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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.** 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	• Subscriber's legal spouse • **Dependent children**: related to you by birth, marriage, legal adoption or legal guardianship; eligible for coverage until the end of the year in which they turn age 26
Sponsored dependents	• 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.

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
Deductibles	$500 for one member, $1,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year **(no 4th quarter carry-over)**	$1,000 for one member, $2,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year **(no 4th quarter carry-over)** **Note**: Out-of-network deductible amounts also count toward the in-network deductible.
Flat-dollar copays	• $20 copay for office visits and office consultations with a **primary care physician** • $40 copay for each office visits and office consultations with a **specialist** • $20 copay for medical online visits • $40 copay for chiropractic therapy • $20 copay for osteopathic manipulative therapy • $150 copay for emergency room visits • $60 copay for urgent care visits	• $150 copay for emergency room visits
Coinsurance amounts (percent copays) **Note**: Coinsurance amounts apply once the deductible has been met.	• 30% of approved amount for private duty nursing care • 20% of approved amount for most other covered services	• 50% of approved amount for private duty nursing care • 40% of approved amount for most other covered services
Annual coinsurance maximums - applies to coinsurance amounts for all covered services -but **does not** apply to deductibles, flat-dollar copays, private duty nursing care coinsurance amounts and prescription drug cost-sharing amounts	$2,500 for one member, $5,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year	$5,000 for one member, $10,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year **Note**: Out-of-network coinsurance amounts also count toward the in-network coinsurance maximum.

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Annual out-of-pocket maximums - applies to deductibles, flat-dollar copays and coinsurance amounts for all covered services - including cost-sharing amounts for prescription drugs, if applicable.	$6,350 for one member, $12,700 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year	$12,700 for one member, $25,400 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year **Note**: Out-of-network cost-sharing amounts also count toward the in-network out-of-pocket maximum.
Lifetime dollar maximum	None	

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 **Note**: 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 **Note**: 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)	60% 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)	100% after out-of-network deductible
Contraceptive injections	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	60% after out-of-network deductible
Well-baby and Well-child visits	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), • 8 visits, birth through 12 months • 6 visits, 13 months through 23 months • 6 visits, 24 months through 35 months • 2 visits, 36 months through 47 months • Visits beyond 47 months are limited to one per member per calendar year under the health maintenance exam benefit	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

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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) **Note**: Subsequent medically necessary mammograms performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance.	60% after out-of-network deductible **Note**: 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	
Colonoscopy - routine or medically necessary	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), for the first billed colonoscopy **Note**: Subsequent colonoscopies performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance.	60% after out-of-network deductible
	One per member per calendar year	

Physician office services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Office visits-must be medically necessary	• $20 copay for each office visit with a **primary care physician** • $40 copay for each office visit with a **specialist** **Note**: Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam. Cost-sharing may not apply if preventive or immunization services are performed during the office visit.	60% after out-of-network deductible
Online visits - by physician or **BCBSM** selected vendor must be medically necessary **Note:** 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.	$20 copay per online visit	60% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient and home medical care visits-must be medically necessary	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Office consultations-must be medically necessary	• $20 copay for each office consultation with a **primary care physician** • $40 copay for each office consultation with a **specialist** **Note:** Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam. Cost-sharing may not apply if preventive or immunization services are performed during the office visit.	60% after out-of-network deductible

Urgent care visits

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Urgent care visits	$60 copay for each urgent care visit **Note**: Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam. Cost-sharing may not apply if preventive or immunization services are performed during the office visit.	60% after out-of-network deductible

Emergency medical care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Hospital emergency room	$150 copay per visit (copay waived if admitted)	$150 copay per visit (copay waived if admitted)
Ambulance services-must be medically necessary	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible

Diagnostic services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Laboratory and pathology services	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Diagnostic tests and x-rays	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Therapeutic radiology	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

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)	60% after out-of-network deductible
Postnatal care	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	60% after out-of-network deductible
Delivery and nursery care **Note:** For facility services See "Hospital Care"	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

Hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Semiprivate room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies **Note**: Nonemergency services must be rendered in a **participating** hospital.	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
	Unlimited days	
Inpatient consultations	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Chemotherapy	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

Alternatives to hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Skilled nursing care-must be in a **participating** skilled nursing facility	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible
	Limited to a maximum of 120 days per member per calendar year	
Hospice care	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)
	Up to 28 pre-hospice counseling visits before electing hospice services; when elected, four 90-day periods - provided through a **participating** hospice program **only**; limited to dollar maximum that is reviewed and adjusted periodically (after reaching dollar maximum, member transitions into individual case management)	
Home health care: • must be medically necessary • must be provided by a **participating** home health care agency	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible
Infusion therapy: • must be medically necessary • must be given by a **participating** Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) provider or in a **participating** freestanding Ambulatory Infusion Center (AIC) • may use drugs that require prior authorization- consult with your doctor	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible

Surgical services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Surgery- includes related surgical services and medically necessary facility services by a **participating** ambulatory surgery facility	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Presurgical consultations	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	60% after out-of-network deductible
Voluntary sterilization of male reproductive organs **Note:** For voluntary sterilization of female reproductive organs, see **"Preventive care services."**	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Elective Abortion Services	Not covered	Not covered

Human organ transplants

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Specified human organ transplants-must be in a **designated** facility and coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) - in designated facilities **only**
Bone marrow transplants -must be coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Specified oncology clinical trials **Note**: BCBSM covers clinical trials in compliance with PPACA.	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Kidney, cornea and skin transplants	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

Behavioral Health Services (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Inpatient mental health care and **inpatient** substance use disorder treatment **Note:** Facility services are covered in participating facilities only.	80% after in-network deductible Unlimited days	60% after out-of-network deductible
Residential psychiatric treatment facility: • covered mental health services **must** be performed in a residential psychiatric treatment facility • treatment requires prior authorization • subject to medical criteria	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient mental health care: • Facility and clinic **Note:** Facility services are covered in participating facilities only.	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible
• Online visits **Note:** Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered.	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
• Physician's office	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient substance use disorder treatment- in approved facilities **only**	80% after in-network deductible	60% 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 **Note:** 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).	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible **Note:** 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	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
	Physical, speech and occupational therapy **with an autism** diagnosis is unlimited	
Other covered services, including nutritional counseling and mental health services, for autism spectrum disorder	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible

Other covered services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Outpatient Diabetes Management Program (ODMP) **Note**: 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. **Note**: When you purchase your diabetic supplies via mail order you will lower your out-of-pocket costs.	• 80% after in-network deductible for diabetes medical supplies • 100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) for diabetes self-management training	60% after out-of-network deductible
Allergy testing and therapy	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible
Chiropractic spinal manipulation and osteopathic manipulative therapy	• Chiropractic spinal manipulation - $40 copay per visit • Osteopathic manipulative therapy - $20 copay per visit **Note:** Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam	60% after out-of-network deductible
	Limited to a **combined** 12-visit maximum per member per calendar year	
Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy-provided for rehabilitation	80% after in-network deductible	60% after out-of-network deductible **Note**: Services at nonparticipating outpatient physical therapy facilities are not covered.
	Limited to a **combined** 30-visit maximum per member per calendar year	
Durable medical equipment **Note:** 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.	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible

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Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	80% after in-network deductible	80% after in-network deductible
Private duty nursing care	70% after in-network deductible	50% after out-of-network deductible

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Prescription Drug Discount Program - Prescription drug manufacturers provide coupon programs for certain medications. Your benefit plan requires you to take advantage of BCBSM-approved coupon programs for select medications. This benefit may lower the cost-sharing typically required for these drugs. Your out-of-pocket expense will be no more than your benefit cost-sharing. When a manufacturer coupon is used, only the amount you paid for the prescription will apply towards your annual out-of-pocket maximum.

NOTE: Adjustments may be required to accurately reflect your annual out-of-pocket maximum to reflect your true out-of-pocket cost.

This program may be discontinued at any time if it is no longer supported by the vendor.

