

# Empire BlueCross BlueShield

## Research Foundation of the City University New York Grants Plus PPO

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

Coverage Period: 01/01/2018 – 12/31/2018

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 <https://eoc.empireblue.com/eocdps/fi> or by calling (800) 342-9816.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	<b>\$0</b> single / <b>\$0</b> family for In-Network Providers. <b>\$750</b> single / <b>\$1,875</b> family for Out-of-Network Providers. In-Network Providers and Non-Network Providers deductibles are separate and do not count towards each other.	You must pay all costs up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <u>deductible</u> 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 <u>deductible</u> .
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	Yes; <b>\$50</b> per person for Retail Prescription Drugs. There are no other specific <u>deductibles</u> .	You must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay for these services.
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	Yes; <b>\$5,080</b> single / <b>\$12,700</b> family for In-Network Providers. <b>\$3,000</b> single / <b>\$7,500</b> family for Out-of-Network Providers. In-Network Providers and Non-Network Providers Out of Pocket are separate and do not count towards each other.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> 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 <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	Premiums, Balance-Billing charges, and Health Care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	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.
Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u> ?	Yes, PPO. For a list of In-Network	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <u>provider</u> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an

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	providers, see <a href="http://www.empireblue.com">www.empireblue.com</a> or call (800) 342-9816.	out-of-network <b>provider</b> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <b>preferred</b> , or participating for <b>providers</b> in their <b>network</b> . See the chart starting on page 3 for how this plan pays different kinds of <b>providers</b> .
Do I need a referral to see a <b>specialist</b> ?	No; you do not need a referral to see a specialist.	You can see the <b>specialist</b> 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 7. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .



- **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 <b>provider's office</b> or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$30 copay per visit	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Specialist visit	\$40 copay per visit	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Other practitioner office visit	Chiropractor \$30 copay per visit Acupuncture Not covered	Chiropractor 30% coinsurance Acupuncture Not covered	Chiropractor -----none----- Acupuncture -----none-----
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No cost share	30% coinsurance	Annual Physical Exam: Not covered for Non-Network Providers.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	Lab – Office No cost share X-Ray – Office No cost share	Lab – Office 30% coinsurance X-Ray – Office 30% coinsurance	Lab – Office -----none----- X-Ray – Office -----none-----
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No cost share	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
If you need	Tier 1 - Typically Generic	\$5 copay per	Not covered	Covers up to a 30 day supply (retail

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<b>drugs to treat your illness or condition</b> More information about <b>prescription drug coverage</b> is available at <a href="http://www.empireblue.com">www.empireblue.com</a>		prescription (retail only) and \$5 copay per prescription (home delivery only)		pharmacy) Covers up to a 90 day supply (home delivery program). Prescription Drug deductible does not apply for retail.
	Tier 2 - Typically Preferred / Brand	\$25 copay per prescription (retail only) and \$25 copay per prescription (home delivery only)	Not covered	Covers up to a 30 day supply (retail pharmacy) Covers up to a 90 day supply (home delivery program)
	Tier 3 - Typically Non-Preferred / Specialty Drugs	\$50 copay per prescription (retail only) and \$50 copay per prescription (home delivery only)	Not covered	Covers up to a 30 day supply (retail pharmacy) Covers up to a 90 day supply (home delivery program)
	Tier 4 - Typically Specialty (brand and generic)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	-----none-----
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No cost share	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Physician/surgeon fees	No cost share	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
<b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>	Emergency room services	\$75 copay per occurrence first 1 visit	Covered as In-Network	Copay waived if admitted within 24 hours.
	Emergency medical transportation	No cost share	Covered as In-Network	-----none-----
	Urgent care	\$30 copay per visit	Covered as In-Network	Costs may vary by site of service.
<b>If you have a hospital stay</b>	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$300 copay per admission up to \$750 per benefit period per contract	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Physician/surgeon fee	No cost share	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
<b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b>	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	Mental/Behavioral Health Office Visit \$30 copay per visit Mental/Behavioral Health Facility Visit - Facility Charges No cost share	Mental/Behavioral Health Office Visit 30% coinsurance Mental/Behavioral Health Facility Visit - Facility Charges 30% coinsurance	Mental/Behavioral Health Office Visit -----none----- Mental/Behavioral Health Facility Visit - Facility Charges -----none-----
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	\$300 copay per admission up to \$750 per benefit period per contract	30% coinsurance	-----none-----

