

HMO BLUE NEW ENGLAND OPTIONS DEDUCTIBLE V.5

Ashburnham – Westminster
Health Group

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Where you get care can impact what you pay for care.

This health plan includes a tiered provider network called HMO Blue New England Options v.5. Members in this plan pay different levels of cost share (copayments, coinsurance, and/or deductibles) depending on the benefits tier of the provider furnishing the services. A provider's benefits tier may change. Overall changes to the benefits tiers of providers will happen no more than once each calendar year. For help in finding the benefits tier of a provider, visit the online provider search tool at bluecrossma.com/findadoctor and search for HMO Blue New England Options v.5.



This health plan meets Minimum Creditable Coverage Standards for Massachusetts residents that went into effect January 1, 2014, as part of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law.

YOUR CARE

Within the HMO Blue New England Options v.5 network, hospitals and groups of primary care providers (PCPs) are ranked into three benefits tiers based on cost and nationally accepted quality performance criteria selected by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Where you receive care will determine your out-of-pocket costs for most services under the plan. By choosing Enhanced Benefits Tier providers each time you get hospital or PCP care, you can generally lower your out-of-pocket costs.

- **Enhanced Benefits Tier**—Includes Massachusetts hospitals and PCPs that meet the standards for quality and low cost relative to our benchmark. You pay the lowest out-of-pocket costs when you choose providers in the Enhanced Benefits Tier.
- **Standard Benefits Tier**—Includes Massachusetts hospitals and PCPs that meet the standards for quality and are moderate cost relative to our benchmark. This benefit tier includes hospitals that do not meet the standards for quality but are low or moderate cost relative to our benchmark. You pay mid-level out-of-pocket costs when you choose providers in the Standard Benefits Tier. Also includes providers without sufficient data for measurement on one or both benchmarks. To ensure members have provider access in certain geographic areas, the Standard Benefits Tier includes some providers whose scores would otherwise put them in the Basic Benefits Tier.
- **Basic Benefits Tier**—Includes Massachusetts hospitals that are high cost relative to our benchmark. Also includes primary care providers in Massachusetts who do not meet the standards for quality and/or are high cost relative to our benchmark. You pay the highest out-of-pocket costs when you choose providers in the Basic Benefits Tier.

Note: Primary care providers were measured based on their HMO patients as part of their provider group, and hospitals were measured based on their individual facility performance. Provider groups can be composed of an individual provider, or a number of providers who practice together. Tier placement is based on cost and quality benchmarks where measurable data is available. Providers without sufficient data for either cost or quality are placed in the Standard Benefits Tier. Providers that do not meet benchmarks for one or both of the domains and hospitals that use nonstandard reimbursement are placed in the Basic Benefits Tier.

It is important to consider the tier of both your primary care provider and the facility where your provider has admitting privileges before you choose a PCP or receive care. For example, if you require hospital care and your Enhanced Benefits Tier PCP refers you to an Enhanced Benefits Tier hospital, you would pay the lowest cost sharing for both your PCP and hospital services. Or, if your Enhanced Benefits Tier PCP refers you to a Basic Benefits Tier hospital for care, you will pay the lowest copayments for PCP services, but the highest copayments for hospital services, except in an emergency.

Copayments Outside of Massachusetts and New Hampshire

For network providers outside of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, a network provider who is listed as a general practitioner, internist, family practitioner, pediatrician, obstetrician/gynecologist, nurse practitioner, rural health center, or general hospital is considered an Enhanced Benefits Tier provider. In New Hampshire, a Tier 1 provider equates to an Enhanced Tier Benefits provider and a Tier 2 provider equates to a Standard Tier Benefits provider. Other providers in our New England network carry the higher, specialist copayment.

Your Primary Care Provider (PCP)

When you enroll in this health plan, you must choose a primary care provider. Be sure to choose a PCP who can accept you and your family members and who participates in the network of providers in New England. For children, you may choose a participating network pediatrician as the PCP.

For a list of participating PCPs or OB/GYN physicians, visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at bluecrossma.org; consult Find a Doctor at bluecrossma.com/findadoctor; or call the Member Service number on your ID card.

If you have trouble choosing a doctor, Member Service can help. They can give you the doctor's gender, the medical school the doctor attended, and whether there are languages other than English spoken in the office.

Referrals You Can Feel Better About

Your PCP is the first person you call when you need routine or sick care. If your PCP decides that you need to see a specialist for covered services, your PCP will refer you to an appropriate network specialist, who is likely affiliated with your PCP's hospital or medical group.