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**. 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.

Member's responsibility (copays and coinsurance amounts)

Note: Your prescription drug copays and coinsurance amounts, including mail order copay and coinsurance amounts, are subject to the **same** annual out-of-pocket maximum required under your medical coverage. The following prescription drug expenses will not apply to your annual out-of-pocket maximum.

- any difference between the Maximum Allowable Cost and BCBSM's approved amount for a covered brand-name drug
- the 25% member liability for covered drugs obtained from an out-of-network pharmacy

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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
Generic or select prescribed over-the-counter drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay $10 copay	You pay $10 copay	You pay $10 copay	You pay $10 copay plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	You pay $20 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	You pay $20 copay	You pay $20 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Preferred brand-name drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay $40 copay	You pay $40 copay	You pay $40 copay	You pay $40 copay plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	You pay $80 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	You pay $80 copay	You pay $80 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Nonpreferred brand-name drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay $80 copay	You pay $80 copay	You pay $80 copay	You pay $80 copay plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	You pay $160 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	You pay $160 copay	You pay $160 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Generic specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	**Coverage only available through the Exclusive Pharmacy Network for Specialty Drugs** You pay $10 copay **Note:** No coverage for 31-90 day supply.			
Preferred brand-name specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	**Coverage only available through the Exclusive Pharmacy Network for Specialty Drugs** You pay $40 copay **Note:** No coverage for 31-90 day supply.			
Nonpreferred brand-name specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	**Coverage only available through the Exclusive Pharmacy Network for Specialty Drugs** You pay $80 copay **Note:** 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.
* BCBSM will not pay for drugs obtained from out-of-network mail order providers, including Internet providers.

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	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
Prescribed over-the-counter drugs - when covered by BCBSM	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
State-controlled drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance

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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 **generic** and **select brand-name** prescription preventive drugs, supplements and vitamins as required by PPACA	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	75% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved **brand-name** prescription preventive drugs, supplements and vitamins as required by PPACA	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
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	75% of approved amount
FDA-approved **generic** and **select brand-name** prescription contraceptive medication (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	75% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved **brand-name** prescription contraceptive medication (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
Disposable needles and syringes - when dispensed with insulin or other covered injectable legend drugs **Note:** Needles and syringes have no copay/coinsurance.	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the 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 BCBSM.com/pharmacy.	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance

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Features of your prescription drug plan

Custom Drug List	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. • **Generic drug tier** - 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. • **Preferred brand-name drug tier** - This tier includes non-specialty preferred brand-name drugs. These drugs are more expensive then generic and members pay more for them. • **Nonpreferred brand-name drug tier** - This tier includes non-specialty brand-name drugs for which there's either a generic alternative or a more cost-effective preferred brand-name drug available. Members pay more for these nonpreferred brand-name drugs.
Prior authorization/step therapy	A process that requires a physician to obtain approval from BCBSM **before** select prescription drugs (drugs identified by BCBSM as requiring prior authorization) will be covered. **Step Therapy**, an initial step in the "Prior Authorization" process, applies criteria to select drugs to determine if a less costly prescription drug may be used for the same drug therapy. Some over-the-counter medications may be covered under step therapy guidelines. This also applies to mail order drugs. Claims that do not meet Step Therapy criteria require prior authorization. Details about which drugs require prior authorization or step therapy are available online site at **bcbsm.com/pharmacy.**
Maximum allowable cost drugs	For maximum allowable cost (MAC) Drugs, if you have a prescription filled by an in-network pharmacy, and the pharmacist fills it with a generic equivalent drug, you are required to pay only the copayment and/or deductible, if applicable. If you obtain a brand name drug when a generic equivalent drug is available, you must pay the difference between the maximum allowable cost and the BCBSM approved amount for the brand name drug plus your copayment and/or deductible, if applicable. **Note:** If your physician requests and receives authorization for a brand name drug from BCBSM's Pharmacy Services Department and writes "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" on the prescription order, you pay only your copayment and/or deductible, if applicable.
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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