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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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subscriber's legal spouse, same or opposite gender domestic partner eligible for coverage under the subscriber's contract Dependent children: related to you by birth, marriage, legal adoption or legal guardianship, including eligible children of your same or opposite gender domestic partner; eligible for coverage through the end of the calendar year in which they turn age 26.
Sponsored dependents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Note: Your deductible combines deductible amounts paid under your Simply Blue HSA medical coverage and your Simply Blue prescription drug coverage. Note: The full family deductible must be met under a two-person or family contract before benefits are paid for any person on the contract.	\$2,000 for a one-person contract \$4,000 for a family contract (two or more members) each calendar year (no 4th quarter carry-over)	\$4,000 for a one-person contract \$8,000 for a family contract (two or more members) each calendar year (no 4th quarter carry-over)
Flat-dollar copays	See "Prescription Drugs" section	See "Prescription Drugs" section
Coinsurance amounts (percent copays) Note: Coinsurance amounts apply once the deductible has been met.	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% of approved amount for most covered services
Annual out-of-pocket maximums -applies to deductibles and coinsurance amounts for all covered services - including prescription drug cost-sharing amounts	\$4,000 for a one-person contract \$8,000 for a family contract (two or more members) each calendar year	\$8,000 for a one-person contract \$16,000 for a family contract (two or more members) each calendar year
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

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
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)	80% 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)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Contraceptive injections	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Well-baby and Well-child visits	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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) <p>Note: Subsequent medically necessary mammograms performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance.</p>	80% after out-of-network deductible <p>Note: Out-of-network readings and interpretations are payable only when the screening mammogram itself is performed by an in-network provider.</p>
One per member per calendar year		
Colonoscopy - routine or medically necessary	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) for the first billed colonoscopy <p>Note: Subsequent colonoscopies performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance.</p>	80% after out-of-network deductible
One routine colonoscopy per member per calendar year		

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Physician office services		
Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Office visits - must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	80% 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.	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient and home medical care visits - must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Office consultations - must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Urgent care visits - must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Emergency medical care		
Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Hospital emergency room	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
Ambulance services - must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible

Diagnostic services		
Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Laboratory and pathology services	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Diagnostic tests and x-rays	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Therapeutic radiology	100% after in-network deductible	80% 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)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Postnatal care	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Delivery and nursery care	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: For facility services See "Hospital Care"		

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Hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Semiprivate room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Unlimited days		
Note: Nonemergency services must be rendered in a participating hospital.		
Inpatient consultations	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Chemotherapy	100% after in-network deductible	80% 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	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
	Limited to a maximum of 90 days per member per calendar year	
Hospice care	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
	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:	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be medically necessary must be provided by a participating home health care agency 		
Infusion therapy:	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		

Surgical services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Surgery-includes related surgical services and medically necessary facility services by a participating ambulatory surgery facility	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Presurgical consultations	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Voluntary sterilization of male reproductive organs	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: For voluntary sterilization of female reproductive organs, see "Preventive care services."		
Elective Abortion Services	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: Abortions are not covered if rendered in a location where abortions are not legal.		

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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% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible -in designated facilities only
Bone marrow transplants-must be coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Specified oncology clinical trials	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: BCBSM covers clinical trials in compliance with PPACA.		
Kidney, cornea and skin transplants	100% after in-network deductible	80% 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	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: Facility services are covered in participating facilities only. Unlimited days		
Residential psychiatric treatment facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> covered mental health services must be performed in a residential psychiatric treatment facility Treatment requires prior authorization subject to medical criteria 	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient mental health care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility and clinic 	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
Note: Facility services are covered in participating facilities only.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online visits 	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician's office 	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient substance use disorder treatment-in approved facilities only	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible (in-network cost-sharing will apply if there is no PPO network)

Autism spectrum disorders, diagnoses and treatment

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Applied behavior analysis (ABA) treatment - subject to prior authorization	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
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).		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	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Physical, speech and occupational therapy with an autism diagnosis is unlimited		

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Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Other covered services, including nutritional counseling and mental health services, for autism spectrum disorder	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Other covered services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Outpatient Diabetes Management Program (ODMP)	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
<p>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.</p> <p>Note: When you purchase your diabetic supplies via mail order you will lower your out-of-pocket costs.</p>		
Allergy testing and therapy	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Chiropractic spinal manipulation and osteopathic manipulative therapy	100% after in-network deductible	80% 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	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
		<p>Note: Services at nonparticipating outpatient physical therapy facilities are not covered.</p>
	Limited to a combined 30-visit maximum per member per calendar year	
Durable medical equipment	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
<p>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.</p>		
Prosthetic and orthotic appliances	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
Private duty nursing care	100% after in-network deductible	80% 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)

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

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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	After deductible is met, you pay \$15 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$15 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$15 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$15 copay plus an additional 20% of the BCBSM approved amount
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	After deductible is met, you pay \$30 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$30 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$30 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Preferred brand-name drugs	1 to 30-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$50 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$50 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$50 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$50 copay plus an additional 20% of the BCBSM approved amount
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	After deductible is met, you pay \$100 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$100 copay	After deductible is met, you pay \$100 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Nonpreferred brand-name drugs	1 to 30-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$70 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$100	After deductible is met, you pay \$70 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$100	After deductible is met, you pay \$70 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$100	After deductible is met, you pay \$70 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$100 plus an additional 20% of the BCBSM approved amount
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	After deductible is met, you pay \$140 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$200	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	After deductible is met, you pay \$140 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$200	After deductible is met, you pay \$140 copay or 50% of the approved amount (whichever is greater), but no more than \$200	No coverage	No coverage
Generic and preferred brand-name specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	Coverage only available through the Exclusive Pharmacy Network for Specialty Drugs After deductible is met, you pay 20% of the approved amount, but no more than \$200 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 After deductible is met, you pay 25% of the approved amount, but no more than \$300 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.

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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
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	80% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved brand-name 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 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	80% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved brand-name 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 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
Disposable needles and syringes - when dispensed with insulin or other covered injectable legend drugs Note: 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 BCBSM.com/pharmacy .	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

* BCBSM will not pay for drugs obtained from out-of-network mail order providers, including Internet providers.

Features of your prescription drug plan	
Custom 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"> • 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 than 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. • Generic and preferred specialty drug tier - This tier includes generic and preferred brand-name specialty drugs that are used to treat difficult health conditions. These drugs are generally more cost-effective than nonpreferred specialty drugs. • Nonpreferred specialty drug tier - This tier includes nonpreferred brand-name, specialty drugs that are used to treat difficult health conditions. Members pay more for nonpreferred specialty drugs because there are cost-effective generic or preferred drugs available.
Prior authorization/step therapy	<p>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.</p>
Maximum allowable cost drugs	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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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