

2025 Flexible Benefits Enrollment & Reference Guide

This booklet contains all of the information needed to understand your Flexible Benefits for 2025.



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If you (and/or your dependents) have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage.

Please see the Legal Notices section for details.

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Introduction to Your Benefits

Lehigh University is committed to providing you and your family with a comprehensive and competitive benefits package. Our goal is to provide high-quality, valuable benefits that are sustainable for both you and the University in the long term.

This Flexible Benefits Enrollment & Reference Guide provides details about the benefits available to you through Lehigh for 2025:

- Medical (including Prescription Drug and Vision)
- Dental
- Spending and savings accounts
- Life insurance (for you and your dependents)
- Disability
- Voluntary accident, critical illness and hospital indemnity

Consider all your benefit plan choices carefully. Read this guide to find out what's new for the upcoming year and the important changes we have made. Think about which plans make the most sense for you and your family, and, finally, make any needed changes during Open Enrollment. Be sure to compare each plan's features and your payroll contributions, and consider which plan best fits your needs.

Open Enrollment is your once-a-year chance to make changes to your benefits. During Open Enrollment you can:

- Change plans
- Add or delete dependents from your coverage
- Change coverage levels
- Enroll in a Health Care or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA)
- Elect to contribute to the Health Savings Account (HSA) if you enroll in the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) option for 2025.

The benefit elections you make during Open Enrollment are effective from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

After Open Enrollment ends, you will not be able to make benefit changes until next year's Open Enrollment unless you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE) (e.g., you get married or become a parent).



Benefits Eligibility

You are eligible for benefits if you are a full-time (or work at least 75% of a full work schedule), salaried member of Lehigh's faculty or staff employed in a benefits-eligible position. You can also enroll your eligible dependents, including your:

- Spouse/partner*
- Child(ren) up to the end of the month in which they become age 26
- Disabled child(ren) without age limitation (coverage, and its continuation, is subject to required certification with the carrier)

All benefits included in the Flexible Benefits Plan — flexible spending accounts and medical, dental, life, dependent life, and long-term disability insurances — are available to new staff members on the first of the month following their first work day. For new faculty members, benefits are available beginning on their first work day. However, their coverage does not begin until enrollment selections are completed online in Lehigh Benefits.



***If you choose to have your spouse or partner covered by Lehigh's medical insurance plan, you will be charged a \$100/month surcharge until you complete a Spousal Surcharge Waiver request and HR approves it.**

The request must be submitted each year, and is provided during the online enrollment process. Learn more about eligibility and submitting your election on the Lehigh Benefits site or contact HR at 610-758-3900 or inben@lehigh.edu.

Don't Miss Your Chance to Enroll!

- **If you are a current employee:** Enrollment for 2025 benefits is November 1-15, 2024 for coverage effective January 1, 2025.
 - If you do nothing during open enrollment, your current elections will continue in 2025 *with one exception: Flexible spending accounts and employee HSA contributions must be renewed.*
- **If you are a new hire:** New employees (both faculty and staff members) must enroll within **30 days** of your first day of work.
 - Coverage for faculty members is effective as of their first day of work provided they complete their enrollment in Lehigh Benefits within the first thirty days of employment.
 - Coverage for staff members is effective on the first of the month following their start date, provided they complete their enrollment in Lehigh Benefits within the first thirty days of employment.
 - **If you miss your enrollment period deadline**, you will be assigned Lehigh's default benefit coverage of PPO individual coverage at a monthly cost of \$274. No dependents will be enrolled in medical coverage; nor will dental insurance, supplemental or dependent life insurance, or FSAs be available to you or any dependents.

You will not be able to make a change to your benefits during the year unless you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE).

Enrollment Is Easy

Enroll on the Web

- Go to <https://onfirststep.com/lehigh/theperch/> and log into **The Perch** using your Lehigh credentials
 - Select Connect Lehigh from the top menu bar
 - Navigate to the Employee Links tile
 - Click on Human Resources
 - Select "Lehigh Benefits" from the list of applications.
 - Review your "To Do" list.
 - Select the button under the words "Enroll Now!" that is labeled "Click Here To View Your Benefits."
- NOTE:** As annual notices are updated, you may need to review your To Do list prior to proceeding with enrollment or benefits changes.

Or Use The App

- Download Benefitplace (the Benefitfocus app) from The App Store or the Google Play Store
- Log in by using the ID "lehighbenefits" on the initial screen, then sign in with your Lehigh ID and password.

Whether you use the web or the app, you'll be asked to confirm your dependents and answer a few questions before you begin enrollment. You can review your current elections, use the comparison shopping tool to view estimated out of pocket costs for you in each plan, change your elections, update your beneficiary information and more.

Changing Your Coverage During the Year

The benefit elections you make during Open Enrollment take effect on the following January 1.

Your elections remain in effect until the next Open Enrollment period, unless you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE), such as getting married or divorced or having or adopting a baby. You can add or drop dependents from your coverage as the result of a QLE, however you cannot change your medical plan election (e.g., you can add a new spouse to your medical coverage, but you can't change from the PPO to the HDHP as a result of getting married).

It is your responsibility to notify Lehigh Benefits within 31 days of a QLE and request appropriate flexible benefit changes when you experience:

- Change in marital/partnership status such as marriage/registration or divorce/dissolution
- Addition or change in number of dependents through birth/adoption of child or change in child dependent's status (such as reaching age 26)
- Death of a dependent child or spouse/partner
- Changes related to employment or location including change in employment, retirement, significant change in residence location or reduction in work hours below the Affordable Care Act's employer plan eligibility threshold; or, eligibility for healthcare marketplace

If you fail to submit a QLE change request within 31 days, we will retroactively cancel coverage in the case of a dependent whose benefit eligibility ends. However, we cannot refund premiums paid for coverage that was not available. In other words, paying for coverage that your dependent is not entitled to receive will not create that entitlement. It simply means that you are paying more for coverage than you need to. Furthermore, you may jeopardize your dependent's access to COBRA coverage by failing to notify Lehigh Benefits in a timely fashion.

