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# BRONZE STANDARD HSA

HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN



# Important terms to know

**Deductible** - The amount of money you have to pay before we will make any payments toward health care services. Your deductible amount varies and is based on which of these plans you have.

**Copay** - This is a fixed dollar amount for covered health care services. We cover the rest.

For example, your doctor visit costs \$100. You pay \$20 for the visit. We cover the remaining \$80. If you haven't met your deductible: You pay the full \$100.

**Please note:** Copay amounts can vary for different services depending on your plan.

**Coinsurance** - Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent. Coinsurance is similar to a copay, but instead of a fixed dollar amount, it is a percentage of the total bill. For example, if your daughter's eyeglasses are \$100 and you've met your deductible, your coinsurance payment of 50% would be \$50. We would pay the rest, or \$50.

**Covered in full** - 100% of the total cost is covered by us and you do not have to pay anything.

**Out-of-pocket maximum** - An annual limit on the amount of money that you would have to pay for health care services, not including your monthly premiums.

# Understanding the High Deductible Health Plan

A high deductible health plan may work a little differently than other health insurance plans you've had in the past. A high deductible health plan or "HDHP" is designed to help keep premium costs lower for you and your family. You'll have coverage for things like:

- Choice of doctors and hospitals
- Doctor visits
- No-cost preventive care
- Hospitalization
- Laboratory coverage
- Maternity and newborn care
- Prescription drugs
- Specialty care
- Telemedicine and telehealth visits
- Urgent care visits
- Pediatric vision and dental
- ExerciseRewards® & Active&Fit Direct® fitness benefits

## Let's start with the basics

**FREE preventive care** - Preventive care can help you avoid getting sick and improve your health. With an HDHP, preventive services such as routine physicals, screenings and vaccinations are covered in full.\* The deductible does not apply to preventive services. They are covered in full from day one.

**Deductible applies** - For services other than preventive care, you are responsible for paying out of your pocket until you meet your deductible. The deductible amount will vary based on your plan, so make sure you know what that amount is. Once you reach your deductible, you will pay a percentage of cost, called coinsurance. Coinsurance is your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent. You will have to pay a percentage of that service and we will pay the rest.

## How this works:

Preventive Services are covered in full	Other Services	
	Until deductible amount is reached	After deductible amount is reached
<b>WE PAY 100%</b>	<b>YOU PAY 100%</b>	<b>YOU PAY 50% WE PAY 50%</b>
Insurance company provides full coverage.	You pay a deductible up to a certain amount.	Once the deductible amount is reached your care is covered in full.

\*In accordance with the PPACA preventive care regulations, full coverage (no cost share) will be applied for those services meeting the requirements as outlined in Grade A and B Recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

# The top 4 things to know

<b>1</b>	<b>What benefits are free?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preventive care for you (and your family) is covered in full on the first day your coverage begins.</li></ul>
<b>2</b>	<b>Does my plan have a deductible? If so, when does it apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yes, this plan has a deductible.</li><li>The deductible will apply to all medical care and to prescription drugs, including diabetic drugs and supplies.</li></ul>
<b>3</b>	<b>How does the money I pay toward my deductible add up (or aggregate)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>With the Bronze Standard HSA plan, each person only has to pay his or her own deductible.</li><li>Once you meet your deductible, the plan begins paying on your claim.</li><li>When covering more than one person, the family deductible is met for everyone on the plan once any combination of members reaches the family deductible amount.</li></ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>How much will I pay out-of-pocket for this plan? And how does it add up (or aggregate)?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All of our plans have a maximum amount that any one person will pay called an out-of-pocket maximum.</li><li>This amount varies, depending on which of these plans you have. You will want to know what that amount is.</li><li>Just like with the deductible, each person will only have to pay his or her own out-of-pocket maximum amount. Once that amount is reached, care is covered in full.</li><li>When covering more than one person, care is covered in full for everyone once any combination of members reaches the family out-of-pocket maximum.</li></ul>

## For example:

Let's say your deductible is **\$6,100.**



You go to your doctor for low back pain.

**You pay \$100 for the visit.**

You still have to pay **\$6,000** more to reach your deductible.



Your doctor orders an MRI of your lower back.

**You pay \$1,000 for the MRI.**

You still have to **pay \$5,000** more to reach your deductible.



After a series of visits to your doctor and a chiropractor, you have **\$0** left to reach your deductible. Now you will pay a percentage of cost, **called coinsurance.**



If your coinsurance is **50%**, and the next time you visit your doctor **your bill is \$100**, then **you'll pay \$50** and **we will pay \$50.**

Remember preventive care is covered in full and is not subject to the deductible.



## You can manage your health plan online

- View your member card, benefits, copay/ coinsurance and deductible.
- Check your claims.
- Check referrals and authorizations.
- Opt-in to receive all available documents online or pick & choose which you'd like to still receive in the mail.
- Pay your premium bill

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## Tax-Free Funding account

If you enroll in Bronze Standard HSA, you are eligible to open a tax-free health savings account (HSA) which will help you cover the costs associated with your plan.

