importantinfo](http://bcbsm.com/importantinfo). Select **Approving covered services**.

Pricing information for various procedures by in-network providers can be obtained by calling the customer service number listed on the back of your BCBSM ID card and providing the procedure code. Your provider can also provide this information upon request.

**Prior authorization for Specialty Pharmaceuticals** - BCBSM will pay for FDA-approved specialty pharmaceuticals that meet BCBSM's medical policy criteria for treatment of the condition. The prescribing physician must contact BCBSM to request prior authorization of the drugs. **If prior authorization is not sought, BCBSM will deny the claim and all charges will be the member's responsibility.**

Specialty pharmaceuticals are biotech drugs including high cost infused, injectable, oral and other drugs related to specialty disease categories or other categories. BCBSM determines which specific drugs are payable. This may include medications to treat asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, and many other diseases as well as chemotherapy drugs used in the treatment of cancer, but excludes injectable insulin.

Blue Cross provides administrative claims services only. Your employer or plan sponsor is financially responsible for claims.

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## Eligibility Information

Member	Eligibility Criteria
Dependents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subscriber's legal spouse</li> <li><b>Dependent children:</b> related to you by birth, marriage, legal adoption or legal guardianship; eligible for coverage through the end of the calendar year in which they turn age 30. Subject to additional criteria</li> </ul>
Sponsored dependents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependents of the subscriber related by blood, marriage or legal adoption, over age 19 and not eligible as a dependent under the provisions of the subscriber's contract, provided the dependent meets all eligibility requirements. The subscriber is responsible for paying the cost of this coverage.</li> </ul>

## Member's responsibility (deductibles, copays, coinsurance and dollar maximums)

**Note:** If an in-network provider refers you to an out-of-network provider, all covered services obtained from that out-of-network provider will be subject to applicable out-of-network cost-sharing.

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
<b>Deductibles</b>  <b>Note:</b> Your deductible <b>combines</b> deductible amounts paid under your Simply Blue HSA medical coverage <b>and</b> your Simply Blue prescription drug coverage.  <b>Note:</b> Two or more members must meet the family deductible. If the one-member deductible has been met, but not the family deductible, we will pay for covered services only for that member who has met the deductible. Covered services for the remaining family members will be paid when the full family deductible has been met.	\$3,400 for one member, \$3,400 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year <b>(no 4th quarter carry-over)</b>	\$6,800 for one member, \$6,800 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year <b>(no 4th quarter carry-over)</b>
<b>Flat-dollar copays</b>	See "Prescription Drugs" section	See "Prescription Drugs" section
<b>Coinsurance amounts (percent copays)</b>  <b>Note:</b> Coinsurance amounts apply once the deductible has been met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10% of approved amount for most covered services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30% of approved amount for most covered services</li> </ul>
<b>Annual coinsurance maximums</b> - applies to coinsurance amounts for all covered services - but <b>does not</b> apply to deductibles, flat-dollar copays, and prescription drug cost-sharing amounts	\$4,000 for one member, \$4,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year	\$8,000 for one member, \$8,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year
<b>Annual out-of-pocket maximums</b> - applies to deductibles and coinsurance amounts for all covered services - including prescription drug cost-sharing amounts	\$9,200 for a one member \$12,700 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year	\$25,400 for one member \$25,400 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year
<b>Lifetime dollar maximum</b>	None	

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## Preventive care services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Health maintenance exam-includes chest x-ray, EKG, cholesterol screening and other select lab procedures	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year  <b>Note:</b> Additional well-women visits may be allowed based on medical necessity.	Not covered
Gynecological exam	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), two per member per calendar year  <b>Note:</b> Additional well-women visits may be allowed based on medical necessity.	Not covered
Pap smear screening- laboratory and pathology services	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Voluntary sterilization of female reproductive organs	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	70% after out-of-network deductible
Prescription contraceptive devices-includes insertion and removal of an intrauterine device by a licensed physician	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	70% after out-of-network deductible
Contraceptive injections	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	70% after out-of-network deductible
Well-baby and Well-child visits	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 visits, birth through 12 months</li> <li>• 6 visits, 13 months through 23 months</li> <li>• 6 visits, 24 months through 35 months</li> <li>• 2 visits, 36 months through 47 months</li> <li>• Visits beyond 47 months are limited to one per member per calendar year under the health maintenance exam benefit</li> </ul>	Not covered
Adult and childhood preventive services and immunizations as recommended by the USPSTF, ACIP, HRSA or other sources as recognized by BCBSM that are in compliance with the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	Not covered
Fecal occult blood screening	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Flexible sigmoidoscopy exam	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Prostate specific antigen (PSA) screening	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Routine mammogram and related reading	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)  <b>Note:</b> Subsequent medically necessary mammograms performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance.	70% after out-of-network deductible  <b>Note:</b> Out-of-network readings and interpretations are payable only when the screening mammogram itself is performed by an in-network provider.