See the list at right for more information on required documents and key dates. Learn more about QLEs by visiting the Lehigh Benefits website or contacting the Lehigh BenefitsVIP Service Center at 866-293-9736 or solutions@benefitsvip.com.

What Happens to Your Coverage if You Leave Lehigh?

Your coverage will continue through the last day of the month in which your employment ends. However, you have the opportunity to continue your coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act's (COBRA) continuation legislation, which provides you the option of continuing your medical and/or dental plan for up to 18 months. You would be responsible for paying the entire premium amount to Lehigh's COBRA administrator plus a 2% administrative fee.

The provisions of COBRA also apply to dependents that lose coverage, including a child who turns 26. For medical and dental coverage, it is your responsibility to notify Lehigh Benefits when your child reaches age 26 or you may jeopardize your dependent's access to COBRA coverage. Additional information is available through the Lehigh Benefits website or by contacting Lehigh BenefitsVIP Service Center at 866-293-9736 or solutions@benefitsvip.com.

DOCUMENTATION AND DATES FOR QUALIFYING LIFE EVENTS

Adoption

Event Date: Date adoption is finalized
Documentation: Finalized adoption decree

Birth

Event Date: Baby's birth date
Documentation: Birth Certificate

Divorce

Event Date: Date the divorce is finalized
Documentation: Finalized divorce decree

Eligible for Other Coverage

Event Date: Date new coverage becomes effective
Documentation: Benefits confirmation statement showing who is covered and date of new coverage

Loss of Coverage by Dependent

Event Date: First day you and/or dependents no longer have coverage
Documentation: Benefits confirmation statement showing who was covered and date of termination of coverage

Marriage

Event Date: Date of Marriage
Documentation: Marriage certificate

Annual Open Enrollment for Spouse/ Partner

Event Date: Date new coverage becomes effective
Documentation: Benefits confirmation statement showing who is covered and start date of new coverage

Spouse/Partner Gained Coverage Due to Employment Status Change

Event Date: Date new coverage becomes effective
Documentation: Benefits confirmation statement showing who is covered and start date of new coverage

Spouse/Partner Loses Coverage Due to Employment Status Change

Event Date: First day you and/or dependents no longer have coverage
Documentation: Benefits confirmation statement showing who was covered and termination date of the coverage

Your 2025 Medical Options

Lehigh offers three medical plans through Capital Blue Cross. While all of the options cover the same services and treatments, and cover preventive care in full when received from in-network providers, they differ in how much you pay in payroll contributions and what you pay when you receive care. To make an informed decision about which option is right for you and your family, evaluate your health care needs and review how you pay for services under each option.

IN-NETWORK PREVENTIVE CARE

Preventive care is 100% covered in all health care plans when received from in-network providers. Preventive care includes services such as physical examinations and certain immunizations.

Preventive services are divided into three groups:

- Adults
- Maternity
- Children

Go to the **Preventive Care** section in appendix 2 for details.

Your three medical insurance options include:

Capital Blue Cross Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plans

- **PPO**
- **High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)**
- **Keystone Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)**

When you enroll in a medical plan through the University, you are automatically enrolled in Prescription Drug coverage through Express Scripts and Vision coverage with Davis Vision.

The PPO Plan

With the PPO plan, you have a choice each time you need care — you may choose health care providers within the plan's network or visit any provider outside the network. However, you'll typically pay more for care when you use out-of-network providers. That's because Capital Blue Cross negotiates discounted fees for covered services with providers in their network, which allows us to set the in-network annual deductible at a lower level than the annual deductible for out-of-network care.

If you choose the PPO plan, you will pay more in premium contributions, but less when you receive care.



The HDHP

The HDHP gives you more control over how you spend — or save — your health care dollars. If you enroll in the HDHP, you can contribute to a tax-advantaged Health Savings Account (HSA) that includes a contribution from Lehigh. You can also choose to contribute up to annual IRS limits. Use this account to help pay for eligible health care expenses today, or to save for future medical, dental, and vision expenses. See the **Health Savings Account** section for more information.

Like the PPO plan, you have the freedom to see both in-network and out-of-network providers, but you'll typically pay more for services from out-of-network providers and you'll have to satisfy a separate, higher out-of-network deductible. Additionally, the HDHP network is the same network that is available in the PPO plan.

The HDHP has a higher annual deductible than the PPO plan, but you'll pay less in payroll contributions. It's important to note that medical and pharmacy expenses will count toward meeting your deductible. **If you cover any dependents, you must meet the entire family deductible before the plan begins reimbursing your medical or prescription drug expenses. One family member, or all family members combined, can satisfy the deductible.**

Although they cover the same services, there are some key differences between the HDHP and the PPO:

HDHP	PPO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower payroll deductions • Pay more out-of-pocket when receiving care • Higher annual deductible • Lehigh contribution to the HSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher payroll deductions • Pay less out-of-pocket when receiving care • Lower annual deductible • No HSA

Find more information about this plan by reading the HDHP User's Guide available on Lehigh Benefits.

The Keystone HMO

The HMO provides the maximum level of coverage with lower premiums and the lowest out-of-pocket costs. In return, you'll be required to receive care from in-network providers, manage your care through a Primary Care Physician (PCP) and receive referrals from your PCP if you would like to receive care from a specialist. Care received from out-of-network providers will not be covered, other than in an emergency, as determined by Capital Blue Cross. This may be the most cost-effective option for employees living in the 21 county area surrounding the University who are comfortable with using only in-network providers.

WHO SHOULD ENROLL IN THE HDHP?

Do you expect your usage to be moderate to low (only wellness visits and occasional illness)? If so, consider the plan with the higher deductible. You could save money by paying less from your paycheck for your coverage. If you are concerned about the risk of unexpected expenses, consider purchasing voluntary accident, critical illness or hospital indemnity insurance.

