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**This is only a summary.** If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at [www.highmarkbcbswv.com](http://www.highmarkbcbswv.com) or by calling 1-800-385-1985.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
<b>What is the overall <u>deductible</u>?</b>	<b>\$1,000</b> individual/ <b>\$2,000</b> family network, <b>\$4,000</b> individual/ <b>\$8,000</b> family out-of-network  Network deductible does not apply to office visits, preventive care services, diagnostic tests, imaging tests, second surgical opinion, urgent care, rehabilitation services and prescription drug benefits.  Copayments, coinsurance and inpatient deductibles don't count toward the network deductible.	You must pay all the costs up to the <b><u>deductible</u></b> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <b><u>deductible</u></b> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 3 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <b><u>deductible</u></b> .
<b>Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?</b>	No.	You don't have to meet <b><u>deductibles</u></b> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 3 for other costs for services this plan covers.
<b>Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?</b>	Yes, <b>\$5,000</b> individual/ <b>\$10,000</b> family network, <b>\$6,000</b> individual/ <b>\$12,000</b> family out-of-network.	The <b><u>out-of-pocket limit</u></b> is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.

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<b>What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u>?</b>	Copayments, deductibles, precertification penalties, prescription drug expenses, chiropractor care, rehabilitation services, premiums, balance-billed charges and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <b><u>out-of-pocket limit</u></b> .
<b>Is there an overall annual limit on what the insurer pays?</b>	No.	The chart starting on page 3 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
<b>Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u>?</b>	Yes. For a list of <b><u>network providers</u></b> , see <a href="http://www.highmarkbcbswv.com">www.highmarkbcbswv.com</a> or call 1-800-385-1985.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <b><u>provider</u></b> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <b><u>provider</u></b> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <b><u>preferred</u></b> , or participating for <b><u>providers</u></b> in their <b><u>network</u></b> . See the chart starting on page 3 for how this plan pays different kinds of <b><u>providers</u></b> .
<b>Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u>?</b>	No.	You can see the <b><u>specialist</u></b> you choose without permission from this plan.
<b>Are there services this plan doesn't cover?</b>	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed in the Excluded Services & Other Covered Services section. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b><u>excluded services</u></b> .

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- **Copayments** are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- **Coinsurance** is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the **allowed amount** for the service. For example, if the plan's **allowed amount** for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your **coinsurance** payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your **deductible**.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the **allowed amount**. If an out-of-network **provider** charges more than the **allowed amount**, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the **allowed amount** is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called **balance billing**.)
- This plan may encourage you to use **network providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost if You Use a Network Provider	Your Cost if You Use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care <u>provider's</u> office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	1 <sup>st</sup> visit: \$20 copay/visit Subsequent visits: \$35 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Specialist visit	\$50 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Other practitioner office visit	\$50 copay/visit for chiropractor	40% coinsurance for chiropractor	Combined network and out-of-network: 10 visits per benefit period.
	Preventive care Screening Immunization	No charge for preventive care services	No coverage for preventive care visits 40% coinsurance for screening services 40% coinsurance for immunizations	-----none-----

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If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	20% coinsurance after \$25 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% coinsurance after \$150 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition  More information about <u>prescription drug coverage</u> is available at 1-800-385-1985.	Generic drugs	50% coinsurance (retail) 50% coinsurance (mail order)	Not covered	Up to 34-day supply retail pharmacy Up to 90-day supply maintenance prescription drugs through mail order
	Brand drugs	50% coinsurance (retail) 50% coinsurance (mail order)	Not covered	Up to 34-day supply retail pharmacy Up to 90-day supply maintenance prescription drugs through mail order.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	Network second surgical opinion: No charge Out-of-network second surgical opinion: No charge