One per member per calendar year

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Colonoscopy - routine or medically necessary	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) for the first billed colonoscopy  <b>Note:</b> Subsequent colonoscopies performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance.	70% after out-of-network deductible
One routine colonoscopy per member per calendar year		

## Physician office services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Office visits - must be medically necessary	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Online visits - by physician or <b>BCBSM</b> selected vendor must be medically necessary  <b>Note:</b> Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered. Not all services delivered virtually are considered an online visit, but may be considered telemedicine. Telemedicine services will be subject to the applicable cost share associated with the service provided.	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient and home medical care visits - must be medically necessary	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Office consultations - must be medically necessary	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Urgent care visits - must be medically necessary	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

## Emergency medical care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Hospital emergency room	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
Ambulance services - must be medically necessary	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible

## Diagnostic services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Laboratory and pathology services	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Diagnostic tests and x-rays	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Therapeutic radiology	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

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## Maternity services provided by a physician or certified nurse midwife

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Prenatal care visits	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	70% after out-of-network deductible
Postnatal care	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	70% after out-of-network deductible
Delivery and nursery care	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> For facility services See "Hospital Care"		

## Hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Semiprivate room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Unlimited days		
<b>Note:</b> Nonemergency services must be rendered in a <b>participating</b> hospital.		
Inpatient consultations	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Chemotherapy	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

## Alternatives to hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Skilled nursing care- must be in a <b>participating</b> skilled nursing facility	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
Limited to a maximum of 90 days per member per calendar year		
Hospice care	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
Up to 28 pre-hospice counseling visits before electing hospice services; when elected, four 90-day periods-provided through a <b>participating</b> hospice program <b>only</b> ; limited to dollar maximum that is reviewed and adjusted periodically (after reaching dollar maximum, member transitions into individual case management)		
Home health care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must be medically necessary</li> <li>• must be provided by a <b>participating</b> home health care agency</li> </ul>	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
Infusion therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must be medically necessary</li> <li>• must be given by a <b>participating</b> Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) provider or in a <b>participating</b> freestanding Ambulatory Infusion Center (AIC)</li> <li>• may use drugs that require prior authorization-consult with your doctor</li> </ul>	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible

## Surgical services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Surgery-includes related surgical services and medically necessary facility services by a <b>participating</b> ambulatory surgery facility	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Presurgical consultations	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Voluntary sterilization of male reproductive organs	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> For voluntary sterilization of female reproductive organs, see <b>"Preventive care services."</b>		
Elective Abortion Services	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> Abortions are not covered if rendered in a location where abortions are not legal.		

Human organ transplants		
Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Specified human organ transplants - must be in a <b>designated</b> facility and coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible-in designated facilities <b>only</b>
Bone marrow transplants-must be coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Specified oncology clinical trials	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> BCBSM covers clinical trials in compliance with PPACA.		
Kidney, cornea and skin transplants	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

Behavioral Health Services (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)		
Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
<b>Inpatient</b> mental health care and <b>inpatient</b> substance use disorder treatment	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> Facility services are covered in participating facilities only.		Unlimited days
Residential psychiatric treatment facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>covered mental health services <b>must</b> be performed in a residential psychiatric treatment facility</li> <li>treatment requires prior authorization</li> <li>subject to medical criteria</li> </ul>	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient mental health care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility and clinic</li> </ul>	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> Facility services are covered in participating facilities only.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online visits</li> </ul>	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physician's office</li> </ul>	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient substance use disorder treatment-in approved facilities <b>only</b>	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible (in-network cost-sharing will apply if there is no PPO network)