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	Substance use disorder outpatient services	Substance Use Office Visit \$30 copay per visit Substance Use Facility Visit - Facility Charges No cost share	Substance Use Office Visit 30% coinsurance Substance Use Facility Visit - Facility Charges 30% coinsurance	Substance Use Office Visit -----none----- Substance Use Facility Visit - Facility Charges -----none-----
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	\$300 copay per admission up to \$750 per benefit period per contract	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
<b>If you are pregnant</b>	Prenatal and postnatal care	No cost share	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
	Delivery and all inpatient services	\$300 copay per admission up to \$750 per benefit period per contract	30% coinsurance	-----none-----
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	Home health care	No cost share	30% coinsurance	Coverage for In-Network Providers and Non-Network Providers combined is limited to 200 visits per benefit period.
	Rehabilitation services	\$30 copay per visit	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 30 visits per benefit period for Physical Therapy. Coverage is limited to 30 visits per benefit period for Occupational and Speech Therapy combined. Apply to In-Network Providers. Costs may vary by site of service.
	Habilitation services	\$30 copay per visit	Not covered	Habilitation visits count towards your rehabilitation limit. Costs may vary by site of service.
	Skilled nursing care	No cost share	Not covered	Coverage for In-Network Providers is limited to 60 days limit per benefit period.
	Durable medical equipment	No cost share	Not covered	-----none-----
	Hospice service	No cost share	Not covered	Coverage for In-Network Providers is limited to 210 days limit per lifetime.
<b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>	Eye exam	\$5 copay per exam	Not covered	Coverage for In-Network Providers is limited to every 24 months.
	Glasses	\$0 copay per visit	Not covered	\$130 allowance plus retail price discount on frames and contacts.

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	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 <u>excluded services</u> .)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acupuncture</li> <li>• Bariatric surgery</li> <li>• Cosmetic surgery</li> <li>• Dental care (adult)</li> <li>• Hearing aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infertility treatment</li> <li>• Long- term care</li> <li>• Private-duty nursing</li> <li>• Routine eye care (adult)</li> <li>• Routine foot care unless you have been diagnosed with diabetes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>• Chiropractic care</li> <li>• Most coverage provided outside the United States. See <a href="http://www.bcbsglobalcore.com">www.bcbsglobalcore.com</a></li> </ul>

## 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 (800) 342-9816. 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:

ATTN: Grievances and Appeals  
P.O. Box 1407  
Church Street Station  
New York, NY 10008-1407

Department of Labor, Employee  
Benefits Security Administration  
(866) 444-EBSA (3272)  
[www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform)

New York State Department of  
Financial Services  
One State Street  
New York, NY 10004-1511  
(800) 342-3736  
(212) 480-6400  
(518) 474-6600

## Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health care coverage that qualifies as “minimum essential coverage.” **This plan or policy does provide minimum essential coverage.**

## Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% (actuarial value). **This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.**

## Language Access Services:

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。

Doo bee a'tah ni'liigoo eí dooda'í, shikáa adoolwol íínízínigo t'áá diné k'éjígó, t'áá shoodí ba na'alníhí ya sidáhí bich'í naabídíílkíid. Eí doo biigha daago ni ba'nija'go ho'aalagíí bich'í hodiilní. Hai'daa íini'taago eíya, t'áá shoodí diné ya atáh halne'ígíí ní béesh bee hane'í wólta' bi'ki si'niilígíí bi'kéhgo bich'í hodiilní.

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.

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.

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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 \$7,080
- Patient pays \$460

#### 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	\$310
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$460</b>

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

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$4,820
- Patient pays \$580

#### 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	\$0
Copays	\$500
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$580</b>



# 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**, **co payments**, 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.

**Questions:** Call (800) 342-9816 or visit us at [www.empireblue.com](http://www.empireblue.com)

If you aren't clear about any of the underlined terms used in this form, see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov) or call (800) 342-9816 to request a copy.