ALIGHT EXPERT MEDICAL OPINION SERVICE

Alight is a free benefit that can help you find the right doctor and get high-quality medical care. ConsumerMedical provides support to help:

- Find the best doctors and hospitals in their area and network
- Verify any doctor's credentials, skills, and experience
- Get a second opinion from top specialists
- Connect with experts in their diagnosis

For more information visit <https://hr.lehigh.edu/alight-expert-medical-opinion-service>

2025 Monthly Medical Premiums

PLAN	Individual	Employee + Spouse/Partner	Employee+ Child	Employee+ Family
University Contribution (All Plans)	\$692	\$1,424	\$1,295	\$2,056
HDHP	\$41	\$156	\$132	\$229
PPO	\$274	\$678	\$603	\$983
Keystone Health Plan (HMO)	\$132	\$371	\$326	\$537

Summary of Medical Plan Options

The table below provides a summary comparison for key benefits across the medical plan options available for 2025. See the Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Plan Design Details sections of this guide for more information about each plan and covered preventive services.

	PPO		HDHP		Keystone HMO***
Network	National		National		21 County/Lehigh Valley
	In-network	Out-of-network	In-network	Out-of-network	In-network
Annual Deductible					
Individual	\$500	\$700	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$200
Family	\$1000	\$700 /person	\$4,000*	\$5,000*	\$400
Coinsurance	20%	40%	20%	40%	N/A
Out-of-Pocket Maximum for all medical and prescription drug charges					
Individual	\$5,000	No limit	\$5,000	No limit	\$4,000
Family	\$10,000	No limit	\$10,000	No limit	\$8,000
Physician Services					
Office Visit	\$30 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$30 copay/visit
Specialist Visit	\$50 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$50 copay/visit
Preventive Care (Administered in accordance with Preventive Health Guidelines & PA state mandates)	No charge	Mandated screenings and immunizations: 40% coinsurance; Routine physical exams: Not covered	No charge	Mandated screenings and immunizations: 40% coinsurance; Routine physical exams: Not covered	No charge
Hospital Services					
Inpatient Coverage	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$250/admission
Outpatient Hospital	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$100 outpatient surgery copay
Emergency Room	\$250 copay/visit, waived if admitted		20% coinsurance		\$250 copay/visit, waived if admitted
Urgent Care	\$50 copay/ service	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$50 copay/ service
Maternity Services					
Prenatal/ Postpartum Care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	No charge
Hospital	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$250/admission
Mental Health **					
Inpatient	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$250/admission
Outpatient	\$30 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$30 copay/visit
Substance Abuse **					
Inpatient	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$250/admission
Outpatient	\$30 copay/visit	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$30 copay/visit
Prescription Drugs					
Generic	20% coinsurance	Coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable amount	20% coinsurance after deductible is met	Coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable amount	20% coinsurance
Brand Forumulary	25% coinsurance	Coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable amount	25% coinsurance after deductible is met	Coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable amount	25% coinsurance
Brand Non-Forumulary	35% coinsurance	Coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable amount	35% coinsurance after deductible is met	Coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable amount	35% coinsurance

*For all coverage levels other than employee only, the entire family deductible must be met before the HDHP plan starts paying medical and pharmacy benefits to anyone in the plan. Medical and pharmacy expenses count toward the deductible.

** Managed behavioral (mental) health benefits are provided through Capital Blue Cross. Preauthorization is required in all plans.

***Care from out-of-network providers is not covered, other than in an emergency, as determined by Capital Blue Cross.

See the **Summary of Benefits and Coverage** and **Plan Design Details** sections of the **2025 Enrollment and Reference Guide** to learn more about specific coverages and limits as well as preauthorization information.

Preventive Care

Preventive care is any covered medical service or supply that is received in the absence of symptoms or a diagnosed medical condition. Preventive care includes preventive services such as physical examinations, certain immunizations, and screening tests.

Federal laws covering medical, dental and/or vision preventive care change often. Check to see what's covered at <https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits>.

Capital Blue Cross Virtual Care

Capital Blue Cross Virtual Care gives covered employees access to board-certified physicians via video consultation on your smartphone, tablet or computer. The Virtual Care app is available in the Google Play and App Stores. You can use Virtual Care if you have a health problem and need urgent care; if you're not sure you need emergency care; or if you're simply traveling and need a doctor's advice. Doctors can diagnose, recommend treatment and even write short-term prescriptions for most non-emergency medical issues. This benefit is included in all medical plans offered by the University. **The copay is \$10 for HMO and PPO subscribers, and \$64 for HDHP subscribers.** Visit www.capbluecross.com/virtualcare or the app to find approved providers or to contact patient support.



HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR MEDICAL PLAN

Using the comparison tools on Lehigh Benefits will help you find the plan that's best for you.

Lehigh Benefits offers a powerful financial modeling tool to project the total cost of your medical coverage elections using:

- the average claims experience of Lehigh employees, if you have not participated in the plan in the past,
- your own claims experience if you've been covered by a Lehigh plan in prior years,
- the national average claims experience for persons with similar age, gender, and regional demographics as you and your dependents, and
- customized modeling of your projected medical claims for next year.

Take the time to review plan features — such as a Health Savings Account (HSA) with a contribution from Lehigh — and not just what you contribute from your paycheck. Consider your needs and preferences:

1. How much coverage do I need?

- See how the services you'll likely need in 2025 are covered under each medical plan
- Do you need supplemental coverage?