### What is an HSA?

- An HSA is a tax-free funding account owned by you that helps you pay for qualified medical expenses such as lab fees, prescription drugs, contact lenses, chiropractor visits and more.
- The money you put into your HSA is not subject to federal income tax when you make the deposit.
- There are limits to how much you can contribute.
- In 2021 the maximum is:
  - \$3,600 for single coverage
  - \$7,200 for family coverage
- If you're under 65 and you withdraw money from your HSA for non-qualified medical expenses, you will be taxed at your income tax rate plus have to pay a tax penalty.

**To learn more about how to set up an HSA, visit [ExcellusBCBS.com](https://www.ExcellusBCBS.com)**

	Health Savings Account (HSA)
Overview	A tax-free account owned by you that works with a high deductible health plan to help you pay for qualified medical expenses
Who owns the account?	You
Who funds the account?	You
Are there contribution limits?	In 2021, the maximum is \$3,600 for single coverage and \$7,200 for family
Can I transfer the account?	Yes, you own the account

# What can I buy with a Health Savings Account?

A health savings account will pay for many items and services, including:



Crutches



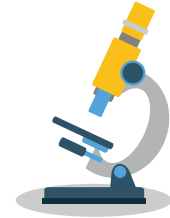
Eyeglasses



Chiropractor visits



Dental treatment



Lab tests



Contact lenses



Dental x-rays



Prescription drugs

For a list of qualified medical expenses, visit [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov). Coverage of all services is subject to the terms of your HDHP.

## How do I use my HSA when I need health care services?

### What do I do when I go to the doctor's office?

When you go to the doctor's office, let them know you are using a Health Savings Account. The doctor will bill Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Once the bill has been processed, you and your doctor will get a letter that summarizes the costs associated with that visit. It will also show how much goes towards your deductible and how much you have to pay your doctor. Your doctor will send you a bill for the balance. You can use money from your Health Savings Account to pay that bill. If you have an HSA debit card, which works like a credit card, you can use it at the doctor's office.

**Please note:** Your physician may bill you, up front, at the time of service if the deductible is not met.

### What do I do when I need a prescription?

The pharmacy system processes in real-time so the pharmacist will be able to tell you exactly what you owe when you pick up your prescription. You can also use your HSA debit card at the pharmacy.





## Live Healthier and Save Money

Our plans come with access to programs and online resources to help you stay healthy and get the most value for your dollar.

You can manage your health care costs online at [Member.ExcellusBCBS.com](https://Member.ExcellusBCBS.com)

View and order member cards, track deductibles and out-of-pocket spending, find a health care provider, access your benefits and claims information, estimate medical costs, pay your premium bill, and more.

[Download Our Mobile App](#) - 24/7 access to your member card, claims, account information, pay your bill, and more.



### Member Benefits and Healthy Perks:

**Our Network** - Access more top-quality doctors, hospitals and pharmacies, locally and nationwide.

**BlueCard®** - Access to care when you travel in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Mariana Islands.

**Preventive Care** - Free preventive care screenings, immunizations and more to help keep you healthy.

**Telehealth and Telemedicine** - See a doctor by phone or video from the comfort of your home. Telehealth services through your in-network provider, as well as 24/7 telemedicine through MDLIVE, are covered in full after deductible.

**Wellframe® App** - Text with health professionals for advice and guidance, create medication reminders, make daily "to-do" lists, access educational materials, and more.

**ExerciseRewards® Program†** - Fitness facility and individual fitness class rewards program with reduced fees at participating facilities, with online interactive fitness and wellness tools available at no additional cost. Now it's easier to earn the maximum of \$400 or \$600 annually by tracking your visits using the new fitness app.

**Active&Fit Direct® Program†** - Offers fitness center memberships to 10,000+ fitness centers nationwide for just \$25 a month (plus a \$25 enrollment fee and tax, where applicable).

**24/7 Nurse Call Line** - Get answers to your health care questions anytime day or night.

**Pharmacy Home Delivery** - Save time and money by having your prescriptions delivered to your home.\*

**Health Risk Assessment** - Our secure online health assessment will help you identify potential health risk factors and identify areas for improvement.

**Blue365®** - Receive exclusive member discounts on fitness gear, gym memberships, healthy eating options and more.

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- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - o Qualified sign language interpreters
  - o Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats) .
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - o Qualified interpreters
  - o Information written in other languages

If you need these services, please refer to the enclosed document for ways to reach us.

If you believe that the Health Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with:

Advocacy Department  
Attn: Civil Rights Coordinator  
PO Box 4717 Syracuse, NY 13221  
Telephone number: 1-800-614-6575  
TTY number: 1-800-421-1220  
Fax: 1-315-671-6656

You can file a grievance in person or by mail or fax. If you need help filing a grievance, the Health Plan's 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, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

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\*Certain Prescription Drugs may be ordered through pharmacy home delivery supplier at two and a half copays for a 90 day supply.

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