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## Autism spectrum disorders, diagnoses and treatment

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Applied behavior analysis (ABA) treatment - subject to prior authorization	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> Prior to seeking ABA treatment, the member must be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team including, but not limited to, a physician, behavioral health specialist, and a speech and language specialist for the services to be authorized. This interdisciplinary evaluation can be performed at an approved autism evaluation center (AAEC).		<b>Note:</b> Services rendered by an approved licensed behavior analyst (LBA) will apply the in-network cost-sharing.
Outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy for autism spectrum disorder	90% after in-network deductible  Physical, speech and occupational therapy <b>with an autism diagnosis</b> is unlimited	70% after out-of-network deductible
Other covered services, including nutritional counseling and mental health services, for autism spectrum disorder	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

## Other covered services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Outpatient Diabetes Management Program (ODMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% after in-network deductible for diabetes medical supplies</li> <li>100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) for diabetes self-management training</li> </ul>	70% after out-of-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> Screening services required under the provisions of PPACA are covered at 100% of approved amount with no in-network cost-sharing when rendered by an in-network provider.		
<b>Note:</b> When you purchase your diabetic supplies via mail order you will lower your out-of-pocket costs.		
Allergy testing and therapy	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
Chiropractic spinal manipulation and osteopathic manipulative therapy	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
	Limited to a <b>combined</b> 24-visit maximum per member per calendar year	
Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy-provided for rehabilitation	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible
		<b>Note:</b> Services at nonparticipating outpatient physical therapy facilities are not covered.
	Limited to a <b>combined</b> 60-visit maximum per member per calendar year	
Durable medical equipment	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
<b>Note:</b> DME items required under the preventive benefit provisions of PPACA are covered at 100% of approved amount with no in-network cost-sharing when rendered by an in-network provider. For a list of preventive DME items that PPACA requires to be covered at 100%, call BCBSM.		
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	90% after in-network deductible	90% after in-network deductible
Private duty nursing care	90% after in-network deductible	70% after out-of-network deductible

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**Specialty Pharmaceutical Drugs** - The preferred pharmacy for specialty drugs is **Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy**. Specialty drugs are covered only when dispensed through the Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy or through a participating Walgreens retail pharmacy, as long as the drug is available at that location. You may want to call ahead to confirm availability. **If you don't use Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy or a participating Walgreens retail pharmacy, you may be responsible for the full cost of the medication.**

A list of specialty drugs is available on our website at [bcbsm.com/pharmacy](http://bcbsm.com/pharmacy). Click What are specialty drugs, then click Specialty Drug Program Rx Benefit Member Guide. The guide is updated monthly.

If you have additional questions, you can call Walgreens Specialty Pharmacy customer service at 1-866-515-1355.

We will not pay for more than a 30-day supply of a covered prescription drug that Blue Cross defines as a "specialty pharmaceutical". We may make exceptions if a member requires more than a 30-day supply. Blue Cross reserves the right to limit the quantity of select specialty drugs to no more than a 15-day supply for each fill. Your copay or coinsurance will be reduced by one-half for each fill once applicable deductibles have been met.

**Select Controlled Substance Drugs** - BCBSM will limit the initial fill of select controlled substances to a 5-day supply. Additional fills for these medications will be limited to no more than a 30-day supply. The controlled substances affected by this prescription drug requirement are available online at [bcbsm.com/pharmacy](http://bcbsm.com/pharmacy).

### Member's responsibility (copays and coinsurance amounts)

Your Simply Blue HSA prescription drug benefits, including mail order drugs, are subject to the same deductible and same annual out-of-pocket maximum required under your Simply Blue HSA medical coverage. Benefits are not payable until you have met the Simply Blue HSA annual deductible. After you have satisfied the deductible you are required to pay applicable prescription drug copays and coinsurance amounts which are subject to your annual out-of-pocket maximums.