2. What will be my total cost?

- Out of your paycheck: Your contributions for coverage
- Out of your pocket: What you pay when you receive care
 - Copays
 - Deductibles
 - Coinsurance

3. How do I prefer to pay?

- Pay more from my paycheck, and less when I need care (lower deductible plans)
- Pay less from my paycheck, and more when I need care (higher deductible plans)
 - Consider your ability to cover large/unexpected medical bills

4. Do I want an HSA?

- Only available to employees in the HDHP
- Lehigh contributes to your HSA (in 2025, \$600 individual/\$1,200 family)
- You can also contribute through pre-tax payroll deductions
- Money carries over year to year — build tax-free savings to pay for eligible health expenses, now or in the future
 - Additional restrictions apply
- Health Savings Accounts are not for everyone. If you are or will be enrolling in Social Security, Medicare A or B, or Tricare (military benefits) you will be ineligible for an HSA account, which could preclude you from enrolling in the HDHP. You can read more in the HDHP User's Guide at Lehigh Benefits.

Prescription Drug Plan

All of Lehigh’s medical plans include prescription drug benefits through Express Scripts. You can fill your prescriptions at retail pharmacies or through the Express Scripts Home Delivery program. While you have the option to choose which delivery option fits into your lifestyle, you will save time and may save money by having your medication delivered by mail.

Using generic drugs, which cost less than brand-name drugs, can save you money. A generic drug is a drug that contains the same active ingredients as the brand name drug, but can only be produced after the brand-name drug’s patent has expired. With the introduction of our three-tiered plan, it’s important to check with your doctor and pharmacy to see if any of your current medications are non-formulary and subject to higher charges.

FILLING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS BY MAIL ORDER COULD SAVE YOU MONEY

You are not required to select mail order, but it may be the best, most economical choice:

- **FREE shipping** right to your door
- **25% average savings** over retail
- **90-day supply**, at reduced maximum pricing, so you won’t worry about running out
- **24/7 access** to a pharmacist from the privacy of your home
- **Automatic refills** every three months

	Retail	Mail Order
Generic	20% (\$25 maximum) per 30-day supply	20% (\$62.50 maximum) per 90-day supply
Formulary Brand Name	25% (\$50 maximum) per 30-day supply	25% (\$125 maximum) per 90-day supply
Non-Formulary Brand Name	35% (\$100 maximum) per 30-day supply	35% (\$250 maximum) per 90-day supply

For definition of “formulary” and “non-formulary,” consult the “glossary” on page 19. If you have questions about whether your prescriptions are considered formulary or non-formulary, contact **Express Scripts** at 1-866-383-7420 or www.express-scripts.com.



Vision Coverage

Vision coverage through Davis Vision is also included in your medical plan coverage. The vision plan provides a benefit for an exam and lenses and frames on a yearly basis. You have the freedom to see any vision provider you choose, but the plan generally covers services at a higher level when you receive care from doctors who participate in the Davis Vision network. If you decide to go to an out-of-network provider, you'll be reimbursed for exams and eyewear according to the schedule of benefits detailed below.

To find a provider who participates in the Davis Vision network, call 1-800-999-5431 or go to www.davisvision.com and follow prompts for general access or member access, as appropriate. The Lehigh University client control code for general access is 4100.

Prior to initial enrollment, call 1-877-923-2847.

Davis Vision Program		
Service/Product	Your In-Network Cost	Out-of-Network Reimbursement to You
Eye Exam	\$0	\$32
Eyeglass Lenses		
Standard Single Vision	\$0	\$25
Bifocal	\$0	\$36
Trifocal	\$0	\$46
Post Cataract	\$0	up to \$72
Non-standard (i.e., no line bifocals, tints, coatings)	Fixed Costs	No Additional Benefit
Frames	All providers: \$0 for Davis fashion selection frames up to \$100. Non-Davis frames: At Visionworks - amount over \$150 for non-Davis frames, less 20% discount on average. At other providers - amount over \$100, less 20% discount on average.	\$30
Contact Lenses		
Prescription Evaluation and Fitting	\$0	Daily Wear: \$20 Extended Wear: \$30
Contact Lenses	Amount over \$100, less 15% discount on average	Specialty: \$48 Disposable: \$75
Medically Necessary Contact Lenses (w/prior approval)	\$0	up to \$225



Dental Coverage

Dental coverage is available even if you waive medical coverage through Lehigh. Unlike medical, where the University pays the majority of your cost for coverage (i.e., the monthly premium), Lehigh does not contribute toward the cost of your dental coverage. You pay the full cost for the coverage, however your contributions are based on attractive group coverage rates.

You have the flexibility to receive care from any dentist you choose, but you will pay less when you visit a dentist who participates in the United Concordia dental provider network. This is because network providers cannot charge more than the Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC). This restriction does not apply to out-of-network providers. When you receive care from an out-of-network provider, you are responsible for any charges in excess of the MAC.

Visit United Concordia’s website at www.ucci.com or call 1-800-332-0366 to find a participating provider.

United Concordia Dental Benefit Summary (Maximum annual benefit of \$1,000 per person)	
Diagnostic & Preventive Service Benefits — Paid at 100% (Does not count toward maximum annual benefit)	
Semi-annual cleaning, polishing, and examination	
Annual bitewing X-rays	
Complete X-ray series (every five years)	
Fluoride treatment (under age 19)	
Sealant: Under age 16. One sealant per permanent first and second molars in three years.	
Emergency treatment: Palliative (to alleviate pain), not restorative	
Basic Service Benefits — Paid at 80% of MAC*	
Inpatient consultation	
Anesthetics: Novocain, IV sedation, general	
Basic restoration: Amalgam and composite fillings	
Non-surgical periodontics	
Endodontics	
Oral surgery	
Simple extraction	
Repair of crowns, inlays, onlays, bridges, and dentures	
Major Service Benefits — Paid at 50% of MAC*	
Surgical periodontics	
Inlays, onlays, crowns	
Prosthetics: Dentures and bridges; no implants	
Orthodontia (under age 19) — Paid at 50% of MAC*	
Orthodontia lifetime benefit maximum of \$1,000 per person	

*MAC: Maximum Allowable Charge — The negotiated charge the plan pays to providers.