You will not need prior authorization or referral to see an HMO Blue New England network provider who specializes in OB/GYN physician services. Your providers may also work with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts regarding referrals and Utilization Review Requirements, including Pre-Admission Review, Concurrent Review and Discharge Planning, Prior Approval for Certain Outpatient Services, and Individual Case Management. For detailed information about Utilization Review, see your subscriber certificate.

Your Deductible

Your deductible is the amount of money you pay out-of-pocket each plan year before you can receive coverage for general hospital services under this plan. If you are not sure when your plan year begins, contact Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Your deductibles are:

Enhanced Tier: None

Standard and Basic Tiers: \$500 per member (or \$1,000 per family)

Your Out-of-Pocket Maximum

Your out-of-pocket maximum is the most that you could pay during a plan year for deductible, copayments (including prescription drug copayments), and coinsurance for covered services. Your out-of-pocket maximum is **\$2,500** per member (or **\$5,000** per family) for all tiers combined.

Emergency Room Services

In an emergency, such as a suspected heart attack, stroke, or poisoning, you should go directly to the nearest medical facility or call **911** (or the local emergency phone number). You pay a copayment per visit for emergency room services. This copayment is waived if you are admitted to the hospital or for an observation stay. See the chart for your cost share. Additionally, because you may not have a choice during an emergency, if you are admitted for an inpatient stay from the emergency room, you will be responsible for an Enhanced Benefits Tier copayment regardless of the tier of the hospital. Any follow-up care must be arranged by your PCP.

Telehealth Services

Telehealth services are covered when the same in-person service would be covered by the health plan and the use of telehealth is appropriate. Your health care provider will work with you to determine if a telehealth visit is medically appropriate for your health care needs or if an in-person visit is required. For a list of telehealth providers, visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at bluecrossma.org, consult Find a Doctor, or call the Member Service number on your ID card.

Service Area

The plan's service area includes all cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State of Rhode Island, State of Vermont, State of Connecticut, State of New Hampshire, and State of Maine.

When Outside the Service Area

If you're traveling outside the service area and you need urgent or emergency care, you should go to the nearest appropriate health care facility. You are covered for the urgent or emergency care visit and one follow-up visit while outside the service area. Any additional follow-up care must be arranged by your PCP. See your subscriber certificate for more information.

Dependent Benefits

This plan covers dependents until the end of the calendar month in which they turn age 26, regardless of their financial dependency, student status, or employment status. See your subscriber certificate (and riders, if any) for exact coverage details.

Covered Services	Your Cost for Enhanced Benefits Tier Network Providers	Your Cost for Standard Benefits Tier Network Providers	Your Cost for Basic Benefits Tier Network Providers
Preventive Care			
Well-child care exams, including routine tests and immunizations	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Preventive dental care for children under age 12 (one visit each six months)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Routine adult physical exams, including related tests and immunizations	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Routine GYN exams, including related lab tests (one per calendar year)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Routine hearing exams, including routine tests	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Hearing aids (up to \$2,000 per ear every 36 months for a member age 21 or younger)	All charges beyond the maximum	All charges beyond the maximum	All charges beyond the maximum
Routine vision exam (one every 24 months)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Family planning services—office visits	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Outpatient Care			
Emergency room visits	\$100 per visit (waived if admitted or for observation stay)	\$100 per visit (waived if admitted or for observation stay)	\$100 per visit (waived if admitted or for observation stay)
Office or health center visits, when performed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your PCP, nurse midwife, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner (billed by PCP)* Other covered providers, including a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as specialty care 	\$20 per visit \$35 per visit	\$20 per visit \$35 per visit	\$20 per visit \$35 per visit
Mental health or substance use treatment	\$20 per visit	\$20 per visit	\$20 per visit
Outpatient telehealth services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a covered provider With the designated telehealth vendor 	Same as in-person visit \$20 per visit	Same as in-person visit \$20 per visit	Same as in-person visit \$20 per visit
Chiropractors' office visits	\$35 per visit	\$35 per visit	\$35 per visit
Acupuncture visits (up to 12 visits per calendar year)	\$35 per visit	\$35 per visit	\$35 per visit
Short-term rehabilitation therapy—physical and occupational (up to 60 visits per calendar year**)	\$20 per visit for visits 1-20 \$35 per visit for visits 21-60	\$20 per visit for visits 1-20 \$35 per visit for visits 21-60	\$20 per visit for visits 1-20 \$35 per visit for visits 21-60
Speech, hearing, and language disorder treatment—speech therapy	\$20 per visit for visits 1-20 \$35 per visit for visits 21 or more	\$20 per visit for visits 1-20 \$35 per visit for visits 21 or more	\$20 per visit for visits 1-20 \$35 per visit for visits 21 or more
Diagnostic X-rays and lab tests, when performed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general hospitals By other covered providers 	Nothing Nothing	Nothing after deductible*** Nothing	Nothing after deductible Nothing
CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, and nuclear cardiac imaging tests, when performed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In general hospitals By other covered providers 	\$100 per category per service date \$100 per category per service date	\$100 per category per service date after deductible*** \$100 per category per service date	\$100 per category per service date after deductible \$100 per category per service date
Home health care and hospice services	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Oxygen and equipment for its administration	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Durable medical equipment—such as wheelchairs, crutches, hospital beds	20% coinsurance†	20% coinsurance†	20% coinsurance†
Prosthetic devices	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Surgery and related anesthesia in an office or health center, when performed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your PCP, nurse midwife, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner (billed by PCP)* Other covered providers, including a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as specialty care 	\$20 per visit†† \$35 per visit††	\$20 per visit†† \$35 per visit††	\$20 per visit†† \$35 per visit††
Surgery and related anesthesia, when performed in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A surgical day care unit An ambulatory surgical facility 	\$250 per admission \$250 per admission	\$250 per admission after deductible** \$250 per admission	\$250 per admission after deductible \$250 per admission