**Note:** The following prescription drug expenses will not apply to your Simply Blue HSA deductible or annual out-of-pocket maximum

- any difference between the Maximum Allowable Cost and BCBSM's approved amount for a covered brand-name drug
- the 20% member liability for covered drugs obtained from an out-of-network pharmacy

Benefits		90-day retail network pharmacy	In-network mail order provider*	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
Generic or select prescribed over-the-counter drugs	1 to 30-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$10 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$10 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$10 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$10 copay plus an additional 20% of the BCBSM approved amount

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Benefits		90-day retail network pharmacy	In-network mail order provider*	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	After deductible is met, you pay \$20 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$20 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$20 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Brand name prescription drugs	1 to 30-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$40 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$40 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$40 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$40 copay plus an additional 20% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	After deductible is met, you pay \$80 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$80 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$80 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Generic specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	<b>Coverage only available through the Exclusive Pharmacy Network for Specialty Drugs</b> After deductible is met, you pay \$10 copay  <b>Note:</b> No coverage for 31-90 day supply.			
Brand-name specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	<b>Coverage only available through the Exclusive Pharmacy Network for Specialty Drugs</b> After deductible is met, you pay \$40 copay  <b>Note:</b> No coverage for 31-90 day supply.			

**Note:** Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs are drugs that do not require a prescription under federal law. They are identified by BCBSM as select prescription drugs. A prescription for the select OTC drug is required from the member's physician. In some cases, over-the-counter drugs may need to be tried before BCBSM will approve use of other drugs.

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## Covered services

Benefits	90-day retail network pharmacy	In-network mail order provider*	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
FDA-approved drugs	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance plus an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty
Prescribed over-the-counter drugs - when covered by BCBSM	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance plus an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty
State-controlled drugs	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance plus an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty

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Benefits	90-day retail network pharmacy	In-network mail order provider*	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
FDA-approved <b>generic</b> and <b>select brand-name</b> prescription preventive drugs, supplements and vitamins as required by PPACA	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	80% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved <b>brand-name</b> prescription preventive drugs, supplements and vitamins as required by PPACA	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance plus an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty
Adult and childhood select preventive immunizations as recommended by the USPSTF, ACIP, HRSA or other sources as recognized by BCBSM that are in compliance with the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	100% of approved amount	No coverage	100% of approved amount	80% of approved amount
FDA-approved <b>generic</b> and <b>select brand-name</b> prescription contraceptive medication (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	80% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved <b>brand-name</b> prescription contraceptive medication (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance <b>plus</b> an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty
Disposable needles and syringes - when dispensed with insulin or other covered injectable legend drugs  <b>Note:</b> Needles and syringes have no copay/coinsurance.	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance plus an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty for insulin or other covered injectable legend drug
Select diabetic supplies and devices (test strips, lancets and glucometers)  For a list of diabetic supplies available under the pharmacy benefit refer to your BCBSM drug list at <a href="http://BCBSM.com/pharmacy">BCBSM.com/pharmacy</a> .	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance	Subject to Simply Blue HSA medical deductible and prescription drug copay/coinsurance plus an additional 20% prescription drug out-of-network penalty

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## Features of your prescription drug plan

Clinical Drug List	<p>A continually updated list of FDA-approved medications that represent each therapeutic class. The drugs on the list are chosen by the BCBSM Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for their effectiveness, safety, uniqueness and cost efficiency. The goal of the drug list is to provide members with the greatest therapeutic value at the lowest possible cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Generic drug tier</b> - This tier includes generic drugs made with the same active ingredients, available in the same strengths and dosage forms, and administered in the same way as equivalent brand-name drugs. They also require the lowest copay/coinsurance, making them the most cost-effective option for the treatment.</li> <li>• <b>Brand-name drug tier</b> - This tier includes non-specialty brand-name drugs. These drugs are more expensive than generic and members pay more for them.</li> </ul>
Prescription drug preferred therapy	<p>A step-therapy approach that encourages physicians to prescribe generic, generic alternative or over-the-counter medications <b>before</b> prescribing a more expensive brand-name drug. It applies only to prescriptions being filled for the first time of a targeted medication.</p> <p>Before filling your <b>initial</b> prescription for select, high-cost, brand-name drugs, the pharmacy will contact your physician to suggest a generic alternative. A list of select brand-name drugs targeted for the preferred therapy program is available at <a href="http://bcbsm.com/pharmacy">bcbsm.com/pharmacy</a>, <b>along with the preferred medications</b>.</p> <p>If our records indicate you have already tried the preferred medication(s), we will authorize the prescription. If we have no record of you trying the preferred medication(s), you may be liable for the entire cost of the brand-name drug unless you first try the preferred medication(s) or your physician obtains prior authorization from BCBSM. These provisions affect <b>all</b> targeted brand-name drugs, whether they are dispensed by a retail pharmacy or through a mail order provider.</p>
Maximum allowable cost drugs	<p>When you receive a generic maximum allowable cost (MAC) drug from an in-network pharmacy, you pay your cost share as noted in your coverage.</p> <p>However, if you request a brand-name drug and the prescriber did not write "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" on the prescription, you must pay the difference between the maximum allowable cost and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan approved amount for the brand-name drug, plus your copayment.</p> <p>If the prescriber wrote "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" on the prescription, we will pay the pharmacy the approved amount for the brand-name drug, after deduction of your copayment.</p>
Quantity limits	To stay consistent with FDA approved labeling for drugs, some medications may have quantity limits.
GLP-1 Products	GLP-1 products for conditions other than diabetes are not covered.