The Preventive Incentive

Preventive care is important for your teeth, too. Cleanings and regular exams for each covered individual are covered at 100% and do not count against the \$1,000 annual maximum benefit limit. United Concordia’s plan annually includes:

- Two cleanings (six months apart)
- Two exams
- One set of x-rays

2025 MONTHLY DENTAL PREMIUMS

Employee Only	\$37.02
Employee + One	\$74.06
Employee + Two or More	\$95.74

Tax-Advantaged Accounts

Health Savings Account (HSA)

The HSA is a tax-advantaged savings account you can use to help cover the costs of your health care when you enroll in the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). Lehigh's HSA administrator is HealthEquity. Here are some important things to know about the HSA:

- **Money from Lehigh.** Lehigh will contribute up to \$600 per year to your HSA when you enroll in employee only coverage, and up to \$1,200 per year to your account for any other level of coverage. Note, this contribution will be made per pay period and will be prorated based on the date your coverage begins. You must open an HSA in order to receive the Lehigh contribution.
- **Works like a bank account.** Use the money to pay for eligible health care expenses — use your HSA debit card to pay when you receive care or reimburse yourself for payments you've made (up to the available balance in the account).
- **You can save.** You decide how much to save and can change that amount at any time. Contribute up to the 2025 annual IRS limit of \$4,300 for individuals or \$8,550 for family coverage (these amounts include Lehigh's contribution); \$1,000 additional contribution allowed for employees age 55+.
- **Never pay taxes.** Contributions are made from your paycheck on a before-tax basis, and the money will never be taxed when used for eligible expenses.
- **It's your money.** Unused money can be carried over each year and invested for the future — you can even take it with you if you leave your job. This includes the contribution from Lehigh.
- **Can be paired with a Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account (LPFSA).** You can use your HSA for eligible medical, dental and vision expenses. You can use your LPFSA for tax savings on eligible dental and vision expenses.
- **Please Note.** HSA contribution limits as well as catch up contribution limits **are based on a calendar year** and should be prorated based on the actual number of months you are covered under the HDHP plan.
- **Important restrictions apply when you become Medicare/Social Security eligible.** Once you are enrolled in any part of Medicare, you will not be eligible to contribute to an HSA. If you are receiving Social Security payments prior to age 65 you will be enrolled in Medicare automatically when you turn 65 and will become ineligible to contribute to an HSA. Taxes and penalties will be applied by the IRS if you continue contributing. **[Download this information sheet from HealthEquity for more information.](#)**

For more information about the HSA, including how to set up an account and rules and restrictions, contact HealthEquity at 1-866-346-5800 or www.healthequity.com or visit the resource center at learn.healthequity.com/lehighuniversity/hsa.

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) let you set aside money from your paycheck — before federal income taxes — to pay for certain out-of-pocket health care and/or dependent care expenses, reducing your taxable income. Consider enrolling in one to help pay for your expenses. The type of FSA in which you can participate is based on your medical plan election.

If you elect either PPO or the HMO, or you waive Lehigh medical coverage, you can participate in either or both of the following:

- Health Care FSA
- Dependent Care FSA

If you elect the HDHP, you can participate in either or both of the following:

- Limited Purpose Health Care FSA (covers dental and vision claims)
- Dependent Care FSA

Health Care FSA

- You can use the money in your Health Care FSA to reimburse yourself for eligible expenses, including medical, prescription, dental, hearing, and vision care expenses that exceed or are not covered by your medical plan.
- When you enroll, you can elect to contribute up to \$3,300 annually.
- Plan carefully when deciding how much to contribute to your FSA. You can carry over only \$660 of any unclaimed balance in a Health Care FSA into the new year.
- **Note: You cannot contribute to the Health Care FSA if you enroll in the HDHP.**

Limited Purpose FSA (LPFSA)

- You can use the money in your LPFSA to reimburse yourself for eligible dental and vision care expenses that are not paid by your dental or vision plan.
- When you enroll, you can elect to contribute up to \$3,300 annually.
- Plan carefully when deciding how much to contribute to your FSA. You can carry over only \$660 of any unclaimed balance in a LPFSA into the new year.
- **Note: You can only contribute to the LPFSA if you enroll in the HDHP.**

Dependent Care FSA

- You can use the money in your Dependent Care FSA to reimburse yourself for eligible child care expenses for dependents **under age 13** when it is necessary for you and/or your spouse to work or attend school full-time;
- Or you can use the money in your account for expenses for other eligible dependents (including your spouse) who are incapable of caring for themselves, depend on you for more than half of their support, and live with you for more than half of the year.
- When you enroll, you can elect to contribute up to:
 - \$2,500 annually if you are married and file separate income tax returns
 - \$5,000 annually, combined between you and your spouse, if your spouse has an account through another employer
- Money in your account does not roll over year to year, so plan carefully. **If you don't use it, you'll lose it.**

Additional information is available through the Lehigh Benefits website or by contacting the Lehigh BenefitsVIP Service Center at 866-293-9736 or solutions@benefitsvip.com.

Wageworks Healthcare FSA Debit Card

Lehigh's FSAs are administered by Wageworks/Health Equity, which offers a debit card for convenient direct payments from your FSA account at the point of sale when you receive qualified services.

Please note that any claims from the prior year (2024) that you need to pay after December 31, 2024 must be paid via a claims submission on the Wageworks website. Your debit card will turn over to the 2025 claims year and cannot be used to pay for 2024 expenses beginning January 1, 2025.

