

# UNDERSTANDING THE HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN

A high deductible health plan may work a little differently than other health insurance plans you've had in the past. A high deductible health plan or "HDHP" is designed to help keep premium costs lower for you and your family. You'll have coverage for things like:

- Choice of doctors and hospitals
- Doctor visits
- No-cost preventive care
- Hospitalization
- Laboratory coverage
- Maternity and newborn care
- Prescription drugs
- Specialty care
- Telemedicine and telehealth visits
- Urgent care visits
- Pediatric vision and dental
- ExerciseRewards® & Active&Fit Direct® fitness benefits

### Let's start with the basics

Your first three visits to a primary care (PCP) or specialist doctor (SPC) are covered ahead of the deductible (you just pay a copay).

FREE preventive care - Preventive care can help you avoid getting sick and improve your health. With an HDHP, preventive services such as routine physicals, screenings and vaccinations are covered in full.\*

Deductible applies - The deductible is the amount you have to reach first for all other medical services, like going to the doctor when you are sick (after your first 3 PCP or SPC visits) or if you have to go to the hospital. Your deductible amount may vary and is based on the type of plan you have. The deductible does not apply to preventive services. They are covered in full from the first day your coverage begins. Once you reach your deductible, you pay a fixed copay depending on the service, and we pay the rest.

Please refer to "Important terms to know" for definitions.

\*In accordance with the PPACA preventive care regulations, full coverage (no cost share) will be applied for those services meeting the requirements as outlined in Grade A and B Recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

# **HOW THIS WORKS:**

**Preventive Services** 

# WE PAY 100%

Preventive care is covered in full, so we provide full coverage. You do not need to meet your deductible first.

## **Other Services**

YOUR FIRST 3 SERVICES
PROVIDED BY YOUR PCP OR SPC



Your first 3 PCP or SPC services are not subject to the deductible, so you just pay a copay.

UNTIL DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT
IS REACHED

YOU PAY 100%

For all other services, you pay a deductible up to a certain amount.

AFTER DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT IS REACHED



Once the deductible amount is reached you pay a fixed copay depending on the service, and we pay the rest.

Note: for illustrative purposes only - plan options vary.

# THE TOP 4 THINGS TO KNOW

- What benefits are free?
  - Preventive care for you (and your family) is covered in full on the first day your coverage begins.
- Does my plan have a deductible? If so, when does it apply?

amount is reached, care is covered in full for that person.

- Yes, this plan has a deductible.
- The deductible will apply to all medical care and prescription drugs, including diabetic drugs and supplies.
- It does not apply to your first 3 visits to your PCP or SPC (copay will apply).
- How does the money I pay toward my deductible add up (or aggregate)?
  - Each person only has to pay their own individual deductible. Once an individual meets their deductible, the plan begins paying on their claims.
  - When covering more than one person, the family deductible is met for everyone on the plan once any combination of members reaches the family deductible amount.
- How much will I pay out-of-pocket for this plan? And how does it add up (or aggregate)?
  - All of our plans have a maximum amount that any one person will pay called an Out-of-Pocket Maximum (OOPM).
    This amount varies, depending on which of these plans you have. You will want to know what that amount is.
  - Just like with the deductible, each person will only have to pay his or her own OOPM amount. Once that
  - When covering more than one person, care is covered in full for everyone once any combination of members reaches the family OOPM.

# **FOR EXAMPLE:**

Let's say your deductible is — \$4,700.





You go to your primary care doctor because you are not feeling well.

Because your first 3 visits are covered ahead of the deductible, you pay your \$50 primary care copay.



Your doctor orders an MRI of your lower back.

You pay \$1,000 for the MRI.

You still have to pay **\$3,700** more to reach your deductible.



After a series of visits to your doctor and a chiropractor, you have \$0 left to reach your deductible. Now you will pay a fixed amount, called a copay.

