


City of Birmingham#65215 001 - Premier Medical Plan

Coverage For: Individual + Family Plan Type: PPO

 The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health [plan](#). The SBC shows you how you and the [plan](#) would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this [plan](#) (called the [premium](#)) will be provided separately. This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, call 1-205-254-2819 or visit us at www.mycityofbirminghambenefits.com. For general definitions of common terms, such as [allowed amount](#), [balance billing](#), [coinsurance](#), [copayment](#), [deductible](#), [provider](#), or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at www.bcbsal.org/sbcglossary/ or call 1-866-208-6459 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	From 01/01/2024 to 06/30/2024: \$1,500 / individual or \$3,000 / family.	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. Preventive services in-network 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?	\$4,000 individual/\$8,000 family. Separate prescription drug out-of-pocket: \$1,600 individual/\$3,200 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 limit until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums , balance-billed charges, health care this plan doesn't cover, cost sharing for most out-of-network benefits, pharmacy coinsurance , pre-certification penalties, pharmacy copays and specialty drug manufacturer assistance amounts for provider-administered drugs and payments made by the drug manufacturer assistance programs.	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	\$25 copay /visit Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	Precertification is required for some provider administered drugs; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Specialist visit	\$40 copay /visit Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	Please visit AlabamaBlue.com/PreventiveServices ; additional services are available. You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for. Certain services are available out-of-network, subject to 50% coinsurance and the overall plan year deductible ; limitations apply
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, EKG, blood work)	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are physician services ; facility benefits are also available; precertification may be required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; diagnostic imaging in the physician's office subject to a \$50 copay
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$50 copay Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	

* For more information about limitations and exceptions, see the plan or policy document at www.mycityofbirminghambenefits.com.

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<p>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</p> <p>More information about prescription drug coverage is available at AlabamaBlue.com/pharmacy</p>	Tier 1 Drugs	\$7 copay (retail) \$10 copay (mail order) Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	<p>Prior authorization required for specific drugs; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; the cost share for drugs on the FlexAccess Drug List may vary based on available drug manufacturer assistance; if assistance is available, the amount member pays out-of-pocket will be set by the drug manufacturer assistance program; go to AlabamaBlue.com/FlexAccessDrugList for a list of retail drugs in the FlexAccess Program; select generic specialty and biosimilar drugs on the Select Generic Specialty and Biosimilar Drug List will have lower member cost share</p> <p>Weight Loss Medications (covered at retail only up to a 30-day supply): Covered at 80% subject to overall plan year deductible</p>
	Tier 2 Drugs	\$40 copay (retail) \$40 copay (mail order) Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	
	Tier 3 Drugs	\$60 copay (retail) \$65 copay (mail order) Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	
	Tier 4 Drugs	\$70 copay (retail) Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	
<p>If you have outpatient surgery</p>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	\$100 copay Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	<p>In Alabama, out-of-network not covered; precertification may be required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available</p> <p>None</p>
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	
<p>If you need immediate medical attention</p>	Emergency room care	Accident: \$200 copay /visit Deductible does not apply Medical Emergency: \$200 copay /visit Deductible does not apply	Accident: \$200 copay /visit Deductible does not apply Medical Emergency: \$200 copay /visit Deductible does not apply	<p>Physician charges will apply; benefits listed are for the first two visits to the emergency room; additional visits subject to a \$300 copay/visit; copay waived if admitted</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>
	Emergency medical transportation	No Charge Deductible does not apply	No Charge Deductible does not apply	
	Urgent care	\$50 copay /visit Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	

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If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$250 copay per admission Deductible does not apply	\$1,500 per admission deductible & 50% coinsurance	In Alabama, out-of-network benefits are only available for medical emergency and accidental injury; precertification is required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	Not Covered	Not Covered	Mental Health Disorders and Substance Abuse are covered through Behavioral Health Systems. For more information, call 1-800-245-1150.
	Inpatient services	Not Covered	Not Covered	
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No Charge Deductible does not apply	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	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	\$250 copay per admission Deductible does not apply	\$1,500 per admission deductible & 50% coinsurance	

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If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	60 visits/year; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered; precertification may be required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available; benefits are also available for home infusion services
	Rehabilitation services	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are for Rehabilitation & Habilitation services; each service has a maximum of 20 visits/therapy for occupational, physical & speech therapy per year; no visit limit when related to Autism diagnosis
	Habilitation services	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	60 days/confinement/year; precertification is required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available;
	Skilled nursing care	0% coinsurance	0% coinsurance	No charge for first \$5,000; thereafter subject to 20% coinsurance and not subject to overall deductible ; precertification required for costs over \$1,000; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Durable medical equipment	No Charge Deductible does not apply	No Charge Deductible does not apply	180 days/lifetime; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered; precertification may be required; if no precertification is obtained, no benefits are available
	Hospice services	No Charge Deductible does not apply	50% coinsurance	
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No Charge Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Benefits listed are mandated preventive services; please visit AlabamaBlue.com/PreventiveServices ; additional benefits are available; limitations apply
	Children's glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not covered; member pays 100%
	Children's dental check-up	No Charge Deductible does not apply	Not Covered	Please visit AlabamaBlue.com/PreventiveServices

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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 .)		
• Acupuncture	• Glasses, child	• Routine foot care
• Cosmetic surgery	• Hearing aids	• Weight loss programs
• Dental care (Adult)	• Long-term care	

Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)		
• Bariatric surgery (limitations apply)	• Infertility treatment (limitations apply)	• Private-duty nursing (limitations apply)
• Chiropractic care (limited to 20 visits per member per plan year)	• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.	• Routine eye care (Adult) (limitations apply)

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 Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov or your plan administrator at the phone number listed in your benefit booklet. 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: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama at [1-866-208-6459](tel:1-866-208-6459).

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? Yes

If your [plan](#) doesn't meet the [Minimum Value Standards](#), you may be eligible for a [premium tax credit](#) to help you pay for a [plan](#) through the [Marketplace](#).

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)	
■ The plan's overall deductible	\$1,500	■ The plan's overall deductible	\$1,500	■ The plan's overall deductible	\$1,500
■ Specialist copay	\$40	■ Specialist copay	\$40	■ Specialist copay	\$40
■ Hospital (facility) copay	\$250	■ Hospital (facility) copay	\$250	■ Hospital (facility) copay	\$250
■ Other copay	\$200	■ Other copay	\$200	■ Other copay	\$200
<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>	
Total Example Cost	\$12,700	Total Example Cost	\$5,600	Total Example Cost	\$2,800
In this example, Peg would pay:		In this example, Joe would pay:		In this example, Mia would pay:	
<i>Cost Sharing</i>		<i>Cost Sharing</i>		<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0	Deductibles	\$0	Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$300	Copayments	\$600	Copayments	\$300
Coinsurance	\$0	Coinsurance	\$0	Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>		<i>What isn't covered</i>		<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60	Limits or exclusions	\$40	Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Peg would pay is	\$360	The total Joe would pay is	\$640	The total Mia would pay is	\$300

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.

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- 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.

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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 بـ 1-855-216-3144 (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).

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Laotian: ໄປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. 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).

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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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