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### Hearing Care Coverage

### Effective Date: On or after January 2026

### Benefits-at-a-glance

This is intended as an easy-to-read summary and provides only a general overview of your benefits. It is not a contract. Additional limitations and exclusions may apply. Payment amounts are based on BCBSM's approved amount, less any applicable deductible and/or copay. For a complete description of benefits please see the applicable BCBSM certificates and riders, if your group is underwritten. If your group is self-funded, please see any other plan documents your group uses. If there is a discrepancy between this Benefits-at-a-Glance and any applicable plan document, the plan document will control.

### Member's responsibility (deductible and copay/coinsurance)

**Note:** Limited to a benefit maximum of \$3,000 for monaural hearing aids, \$6,000 for binaural hearing aids every 36 months per member for participating providers

Benefits	Participating provider	Nonparticipating provider
Deductible <b>Note:</b> You are required to meet the annual calendar year deductible under your Simply Blue HSA coverage <b>before</b> using your hearing care benefits	<b>Your Simply Blue HSA hearing care benefits are subject to the same deductible required under your Simply Blue HSA medical coverage.</b> Hearing care benefits are <b>not</b> payable until after you have met the Simply Blue HSA annual deductible.	Not applicable
Copay/coinsurance	<b>Your Simply Blue HSA hearing care benefits are subject to the same coinsurance required under your Simply Blue HSA medical coverage.</b>	Not applicable

### Covered services

You **must** receive the following services from a **hearing participating provider**. Hearing care services are **not** covered when performed by nonparticipating providers unless the services are performed outside of Michigan **and** the local Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan does **not** contract with providers for hearing care services. In this case, BCBSM will pay the approved amount for hearing aids and related covered services obtained from a nonparticipating provider. You may be responsible for charges that exceed our approved amount.

If you select a digitally controlled programmable hearing device, you may be responsible for charges that exceed the cost of a covered hearing aid.

Benefits	Participating provider	Nonparticipating provider
Audiometric exam - one every 36 months	100% of approved amount after Simply Blue HSA deductible and coinsurance	Not covered
Hearing aid evaluation- one every 36 months	100% of approved amount after Simply Blue HSA deductible and coinsurance	Not covered
Ordering and fitting the hearing aid (a monaural or binaural hearing aid) - one every 36 months	100% of approved amount after Simply Blue HSA deductible and coinsurance	Not covered

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Benefits	Participating provider	Nonparticipating provider
Hearing aid conformity test- one every 36 months	100% of approved amount after Simply Blue HSA deductible and coinsurance	Not covered

**Note:** You **must** obtain a medical evaluation (sometimes called a medical clearance exam) of the ear performed by a physician-specialist before you receive your hearing aid. If a physician-specialist is not accessible, your primary care doctor may perform the medical evaluation. **This evaluation is not covered under your hearing care coverage, so you must pay for this exam unless your medical coverage includes coverage for office visits.**

A physician-specialist is a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy who is also board certified or in the process of being board certified as an otolaryngologist. A physician-specialist determines whether a patient has a hearing loss and whether such loss can be offset by a hearing aid.

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