QUALIFIED MEDICAL EXPENSES FOR FSA USE

You can use your Health Care FSA for expenses that would generally qualify as medical, dental and vision expenses, including, but not limited to:

- Deductibles
- Office visits
- Prescription drugs
- Hospital stays
- Lab work or x-rays
- Eyeglasses or contact lenses
- Hearing aids
- Dental work
- Crutches, braces or wheelchairs



Compare the HSA and FSAs

Account Feature	HSA	Limited Purpose FSA	Health Care FSA	Dependent Care FSA
Available if you enroll in the...	HDHP	HDHP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPO Keystone HMO <p>You can also contribute to the Health Care FSA if you waive medical coverage through Lehigh, provided neither you nor your spouse is enrolled in a high deductible health plan elsewhere</p>	All medical plans, or no coverage (you do not need to be enrolled in a medical plan through Lehigh to enroll in the Dependent Care FSA)
Maximum annual contribution (including Lehigh contribution)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4,300 Employee only \$8,550 all other coverage levels \$1,000 additional contribution allowed for employees age 55+ <p>Note: Lehigh contributes up to \$600 for employee only coverage and \$1,200 for all other levels of coverage</p>	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$5,000 (combined employee/spouse amount)
Eligible expenses	Qualified health care expenses (including medical, prescription drug, dental and vision)	Qualified dental and vision expenses only	Qualified health care expenses (including medical, prescription drug, dental and vision)	Qualified expenses for dependents (not to be used for health care expenses for dependents)
Earns interest tax free	Yes	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Carryover of unused funds to the next year	Yes	Up to \$640	Up to \$640	No
Portability if you leave Lehigh	Yes	No	No	No
Access to contributions	Current account balance only	Entire amount elected for the year	Entire amount elected for the year	Current account balance only



Financial Protection

Life and disability insurance can provide important financial protection as well as peace of mind for you and your family by replacing income or covering medical expenses in the case of injury or death. Selecting the right level of coverage to ensure adequate protection begins with you.

Life Insurance

Basic Life Insurance

As part of Lehigh's benefits program, you automatically receive Basic Life Insurance benefits equal to one times your salary at no cost to you. For purposes of life insurance, your salary is your base salary as budgeted at the start of the plan year (i.e., January 1) or your hire date if you're a new employee.

PROOF OF INSURABILITY

New employees can elect up to the maximum amount without submitting evidence of insurability for themselves and their dependents.

For all future enrollments, however, employees are required to provide evidence of insurability for increasing coverage by more than one times salary during any plan year.

Supplemental Life Insurance

You have the option to purchase Supplemental Life Insurance for you and your dependents

- **For you:** You can purchase supplemental coverage in increments of one to four times your salary. The combined maximum total coverage available for Basic Life Insurance and Supplemental Life Insurance is five times your base salary, up to a limit of \$1,500,000. The cost of the supplemental coverage is based on your age:

Age (as of January 1)	Monthly Premium for \$1,000 of Coverage
16 to 29	\$0.038
30 to 34	\$0.044
35 to 39	\$0.071
40 to 44	\$0.110
45 to 49	\$0.165
50 to 54	\$0.231
55 to 59	\$0.352
60 to 64	\$0.638
65 to 69	\$1.100
Over 70	\$1.837

- **For your dependents:** You can buy life insurance for your spouse/partner, your child(ren), or both. Dependent life insurance can cover a child from 15 days of age up to the end of the month in which he or she becomes age 26. You are the beneficiary for any dependent life insurance you select. **Important note regarding duplication of coverage:** If your spouse is also a benefits-eligible Lehigh employee you cannot carry spousal life insurance for them. Also, only one of you may carry life insurance for your children. Paying for duplication of coverage does not mean the insurance company will pay more than one claim.

Dependent Life Premiums		
Coverage Options	Monthly Premium	Dependent Life Insurance Amount
Spouse/Partner	\$2.20	\$10,000
	\$4.40	\$20,000
	\$6.60	\$30,000
Child(ren)	\$0.40	\$5,000
	\$0.80	\$10,000

Under current law, premiums for dependent life insurance cannot be paid with tax-free dollars. The cost of the dependent life insurance option you choose will be paid through salary deduction on an after-tax basis.

Important Tax Note for Life Insurance

Because the cost of life insurance is paid with pre-tax dollars, some taxable income will result from the value of coverage over \$50,000. There are no tax consequences for coverage of \$50,000 or less. If your coverage exceeds \$50,000, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires the University to include the taxable value of the premium that purchases life insurance in excess of \$50,000 on your W-2 form. The IRS defines the taxable value, and this value may be different from the actual premium paid. The difference in the amount of extra taxable income is generally minimal unless you are crossing an age bracket during the plan year.

Lehigh determines the age-based premium using your age on January 1; the IRS uses your age on December 31. In addition, you'll pay FICA (Social Security and Medicare) taxes on that amount as well if your pay is less than the Social Security wage base maximum.

HOW MUCH LIFE INSURANCE DO YOU NEED?

In evaluating your life insurance needs, it is important to look at the present and plan for the future to make informed decisions. Here are some key questions to consider when evaluating life insurance:

- What are your financial commitments and for what expenses would your family be responsible if you should die?
- What other resources are available to those who are financially dependent on you?
- What standard of living do you want your dependents to have without you?
- How much life insurance do you already have?

Long-term Disability Insurance

Lehigh's Short-term Disability (STD) plan, as defined in the Faculty and Staff Guides, provides coverage for the first 26 weeks (six months) of disability. Once you have exhausted your STD benefit, Lehigh's Long-term Disability (LTD) plan continues to replace a portion of your earnings — 66 2/3% of your LTD Base Salary — if, after 26 weeks, you are still unable to work for an extended period of time due to an illness or injury. The University pays the full cost of this coverage.

- For the period January 1 through June 30, your LTD Base Salary is your base salary as of January 1.
- For the period July 1 through December 31, your LTD Base Salary is your base salary as budgeted for the new fiscal year.

Selecting Pre- or Post- Tax Premium Payments

You decide if you want the premium for your LTD coverage paid pre- or post-tax. The choice you make affects how your benefit is taxed when paid.

- Purchasing LTD coverage on a "pre-tax" basis means paying federal income tax on the benefit if you become disabled but paying no federal income tax on the premium.
- Purchasing LTD coverage on a "post-tax" basis means paying federal income tax on the premium but paying no federal income tax on the benefit if you become disabled.

