



Blue Protect

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 1-855-350-7437 or visit us at AlabamaBlue.com/bb/2024bpi.pdf. 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 AlabamaBlue.com/sbcglossary or call 1-855-350-7437 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible ?	\$9,450 / individual or \$18,900 / family in-network. \$18,900 / individual or \$37,800 / family out-of-network.	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from providers up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the plan , each family member must meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible .
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible ?	Yes. In-network preventive services and 3 illness-related office in-network visits are covered before you meet your deductible .	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 deductible for specific services.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan ?	For in-network \$9,450 individual / \$18,900 family.	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 limits has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit ?	All out-of-network cost sharing amounts (deductibles , copays and coinsurance), premiums , balance-billing charges, healthcare this plan doesn't cover, and specialty drug coupon programs payments. Exceptions include out-of-network medical emergency services (including mental health and substance abuse) and out-of-network air ambulance services.	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 AlabamaBlue.com or call 1-800-810-BLUE 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 .



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
		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	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	<p>Primary care physician subject to a \$50 copay for the first 3 illness-related in-network visits per member; precertification is required for some provider administered drugs; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available</p> <p>Precertification is required for some provider administered drugs; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available</p> <p>Please visit AlabamaBlue.com/PreventiveServices and AlabamaBlue.com/StandardACAPreventiveDrug List. You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive, then check your plan benefits for coverage. For a printed copy, please contact Customer Service at 1-855-350-7437.</p>
	Specialist visit	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are for physician services ; some diagnostic tests and imaging may require precertification; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; in Alabama, out-of-network facilities not covered
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at AlabamaBlue.com/2024SourcePlusRx1DrugList	Tier 1 Drugs	0% coinsurance (retail)	Not Covered	Benefits listed are only available through the ValueONE Retail Network; precertification is required for some drugs; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; select generic specialty and biosimilar drugs on the Select Generic Specialty and Biosimilar Drug List will have lower member cost share
	Tier 2 Drugs	0% coinsurance (retail)	Not Covered	
	Tier 3 Drugs	0% coinsurance (retail)	Not Covered	
	Tier 4 Drugs	0% coinsurance (retail)	Not Covered	
	Tier 5 Drugs (preferred specialty)	0% coinsurance (retail)	Not Covered	
	Tier 6 Drugs (non-preferred specialty)	0% coinsurance (retail)	Not Covered	

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If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	In Alabama, out-of-network not covered; precertification may be required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Physician/surgeon fees	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	None
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	Accident: 0% coinsurance Medical Emergency: 0% coinsurance	Accident: 0% coinsurance Medical Emergency: 0% coinsurance	Physician charges will apply
	Emergency medical transportation	0% coinsurance	0% coinsurance	None
	Urgent care	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Primary care physician subject to a \$50 copay for the first 3 illness-related in-network visits per member
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	In Alabama, out-of-network benefits are only available for accidental injury and medical emergency; precertification is required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Physician/surgeon fees	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Precertification is required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Precertification is required for intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization and inpatient hospitalization if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Inpatient services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	
If you are pregnant	Office visits	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Cost sharing does not apply for preventive services . Depending on the type of services, a copayment , coinsurance or deductible may apply. Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e., ultrasound); precertification may be required for some inpatient services; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	

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If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits for home infusion services are also available; precertification is required outside Alabama; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
	Rehabilitation services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	30 visits per member per calendar year; includes occupational, physical and speech therapy; children ages 0-18 with an autistic diagnosis are allowed unlimited visits for occupational and speech therapy
	Habilitation services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	30 visits per member per calendar year; includes occupational, physical and speech therapy; children ages 0-18 with an autistic diagnosis are allowed unlimited visits for occupational and speech therapy
	Skilled nursing care	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not covered; member pays 100%
	Durable medical equipment	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Precertification may be required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Hospice services	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Precertification is required outside of Alabama; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	0% coinsurance	Not Covered	Benefits include one eye exam (including refraction) each calendar year for members up to the end of the month in which the member turns 19
	Children's glasses	0% coinsurance	0% coinsurance	Benefits include one pair of prescription glasses (lenses and frames) or contact lenses (limited to one 12-month supply) each calendar year for members up to the end of the month in which the member turns 19
	Children's dental check-up	0% coinsurance	Not Covered	Benefits include diagnostic and preventive services for members up to the end of the month in which the member turns 19; additional benefits available; limitations apply; patient responsibility may vary

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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 .)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abortion (except when necessary to prevent a serious health risk to the woman or as required by applicable laws)• Acupuncture• Bariatric surgery• Cosmetic surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dental care (Adult)• Hearing aids• Long-term care• Private-duty nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine eye care (Adult)• Routine foot care• Skilled nursing care• Weight loss programs

Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiropractic care (limited to 15 visits per member per calendar year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Infertility treatment (Assisted Reproductive Technology not covered)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.

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> or Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama at 1-855-350-7437. 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 on how 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: Alabama Department of Insurance at 1-334-269-3550 or Insdept@insurance.alabama.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 Minimum Value Standards? **Not applicable**

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)		Managing Joe's Type 2 Diabetes (a year of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)		Mia's Simple Fracture (in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)																																											
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<p>This EXAMPLE event includes services like: Specialist office visits (<i>prenatal care</i>) Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services Diagnostic tests (<i>ultrasounds and blood work</i>) Specialist visit (<i>anesthesia</i>)</p>		<p>This EXAMPLE event includes services like: Primary care physician office visits (<i>including disease education</i>) Diagnostic tests (<i>blood work</i>) Prescription drugs Durable medical equipment (<i>glucose meter</i>)</p>		<p>This EXAMPLE event includes services like: Emergency room care (<i>including medical supplies</i>) Diagnostic tests (<i>x-ray</i>) Durable medical equipment (<i>crutches</i>) Rehabilitation services (<i>physical therapy</i>)</p>																																											
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Note: These numbers assume the patient does not participate in the [plan's](#) wellness program. If you participate in the [plan's](#) wellness program, you may be able to reduce your costs. For more information about the wellness program, please contact: AlabamaBlue.com.

Language Access Services and Notice of Nondiscrimination:

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages

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

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

Foreign Language Assistance

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

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

Chinese: 注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)。

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

Arabic: انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، توجد خدمات مساعدة فيما يتعلق باللغة، بدون تكلفة، متاحة لك. اتصل ب1-855-216-3144 (الهاتف النصي: 711).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Laotian: ໄປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ຄ່າຈ່າຍ, ຈະມີມື້ພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທ 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

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

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

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

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

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

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