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If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	\$150 copay/visit	\$150 copay/visit	Copay waived if admitted as an inpatient.
	Emergency medical transportation	20% coinsurance after network deductible	20% coinsurance after network deductible	-----none-----
	Urgent care	\$50 copay/visit	\$50 copay/visit, 40% coinsurance thereafter	-----none-----
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$500 per admission copay, 20% coinsurance thereafter	\$500 per admission copay, 40% coinsurance thereafter	Failure to precertify will result in benefits payable being reduced by \$500.
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<b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b>	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
<b>If you are pregnant</b>	Prenatal and postnatal care	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
	Delivery and all inpatient services	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	Home health care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Rehabilitation services	\$50 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	Combined network and out-of-network: 10 visits per benefit period each of physical, occupational and speech therapy.
	Habilitation services	\$50 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	
	Skilled nursing care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	Out-of-network: 100 days per benefit period.
	Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Hospice service	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	-----none-----
<b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>	Eye exam	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
	Glasses	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----
	Dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	-----none-----

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### Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other <u>excluded services</u> .)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acupuncture</li><li>• Cosmetic surgery</li><li>• Dental care (Adult)</li><li>• Hearing aids</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long-term care</li><li>• Maternity</li><li>• Mental health</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Routine eye care (Adult)</li><li>• Routine foot care</li><li>• Weight loss programs</li></ul>
Other Covered Services (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bariatric surgery</li><li>• Private-duty nursing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chiropractic care</li><li>• Coverage provided outside the United States. See <a href="http://www.bcbsa.com">www.bcbsa.com</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infertility treatment</li><li>• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.</li></ul>

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SPANISH (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al **1-800-385-1985**.

TAGALOG (Tagalog): Kung kailangan ninyo ang tulong sa Tagalog tumawag sa **1-800-385-1985**.

CHINESE (中文): 如果需要中文的帮助, 请拨打号码 **1-800-385-1985**.

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### Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

If you lose coverage under the plan, then, depending upon the circumstances, Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a **premium**, which may be significantly higher than the premium you pay while covered under the plan. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan at 1-800-385-1985. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).

### Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to **appeal** or file a **grievance**. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact:

- Highmark West Virginia, Inc. at 1-800-385-1985.
- Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact

West Virginia Offices of the Insurance Commissioner  
Consumer Service Division  
1124 Smith St, Room 309  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(888) 879-9842  
<http://www.wvinsurance.gov>

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*To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next page.*

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### About these Coverage Examples:

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



**This is  
not a cost  
estimator.**

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under this plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care will also be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

#### Having a baby (normal delivery)

- **Amount owed to providers:** \$7,540
- **Plan pays** \$0
- **Patient pays** This condition is not covered, so patient pays 100%.

##### Sample care costs:

Hospital charges (mother)	\$2,700
Routine obstetric care	\$2,100
Hospital charges (baby)	\$900
Anesthesia	\$900
Laboratory tests	\$500
Prescriptions	\$200
Radiology	\$200
Vaccines, other preventive	\$40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,540</b>

##### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$0
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$7,540
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,540</b>

#### Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- **Amount owed to providers:** \$5,400
- **Plan pays** \$2,600
- **Patient pays** \$2,800

##### Sample care costs:

Prescriptions	\$2,900
Medical Equipment and Supplies	\$1,300
Office Visits and Procedures	\$700
Education	\$300
Laboratory tests	\$100
Vaccines, other preventive	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>

##### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$1,000
Copays	\$1,700
Coinsurance	\$100
Limits or exclusions	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>

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### Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:

#### What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include **premiums**.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from in-network **providers**. If the patient had received care from out-of-network **providers**, costs would have been higher.

#### What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how **deductibles**, **copayments**, and **coinsurance** can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

#### Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

- ✗ **No.** Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

#### Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

- ✗ **No.** Coverage Examples are **not** cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your **providers** charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

#### Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples. When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

#### Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** An important cost is the **premium** you pay. Generally, the lower your **premium**, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as **copayments**, **deductibles**, and **coinsurance**. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.

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