DEHIC: Alternate PPO- Empire BCBS

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage Period: 07/01/2013 – 06/30/2014

Coverage for: Individual/Family | **Plan Type:** PPO

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.empireblue.com or by calling 1-855-333-5734.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	For In-Network Providers: **N/A** For Out-of-Network Providers: **$300** individual / **$750** family Doesn't apply to Out-of-Network Home Healthcare Services and Prescription Drugs Costs.	You must pay all the costs up to the **deductible** amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the **deductible** starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the **deductible**.
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific **deductible** amount before this plan begins to pay for these services
Is there an out–of–pocket limit on my expenses?	Yes. For In-Network Providers: **N/A** For Out-of-Network Providers: **$750** individual / **$1,250** family	The **out-of-pocket limit** 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.
What is not included in the out–of–pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the **out-of-pocket limit**.
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No. For In-Network Providers: **Unlimited** For Out-of-Network Providers: **Unlimited**	The chart starting on page 2 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for *specific* covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a network of providers?	Yes. For a list of **In-Network Providers**, see www.empireblue.com or call 1-855-333-5734	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care **provider**, 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 **provider** for some services. Plans use the term in-network, **preferred**, or participating for **providers** in their **network**. See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of **providers**.

Do I need a referral to see a specialist?	No.	You can see the **specialist** you choose without permission from this plan.
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 5. See your policy or plan document for additional information about **excluded services**.

- **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 in-network **providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use an In-Network Provider	Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	$15/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	——————none——————
	Specialist visit	$15/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	——————none——————
	Other practitioner office visit	$15/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Authorization required for Chiropractic Care.
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	$0/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Annual Physican covered in-network only
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	$0/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	——————none——————
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	$0/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.

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If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about **prescription drug coverage** is available at www.empireblue.com	Generic drugs	Retail and Mail Order: $5/prescription for generic $5/prescription plus ancillary charge for multisource brand $20/prescription for single source brand	Not Covered	Retail – 1 copay required for up to a 30-day supply Mail Order – only 2 copays required for a 90-day supply To receive the 90-day supply through Mail Order, prescription must be written specifically for a 90-day supply. Prior Authoirzation may be required.
	Preferred brand drugs			
	Non-preferred brand drugs			
	Specialty drugs			
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	$15/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	——————none——————
	Physician/surgeon fees	$0/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	$35/visit	$35/visit	Copay waived if admitted within 24 hours.
	Emergency medical transportation	$0/visit	$0	Air Ambulance covered In-Network only.
	Urgent care	$15/visit	Deductible/ coinsurance	——————none——————
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	No Charge	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained
	Physician/surgeon fee	No Charge	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	$15/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	No Charge	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.

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	Substance use disorder outpatient services	$15/visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	No Charge	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	$0/visit- $15 copay for first visit	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained
	Delivery and all inpatient services	No Charge	Deductible / coinsurance	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	$0/visit	30% coinsurance	Limited to 365 visits per calendar year.
	Rehabilitation services	$15/visit	Not Covered	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained. Physical Therapy – unlimited visits per calendar year combined in home, office or outpatient facility. Occupational, Speech and Vision Therapy – limited to 30 visits per calendar year combined in home, office or outpatient facility.
	Habilitation services	$15/visit	Not Covered	All rehabilitation and habilitation visits count toward your rehabilitation visit limit.
	Skilled nursing care	No Charge	Not Covered	Limited to 365 days per calendar year.
	Durable medical equipment	No Charge	Not Covered	Penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
	Hospice service	$0/visit	Not Covered	Limited to 210 days per lifetime.
If your child needs	Eye exam	$5 copay/24 months	Not Covered	——————none——————

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dental or eye care	Glasses	Subject to copay amount for lenses/contacts	$35 allowance for non plan frames, $75 allowance non-plan soft contacts	——————none——————
	Dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	——————none——————

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 excluded services.)

- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (Adult)
- Hearing aids
- Long-term care
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine foot care
- Weight loss programs

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.)

- Infertility Treatment- limited coverage via mandate
- Coverage provided outside the United States. See www.BCBS.com/bluecardworldwide

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 1-855-333-5734. 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, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or 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:

Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield
P. O. Box 1407
Church Street Station
New York, New York 10008-1407

ERISA contact information:

Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)
www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform

Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact:

Community Service Society of New York, Community Health Advocates
105 East 22nd Street, 8th floor
New York, NY 10010
(888) 614-5400
http://www.communityhealthadvocates.org/

Language Access Services:

Si no es miembro todavía y necesita ayuda en idioma español, le suplicamos que se ponga en contacto con su agente de ventas o con el administrador de su grupo. Si ya está inscrito, le rogamos que llame al número de servicio de atención al cliente que aparece en su tarjeta de identificación.

如果您是非會員並需要中文協助，請聯絡您的銷售代表或小組管理員。如果您已參保，則請使用您 ID 卡上的號碼聯絡客戶服務人員。

Kung hindi ka pa miyembro at kailangan ng tulong sa wikang Tagalog, mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa iyong sales representative o administrator ng iyong pangkat. Kung naka-enroll ka na, mangyaring makipag-ugnayan sa serbisyo para sa customer gamit ang numero sa iyong ID card.

Doo bee a'tah ni'liigoo eí dooda'í, shikáa adoołwoł íínízinigo t'áá diné k'éjíígo, t'áá shoodí ba na'ałníhí ya sidáhí bich'į naabídíiłkiid. Eí doo biigha daago ni ba'nija'go ho'aałagíí bich'į hodiilní. Hai'dąą iini'taago eíya, t'áá shoodí diné ya atáh halne'ígíí ní béésh bee hane'í wólta' bi'ki si'niilígíí bi'kéhgo bich'į hodiilní.

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

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** $7,350
- **Patient pays** $190

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
Total	**$7,540**

Patient pays:

Deductibles	$0
Copays	$40
Coinsurance	$0
Limits or exclusions	$150
Total	**$190**

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

- **Amount owed to providers:** $5,400
- **Plan pays** $4,910
- **Patient pays** $490

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
Total	**$5,400**

Patient pays:

Deductibles	$0
Copays	$410
Coinsurance	$0
Limits or exclusions	$80
Total	**$490**

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.