To qualify for LTD benefits, you will generally need to be totally disabled and, as a result, unable to work for 180 continuous days. The insurance company, not Lehigh, determines whether you are disabled and eligible for LTD. Once benefit payments begin, they can continue for as long as you are totally disabled and until you reach your Normal Retirement Age (as defined by your access to full Social Security income benefits) or longer if your disability begins after age 60.

Other sources of disability income are taken into consideration to determine the benefit provided. Disability benefits received from any state disability plan, Social Security, and the LTD portion of the disability plan, combined, won't exceed 66 2/3% of your benefits eligible pay.

Additional information is available through the Lehigh Benefits website or by calling Human Resources at 610-758-3900.

Voluntary Benefits – Accident, Critical Illness, Hospital Indemnity

In addition to your primary medical plan, you may want to consider voluntary Accident, Critical Illness or Hospital Indemnity coverage through Voya. These plans are intended to supplement your primary medical plan. These are not standalone medical plans. They provide additional coverage to help pay expenses your medical plan may not cover. These plans do not provide the level of medical insurance coverage you need in order to meet health care reform requirements. You pay the full cost of coverage through post-tax payroll deductions, which means your benefit, when paid, is tax free.

About Accident Insurance

You can't always avoid accidents — but you can help protect yourself from accident-related costs that can strain your budget. Accident insurance supplements your medical plan by providing cash benefits in cases of accidental injuries. You can use this money to help pay for medical expenses not covered by your medical plan, such as your deductible or coinsurance, or for ongoing living expenses, such as your mortgage or rent.

You have two benefit coverage options: Low or High.

Benefits are paid:

- Directly to you, unless assigned to someone else.
- In addition to any other coverage, such as through your medical plan.
- Tax free, because you pay for each of these benefits with after-tax money.
- The policy pays you a benefit up to a specific amount for:
 - Dislocation or fracture
 - Initial hospital confinement
 - Intensive care
 - Ambulance
 - Medical expenses
 - Outpatient physician's treatment

The actual benefit amounts depend on the type of injuries you have and the medical services you need.

About Critical Illness Insurance

When a serious illness strikes, critical illness insurance can provide financial support to help you through a difficult time. It protects against the financial impact

of certain illnesses, such as a heart attack or cancer. You receive a lump-sum benefit to cover out-of-pocket expenses for your treatment that are not covered by your medical plan. You can also use the money to take care of your everyday living expenses like housekeeping services, special transportation services and day care.

You have two benefit coverage options: \$10,000 or \$20,000.

About Hospital Indemnity Insurance

Hospital Indemnity insurance pays a fixed daily benefit if you have a covered stay in a hospital, critical care unit or rehabilitation facility. Hospital Indemnity Insurance is a limited benefit policy; it is not health insurance and does not satisfy the requirement of minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

You may use your benefit for any purpose, such as paying out-of-pocket medical expenses, deductibles, copays, groceries, gas, utilities and more.

You have two benefit options: Low or High.

Benefits are paid directly to you, unless assigned to someone else.

Important note regarding duplication of coverage:

If you are taking family coverage and both parents are Lehigh employees, only one should cover the family. Duplication of coverage does not guarantee duplication of benefit payment.



Glossary

Annual Deductible

The amount you pay each year out of your own pocket before your medical plan covers a portion of the cost for covered expenses through coinsurance. For example, if your deductible is \$1,000, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your \$1,000 deductible for covered health care services subject to the deductible. Note that if you enroll in any coverage level other than "employee only" for the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP), you will need to meet the entire family deductible before the plan pays benefits. Any one family member, or any combination of family members, can satisfy the deductible.

Balance Billing

When a provider bills you for the difference between the provider's charge and the allowed amount under your benefit plan. For example, if the provider's charge is \$100 and the allowed amount under your plan is \$70, the provider may bill you for the remaining \$30. An in-network provider (sometimes called a preferred provider, depending on your plan) may not balance bill you for covered services.

Coinsurance

The share of the costs of a health care service after meeting your deductible. For example, if the coinsurance amount is 20%, then your medical plan pays 80% of the cost and you pay for the remaining 20% out-of-pocket. When you choose an in-network provider, the coinsurance you pay is significantly lower than for an out-of-network provider.

Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$25) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service (e.g., office visit for a pediatrician vs. specialist visit for an orthopedist).

Covered Charge

The charge for services rendered or supplies furnished by a provider that qualifies as an eligible service and is paid for in whole or in part by your plan. May be subject to deductibles, copayments, coinsurance, or maximum allowable charge, as specified by the terms of the insurance contract.

Covered Service

A service or supply (specified in the plan) for which benefits may be available. The plan will not pay for services that are not covered by the plan.

Dependent

Individuals who rely on you for support including children and spouse, generally qualify as dependents for health care and insurance benefits.

Emergency Room Care

Care received in an emergency room.

Formulary (Prescription Drug Coverage)

The Plan includes a list of preferred drugs that are either more effective at treating a particular condition than other drugs in the same class of drugs, or as effective as and less costly than similar medications. Non-preferred (non-formulary) drugs may also be covered under the prescription drug program, but at a higher cost-sharing tier. Collectively, these lists of drugs make up the Plan's Formulary. The Plan's Formulary is updated periodically and subject to change. To check where your medications fall within the plan's formulary please call Express Scripts at 1-866-383-7420.

In-Network

Doctors and other health care providers, hospitals, clinics, laboratories and outpatient facilities that have negotiated discounted rates with your plan. Depending on your plan, you may have the choice to receive care from either an in-network provider or an out-of-network provider, but you'll generally pay more if you choose to see an out-of-network provider. In some cases, your plan will refer to network providers as "preferred" providers.

Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC)

The limit the plan has determined to be the maximum amount payable for a covered service.