# Language Access Services:

(TTY/TDD: 711)

**Albanian (Shqip):** Nëse keni pyetje në lidhje me këtë dokument, keni të drejtë të merrni falas ndihmë dhe informacion në gjuhën tuaj. Për të kontaktuar me një përkthyes, telefononi (800) 342-9816

**Amharic (አማርኛ):-** ስለዚህ ሰነድ ማንኛውም ጥያቄ ካለዎት በራስዎ ቋንቋ እርዳታ እና ይህን መረጃ በነጻ የማግኘት መብት አለዎት። አስተርጓሚ ለማናገር (800) 342-9816 ይደውሉ።

Arabic (العربية): إذا كان لديك أي استفسارات بشأن هذا المستند، فيحق لك الحصول على المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك دون مقابل. للتحدث إلى مترجم، اتصل على (800) 342-9816.

**Armenian (հայերեն).** Եթե այս փաստաթղթի հետ կապված հարցեր ունեք, դուք իրավունք ունեք անվճար ստանալ օգնություն և տեղեկատվություն ձեր լեզվով: Թարգմանչի հետ խոսելու համար զանգահարեք հետևյալ հեռախոսահամարով՝ (800) 342-9816:

**Bassa (Bàsɔ́ Wùdù):** M̄ dyi dyi-diè-dɛ̀ bɛ̀ bédé b́á céè-dɛ̀ nià ke dyí ní, ɔ̀ m̀ò nì dyí-bɛ̀dɛ̀in-dɛ̀ bɛ̀ é̀ m̀ ké gbo-kpá-kpá kè b̄́ kp̄́ dɛ̀ m̀ bídǐ-wùdùùn b́ó pídyi. B́é m̀ ké wuɖu-zìin-nyò d̀ò gbo wùdù ke, d́á (800) 342-9816.

**Bengali (বাংলা):** যদি এই নথিপত্রের বিষয়ে আপনার কোনো প্রশ্ন থাকে, তাহলে আপনার ভাষায় বিনামূল্যে সাহায্য পাওয়ার ও তথ্য পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। একজন দোভাষীর সাথে কথা বলার জন্য (800) 342-9816 -তে কল করুন।

**Burmese (မြန်မာ):** ဤစာရွက်စာတမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်၍ သင့်တွင် မေးမြန်းလိုသည်များရှိပါက အချက်အလက်များနှင့် အကူအညီကို အခကြေးငွေ ပေးစရာမလိုပဲ သင့်ဘာသာစကားဖြင့် ရယူနိုင်ခွင့် သင့်တွင် ရှိပါသည်။ စကားပြန် တစ်ဦးနှင့် စကားပြောနိုင်ရန် ဖုန် (800) 342-9816 သို့ ခေါ်ဆိုပါ။

**Chinese (中文) :** 如果您對本文件有任何疑問，您有權使用您的語言免費獲得協助和資訊。如需與譯員通話，請致電 (800) 342-9816。

**Dinka (Dinka):** Na nɔŋ thiëc në ke de yä thorë, ke yin nɔŋ loŋ bë yi kuony ku wër alëu bë gɛɛr yic yin ne thoŋ du ke cin wëu tääuë ke piny. Te kør yin ba jam wënë ran ye thok geryic, ke yin cəl (800) 342-9816.

**Dutch (Nederlands):** Bij vragen over dit document hebt u recht op hulp en informatie in uw taal zonder bijkomende kosten. Als u een tolk wilt spreken, belt u (800) 342-9816.

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**French (Français) :** Si vous avez des questions sur ce document, vous avez la possibilité d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour parler à un interprète, appelez le (800) 342-9816.

## Language Access Services:

**German (Deutsch):** Wenn Sie Fragen zu diesem Dokument haben, haben Sie Anspruch auf kostenfreie Hilfe und Information in Ihrer Sprache. Um mit einem Dolmetscher zu sprechen, bitte wählen Sie (800) 342-9816.

**Greek (Ελληνικά)** Αν έχετε τυχόν απορίες σχετικά με το παρόν έγγραφο, έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε βοήθεια και πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας δωρεάν. Για να μιλήσετε με κάποιον διερμηνέα, τηλεφωνήστε στο (800) 342-9816.

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