* For services by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as primary care and not billed by the PCP, the Enhanced Tier PCP office visit cost share will be applied. If these providers are designated by the plan as specialty care, the specialist visit cost share will be applied.

** No visit limit applies when short-term rehabilitation therapy is furnished as part of covered home health care or for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

*** Deductible waived for covered services furnished by select hospitals. The select Standard Benefits Tier hospitals noted in this chart include Athol Memorial Hospital, Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Berkshire Medical Center, Falmouth Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, and Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

† Cost share waived for one breast pump per birth, including supplies.

†† Copayment waived for restorative dental services and orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy for members under age 18 to treat conditions of cleft lip and cleft palate.

Covered Services	Your Cost for Enhanced Benefits Tier Network Providers	Your Cost for Standard Benefits Tier Network Providers	Your Cost for Basic Benefits Tier Network Providers
Inpatient Care (and maternity care)			
General hospital care (as many days as medically necessary)*	\$275 per admission	\$500 per admission after deductible/ \$325 per admission at select hospitals**	\$1,500 per admission after deductible
Chronic disease hospital care (as many days as medically necessary)	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission
Mental hospital or substance use facility care (as many days as medically necessary)	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission
Rehabilitation hospital care (up to 60 days per calendar year)	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission
Skilled nursing facility care (up to 100 days per calendar year)	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission	\$275 per admission
Prescription Drug Benefits***			
At designated retail pharmacies (up to a 30-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)†	\$10 for Tier 1 \$30 for Tier 2 \$65 for Tier 3	\$10 for Tier 1 \$30 for Tier 2 \$65 for Tier 3	\$10 for Tier 1 \$30 for Tier 2 \$65 for Tier 3
Through the designated mail service pharmacy (up to a 90-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)†	\$25 for Tier 1 \$75 for Tier 2 \$165 for Tier 3	\$25 for Tier 1 \$75 for Tier 2 \$165 for Tier 3	\$25 for Tier 1 \$75 for Tier 2 \$165 for Tier 3
<p>* This cost share applies to mental health admissions in a general hospital.</p> <p>** Deductible waived for covered services furnished by select hospitals. The select Standard Benefits Tier hospitals noted in this chart include Athol Memorial Hospital, Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Berkshire Medical Center, Falmouth Hospital, Martha's Vineyard Hospital, and Nantucket Cottage Hospital.</p> <p>*** Generally, Tier 1 refers to generic drugs; Tier 2 refers to preferred brand-name drugs; Tier 3 refers to non-preferred brand-name drugs.</p> <p>† Cost share may be waived for certain covered drugs and supplies. Retail drugs are available in a 90-day supply at three times the standard retail cost share.</p>			
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Wellness Participation Program			
Fitness Reimbursement: a program that rewards participation in qualified fitness programs or equipment (See your subscriber certificate for details.)	\$150 per calendar year per policy		
Weight Loss Reimbursement: a program that rewards participation in a qualified weight loss program (See your subscriber certificate for details.)	\$150 per calendar year per policy		

 **24/7 Nurse Line: Speak to a registered nurse, day or night, to get immediate guidance and advice. Call 1-888-247-BLUE (2583). No additional charge.**

QUESTIONS?

For questions about Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, call 1-800-782-3675, or visit us online at bluecrossma.org.

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BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS PROVIDES:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print or other formats).
- 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, call Member Service at the number on your ID card.

