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**Blue Traditional Medicare Supplemental Coverage**

This is not a Medicare document. It is intended as an easy-to-read summary of many important features of Blue Cross Blue Shield Supplemental health care benefits. It is not a contract. Additional limitations and exclusions may apply to covered services. For a complete description of benefits, please see the applicable Blue Cross Blue Shield certificates and riders. For more detailed information on Medicare benefits, please call or visit your local Social Security office or consult the Medicare handbook (available on the Medicare Web site at [medicare.gov](http://medicare.gov) or at any Social Security office).

**Member's responsibility (deductibles, coinsurance, copays and dollar maximums)**

**Note:** Medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts are effective January 1, 2024 and are subject to change yearly.

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Deductible amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medicare Part A</b> \$1,632 (for days 1-60) each benefit period</li> <li>• <b>Medicare Part B</b> \$240 per calendar year</li> </ul>	None
Coinsurance/fixed dollar copays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospital stay</b> \$408 per day (for days 61-90) and \$816 per each "lifetime reserve day" after day 90 (up to 60 days over your lifetime)</li> <li>• <b>Skilled nursing facility stay</b> (a limit of 100 days each benefit period) \$204 per day (for days 21-100)</li> </ul>	None
Coinsurance/percent copay amounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20% of Medicare approved amount for most general services</li> <li>• 20% of Medicare approved amount for outpatient mental health care</li> </ul>	None

**Preventive care services**

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Health maintenance exam (yearly "Wellness" visit)	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 12 months  <b>Note:</b> Your first yearly "Wellness" visit can't take place within 12 months of your enrollment in Part B or your "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit.	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Gynecological exam	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 24 months	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Pap smear screening - laboratory services only	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 24 months (more frequently if at high risk)	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM

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Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Screening fecal occult blood test	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 12 months, if age 50 and older	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Screening flexible sigmoidoscopy	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 48 months, if age 50 and older, or every 120 months after a previous screening colonoscopy for those not at high risk	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Prostate specific antigen (PSA) test	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 12 months, if over age 50  <b>Note:</b> A digital rectal exam is covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Flu shots	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, one flu shot per flu season	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Hepatitis B shots - for those at medium or high risk for Hepatitis B	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Pneumococcal shot	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Mammography screening	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 12 months at age 40 and older (one baseline mammogram for women between ages 35 and 39)	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Screening colonoscopy	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount*, once every 120 months (high risk every 24 months) or every 48 months after a previous flexible sigmoidoscopy	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM
Well-baby and Well-child visits	One health maintenance exam covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount* every 12 months, subsequent well-baby and child care visits not covered	Covered in full by Medicare; no additional coverage by BCBSM

\* Under Medicare coverage, you pay nothing for these services if the doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts assignment. You may be required to pay 20 percent of the Medicare approved amount for the doctor's visit.

Physician office services		
Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Office visits	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Not covered
Outpatient and home visits	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Not covered
Office consultations	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Not covered

Emergency medical care		
Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Hospital emergency room (facility services) - must be medically necessary	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance
Ambulance services - must be medically necessary	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance

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## Clinical laboratory services

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Laboratory and pathology tests - used in the diagnosis and treatment of an illness or injury	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount for most diagnostic laboratory and pathology services (covered at 80% of approved amount for certain laboratory services)	Covered in full by Medicare

## Hospital care

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Semiprivate room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies - <b>does not</b> include private duty nursing	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount less Part A deductible (also includes inpatient mental health and residential substance use disorder)	Covers Medicare deductible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Days 1-60 of each benefit period</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Days 61-90 of each benefit period</li> </ul>	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount less Part A daily coinsurance	Covers Medicare daily coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lifetime reserve days after day 90 of each benefit period (up to 60 days over your lifetime)</li> </ul>	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount less Part A daily coinsurance	Covers Medicare daily coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional days</li> </ul>	Not covered	Covered at BCBSM approved amount, up to an additional 275 days
Chemotherapy	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount for administration and drugs, must meet Medicare criteria	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance

## Alternatives to hospital care

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Skilled nursing facility care - subject to medical criteria	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount	Covered in full by Medicare
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Days 1-20 of each benefit period</li> <li>Days 21-100 of each benefit period</li> </ul>	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount less daily coinsurance	Covers Medicare coinsurance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Days 101 and after</li> </ul>	Not covered	Not covered
Hospice care	Covered at Medicare approved amount less small copayment for outpatient prescription drugs and less small coinsurance for inpatient respite care	Covers limited costs not covered by Medicare
Home health care services - must be medically necessary and must be provided by a <b>Medicare-certified</b> home health agency	Covered at 100% of Medicare approved amount	Covered in full by Medicare

## Surgical services provided by a physician

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Surgery - includes related surgical services	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance

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## Human organ transplants

**Note:** Payment is based on medical necessity and must be rendered in an approved facility.

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Heart and liver transplants	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance
Lung and heart-lung transplants	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance
Pancreas transplants	Not covered  <b>Note:</b> Pancreas transplants are covered under certain conditions. Please call Medicare for more information.	Not covered  <b>Note:</b> Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance when covered by Medicare
Bone marrow transplants - under certain conditions	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less deductible (Please call Medicare for more information.)	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance
Kidney, cornea and skin transplants	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less deductible (Please call Medicare for more information.)	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance

## Mental health care

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
<b>Inpatient</b> mental health care in psychiatric facility • Days 1-190 <b>lifetime</b>	See "Hospital care" benefits (Medicare pays the claim as part of your regular Part A hospital coverage, subject to Part A deductible and coinsurance)  <b>Note:</b> In most cases, psychiatric care in general (as opposed to psychiatric) hospitals is not subject to the 190-day limit.	Covers Medicare deductible and daily coinsurance
• Additional days after 190 lifetime days are used	Not covered	Not covered
Outpatient mental health care	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible  <b>Note:</b> If you get your services in a hospital outpatient clinic, or hospital outpatient department, you may have to pay an additional copayment or coinsurance amount to the hospital.	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance

## Other covered services

Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Allergy testing and therapy - with approved diagnosis	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance for testing. Injections are not covered.
Chiropractic services (limited coverage) - must be medically necessary	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible  <b>Note:</b> You pay all costs for noncovered services or tests ordered by a chiropractor (including x-rays and massage therapy).	Not covered

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Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible  <b>Note:</b> There may be a limit on the amount Medicare will pay for these services in a single year and there may be certain exceptions to these limits.	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance or set copayment
Durable medical equipment - must be obtained from a Medicare-approved supplier	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance
Prosthetic appliances	Covered at 80% of Medicare approved amount less Part B deductible	Covers Medicare deductible and coinsurance
Private duty nursing	Not covered	Not covered
Oral cancer drugs	Approved drugs are covered	Covered in full by Medicare

Foreign travel		
Benefits	Original Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplemental coverage
Hospital services	Not covered, except as specified in the Medicare handbook	Covered at BCBSM approved amount, up to 30 days for covered services
Physician services	Not covered, except as specified in the Medicare handbook	Covered at BCBSM approved amount

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## Preferred Rx Program ASC

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/coinsurance. For a complete description of benefits please see the applicable BCBSM certificates and riders, if your group is underwritten or any other plan documents your group uses, if your group is self-funded. If there is a discrepancy between this Benefits-at-a-Glance and any applicable plan document, the plan document will control.

**Specialty Pharmaceutical Drugs** - The pharmacy for **specialty drugs** is AllianceRx Walgreens Pharmacy, an independent company. Specialty prescription drugs (such as Enbrel® and Humira®) are used to treat complex conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and cancer. These drugs require special handling, administration or monitoring. You may also obtain specialty drugs through a Walgreens retail pharmacy as long as the drug is available at that location. You may want to call ahead to confirm availability at the location. **If you go to a non-AllianceRx Walgreens Pharmacy, you may be responsible for 100% of the cost of the specialty drug.** A list of specialty drugs is available on our Web site at [bcbsm.com/pharmacy](http://bcbsm.com/pharmacy). If you have any questions, please call AllianceRx Walgreens 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 BCBSM defines as a "specialty pharmaceutical". We may make exceptions if a member requires more than a 30-day supply. BCBSM reserves the right to limit the quantity of select specialty drugs to no more than a 15-day supply for each fill. Your copay/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](http://bcbsm.com/pharmacy).

## Member's responsibility (copays and coinsurance amounts)

Benefits	In-network pharmacy	Out-of-network pharmacy
<b>Copay</b>	You pay \$10 copay	You pay \$10 copay plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
<b>Mail order (home delivery) prescription drugs</b>	<b>Copay for up to a 90 day supply:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You pay \$10 copay for generic drugs</li> </ul>	Not covered

## Covered services

Benefits	In-network pharmacy	Out-of-network pharmacy
FDA-approved drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
State-controlled drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
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	No coverage	No coverage
Prescription contraceptive medication	Not covered	Not covered
Disposable needles and syringes - when dispensed with insulin or other covered injectable legend drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug
<b>Note:</b> Needles and syringes have no copay/coinsurance.		
Select diabetic supplies and devices (test strips, lancets and glucometers)	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
For a list of diabetic supplies available under the pharmacy benefit refer to your BCBSM drug list at <a href="http://BCBSM.com/pharmacy">BCBSM.com/pharmacy</a> .		

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## Features of your prescription drug plan

Clinical Drug List	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.
Over-the-counter drugs	Excludes benefits for certain over-the-counter drugs.
Quantity of drugs	Your prescription drug coverage has eliminated authorization requirements for select prescription drugs, and quantities of drugs.
Maximum allowable cost drugs	<p>When you receive a generic maximum allowable cost (MAC) drug from an in-network pharmacy, you pay your cost share as noted in your coverage.</p> <p>However, if you request a brand-name drug and the prescriber did not write "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" on the prescription, you must pay the difference between the maximum allowable cost and the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan approved amount for the brand-name drug, plus your copayment.</p> <p>If the prescriber wrote "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" on the prescription, we will pay the pharmacy the approved amount for the brand-name drug, after deduction of your copayment.</p>

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