If your specialist copay is \$75, and the next time you visit your doctor your bill is \$200, then you'll pay \$75 and we will pay the rest (\$125).

Remember preventive care is covered in full and is not subject to the deductible.



# YOU CAN MANAGE YOUR HEALTH PLAN ONLINE

View and order member cards

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- Access your benefits and claims information
- Track deductibles and out-of-pocket spending
- Find a health care provider
- Estimate medical costs
- Pay your premium bill

### **DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP**

24/7 access to your member card, claims, account information, pay your bill, and more.







# **IMPORTANT TERMS TO KNOW**

**Deductible** - The amount of money you have to pay before we will make any payments toward health care services. Your deductible amount varies and is based on which of these plans you have.

**Copay** -This is a fixed dollar amount you pay for covered health care services. We cover the rest. For example, your doctor visit costs \$100. You pay \$20 for the visit. We cover the remaining \$80. If you haven't met your deductible: You pay the full \$100.

Please note: Copay amounts can vary for different services depending on your plan.

**Coinsurance** - Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent. Coinsurance is similar to a copay, but instead of a fixed dollar amount, it is a percentage of the total bill. **For example,** if your daughter's eyeglasses are \$100 and you've met your deductible, your coinsurance payment of 50% would be \$50. We would pay the rest, or \$50.

**Covered in full -** 100% of the total cost is covered by us and you do not have to pay anything.

**Out-of-pocket maximum** - An annual limit on the amount of money that you would have to pay for health care services, not including your monthly premiums.





Our plans come with access to programs and online resources to help you stay healthy and get the most value for your dollar.

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Our Network - Access more top-quality doctors, hospitals and pharmacies, locally and nationwide.

**BlueCard®** - Access to care when you travel in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Mariana Islands.

Preventive Care - Free preventive care screenings, immunizations and more to help keep you healthy.

**Telehealth and Telemedicine** - See a doctor by phone or video from the comfort of your home. Telehealth services through your in-network provider, as well as 24/7 telemedicine through MDLIVE, are covered in full after deductible.

**Wellframe® App -** Text with health professionals for advice and guidance, create medication reminders, make daily "to-do" lists, access educational materials, and more.

**ExerciseRewards® Program**† - You and your spouse can earn a maximum total of \$600 annually just for working out at a qualifying fitness facility. Simply complete at least 50 workouts each 6-month reward period to earn your rewards. Online fitness and wellness tools are also available at no additional cost.

**Active&Fit Direct® Program**† - Offers fitness center memberships to 13,000+ fitness centers nationwide for just \$25 a month (plus a \$25 enrollment fee and tax, where applicable).

24/7 Nurse Call Line - Get answers to your health care questions anytime day or night.

Pharmacy Home Delivery - Save time and money by having your prescriptions delivered to your home.\*

**Health Risk Assessment -** Our secure online health assessment will help you identify potential health risk factors and identify areas for improvement.

Blue365® - Receive exclusive member discounts on fitness gear, gym memberships, healthy eating options and more.



Enroll Today! Visit ChooseExcellus.com or call 1-888-669-3913

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<sup>\*</sup>Certain Prescription Drugs may be ordered through pharmacy home delivery supplier at two and a half copays for a 90 day supply.

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  - o Qualified sign language interpreters
  - o Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
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  - o Qualified interpreters
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Advocacy Department
Attn: Civil Rights Coordinator
PO Box 4717 Syracuse, NY 13221
Telephone number: 1-800-614-6575
TTY number: 1-800-421-1220

Fax: 1-315-671-6656

You can file a grievance in person or by mail or fax. If you need help filing a grievance, the Health Plan's Civil Rights 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.

Attention: If you speak English free language help is available to you. Please refer to the enclosed document for ways to reach us.

Atención: Si habla español, contamos con ayuda gratuita de idiomas disponible para usted. Consulte el documento adjunto para ver las formas en que puede comunicarse con nosotros.

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