If you believe that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by mail at Civil Rights Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, One Enterprise Drive, Quincy, MA 02171-2126; phone at **1-800-472-2689 (TTY: 711)**; fax at **1-617-246-3616**; or email at **civilrightscordinator@bcbsma.com**.

If you need help filing a grievance, the 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, online at **ocrportal.hhs.gov**; by mail at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201; by phone at **1-800-368-1019** or **1-800-537-7697 (TDD)**.

Complaint forms are available at **hhs.gov**.

PROFICIENCY OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Spanish/Español: ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma. Llame al número de Servicio al Cliente que figura en su tarjeta de identificación (TTY: **711**).

Portuguese/Português: ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, são-lhe disponibilizados gratuitamente serviços de assistência de idiomas. Telefone para os Serviços aos Membros, através do número no seu cartão ID (TTY: **711**).

Chinese/简体中文: 注意：如果您讲中文，我们可向您免费提供语言协助服务。请拨打您 ID 卡上的号码联系会员服务部（TTY 号码：**711**）。

Haitian Creole/Kreyòl Ayisyen: ATANSYON: Si ou pale kreyòl ayisyen, sèvis asistans nan lang disponib pou ou gratis. Rele nimewo Sèvis Manm nan ki sou kat Idantifikasyon w lan (Sèvis pou Malantandan TTY: **711**).

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Russian/Русский: ВНИМАНИЕ: если Вы говорите по-русски, Вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами переводчика. Позвоните в отдел обслуживания клиентов по номеру, указанному в Вашей идентификационной карте (телетайп: **711**).

Arabic/العربية:

انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فتتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً بالنسبة لك. اتصل بخدمات الأعضاء على الرقم الموجود على بطاقة هويتك (جهاز الهاتف النصي للصم والبكم "TTY": **711**).

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French/Français: ATTENTION : si vous parlez français, des services d'assistance linguistique sont disponibles gratuitement. Appelez le Service adhérents au numéro indiqué sur votre carte d'assuré (TTY : **711**).

Italian/Italiano: ATTENZIONE: se parlate italiano, sono disponibili per voi servizi gratuiti di assistenza linguistica. Chiamate il Servizio per i membri al numero riportato sulla vostra scheda identificativa (TTY: **711**).

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Greek/Ελληνικά: ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε Ελληνικά, διατίθενται για σας υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας, δωρεάν. Καλέστε την Υπηρεσία Εξυπηρέτησης Μελών στον αριθμό της κάρτας μέλους σας (ID Card) (TTY: **711**).

Polish/Polski: UWAGA: Osoby posługujące się językiem polskim mogą bezpłatnie skorzystać z pomocy językowej. Należy zadzwonić do Działu obsługi ubezpieczonych pod numer podany na identyfikatorze (TTY: 711).

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Gujarati/ગુજરાતી: ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો, તો તમને ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ વિના મૂલ્યે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ પર આપેલા નંબર પર Member Service ને કૉલ કરો (TTY: 711).

Tagalog/Tagalog: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng wikang Tagalog, mayroon kang magagamit na mga libreng serbisyo para sa tulong sa wika. Tawagan ang Mga Serbisyo sa Miyembro sa numerong nasa iyong ID Card (TTY: 711).

Japanese/日本語: お知らせ:日本語をお話しになる方は無料の言語アシスタンスサービスをご利用いただけます。IDカードに記載の電話番号を使用してメンバーサービスまでお電話ください (TTY: 711)。

German/Deutsch: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsche sprechen, steht Ihnen kostenlos fremdsprachliche Unterstützung zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie den Mitgliederdienst unter der Nummer auf Ihrer ID-Karte an (TTY: 711).

Persian/پارسیان:

توج: اگر زبان شما فارسی است، خدمات کمک زبانی ب صورت رایگان در اختیار شما قرار می گیرد. با شمار تلفن مندرج بروی کارت شناسایی خود با بخش «خدمات اعضا» تماس بگیرید (TTY: 711).

Lao/ພາສາລາວ: ຂໍຄວນໃສ່ໃຈ: ຖ້າເຈົ້າເວົ້າພາສາລາວໄດ້, ມີການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໃຫ້ທ່ານໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ. ໂທຫາຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກທີໝາຍເລກໂທລະສັບຢູ່ໃນບັດຂອງທ່ານ (TTY: 711).

Navajo/Diné Bizaad: BAA ÁKOHWIINDZIN DOOÍGÍ: Diné k'ehjí yáníłt'i'go saad bee yát'i' éí t'áájíík'e bee níká'a'doowolgo éí ná'ahoot'i'. Díí bee anítahígí ninaaltsoos bine'dée' nóomba biká'ígíjij' béésh bee hodíílnih (TTY: 711).