Out-of-Network

Doctors and other health care providers, hospitals, clinics, laboratories and outpatient facilities that do not have negotiated discounted rates with your plan. You will generally pay more when you receive care from an out-of-network provider because that provider is not bound by contracted pricing. You are responsible for paying the difference between the amount the plan is willing to pay (sometimes called the maximum allowable charge) and the provider's charge.

Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The most you will pay during the plan year for in-network care before your plan begins to pay 100% of eligible expenses. This limit does not include your premium or expenses for services not covered by your plan, nor does it include balance billing, amounts above the Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC) for your plan, or out-of-pocket costs for Davis Vision plan services and products. It's important to check your plan and see what other charges may not be included.

Preferred Provider

A provider who has a contract with your plan to provide services to you at a discount. In some cases, there may be a "preferred network" as a subset of your plan's overall network. In this instance, preferred providers offer additional savings on covered services.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)

A physician who directly provides or coordinates a range of health care services for a patient. You are required to select a primary care physician (PCP) to receive benefits through the HMO plan.

Premium

A health insurance premium is the monthly fee that is paid to an insurance company or health plan to provide health coverage. You and Lehigh both contribute to pay the cost of your premium, with Lehigh paying the majority of the cost.

Prescription Drugs

Medications that by law require a prescription.

Preventive Care

Any covered service or supply that is received in the absence of symptoms or a diagnosed condition. Preventive care includes preventive health services like physical examinations, certain immunizations, screening tests, and dental cleanings. Preventive care can also provide specific programs of education, exercise, or behavior modification that seek to manage disease or change lifestyle: programs for diabetes management, smoking cessation, childbirth preparation etc. Medical plans clearly define the types of services, supplies, and programs they offer as preventive benefits and they provide them based upon protocols established in the medical community with regard to factors like frequency, patient age, and suitability. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act also requires particular preventive services for particular individuals to be covered at no cost, provided the covered services are received from a network provider. These services can be reviewed at

www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits

Specialist

A specialist focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. The Keystone HMO plan requires a referral to see a specialist, while the PPO plans and the HDHP do not require a referral.

Urgent Care

Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require emergency room care.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is Open Enrollment?

For current employees: Open Enrollment begins on November 1st and ends on November 15th. Open Enrollment is your once-a-year chance to make changes to your benefits. You will not be able to make benefit changes until next year's Open Enrollment unless you experience a Qualifying Life Event (QLE) (e.g., you get married or have a baby). You must notify Lehigh Benefits of your QLE within 31 days of the event.

For new hires: You must enroll within 30 days of your first day of work.

What changes can I make during Open Enrollment?

During enrollment you can:

- Change plans
- Add or delete dependents from your coverage
- Change coverage levels
- Enroll in a Health Care or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA), and/or elect the Health Savings Account (HSA) if you enroll in the High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) option for 2025.

How do I enroll?

1. Login to "Connect Lehigh" from the upper left corner of the Inside Lehigh home page
2. Select the Employee tab, then "Lehigh Benefits" from the list of applications.
3. Complete the tasks on your "To Do" list.
4. Click on the "Get Started" button and proceed.

You can also now enroll via the Benefitfocus app.

1. Download the Benefitfocus App via the App Store or the Google Play Store.
2. Sign into the system with the ID "lehighbenefits."
3. Log in using your Lehigh ID and password.

Who is eligible for benefits through Lehigh University?

You are eligible for benefits if you are a full-time (or work at least 75% of a full work schedule), salaried member of Lehigh's faculty or staff employed in a benefits-eligible position.

You can also enroll your eligible dependents, including your spouse/partner, child(ren) up to the end of the month in which they become age 26, and disabled child(ren) without age limitation (coverage and its continuation is subject to required certification with the carrier). More information is available through Lehigh Benefits or by contacting the Lehigh BenefitsVIP Service Center at 866-293-9736 or solutions@benefitsvip.com.

When will my changes become effective?

For current employees: The benefit elections you make during Open Enrollment are effective from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

For new hires:

- Coverage for faculty members is effective as of their first day of work provided they complete their enrollment in Lehigh Benefits within the first thirty days of employment.
- Coverage for staff members is effective on the first of the month following your start date, provided they complete their enrollment in Lehigh Benefits within the first thirty days of employment.

What happens if I do not enroll by the deadline?

New Employees: If you miss your enrollment period deadline, you will be assigned Lehigh's default benefit coverage, the PPO plan at an employee cost of \$274 per month. No dependents will be enrolled in medical coverage; nor will dental insurance, supplemental or dependent life insurance, or flexible spending accounts be available to you or any dependents.

Current Employees: You will receive the same coverage you had in the prior year, with the exception of any flexible spending account or health savings account employee contributions which must be renewed annually.

How do I know what benefits to select?

You should select your benefits based on the needs of you and your family, as well as your financial situation. Use the tools available on the Lehigh Benefits website to help you make informed decisions about your benefits.

Are there any changes to the medical plans for 2025?

Out of pocket costs are increasing in all of the medical plans, as well as out of pocket costs in the prescription plan. Premiums are not changing in 2025.

See the **Your 2025 Medical Options, Summary of Benefits and Coverage and Plan Design Details** sections of this publication for information about all available plans.

How do I find a provider?

For all medical plans, visit <https://www.capbluecross.com> and click *Find a Provider*. You must choose your network in order to see the list of all available in-network providers.

- Select *PPO Network* for PPO, and HDHP
- Select *HMO Network* for Keystone

To find a dental provider, visit www.ucci.com and click *Find a Dentist*. You must select Concordia Advantage Plus as your network before seeing all available in-network providers.

To find a vision provider, visit www.davisvision.com and click *Find a Provider*.

For all plans other than the Keystone HMO, you have the option to receive care from any provider you choose regardless of whether he or she participates in the plan's network. Keep in mind that you'll typically pay more for care when you use out-of-network providers.

What is a Health Savings Account (HSA)?

An HSA is a tax-advantaged savings account that you can use like a bank account to pay for qualified medical, dental and vision expenses. You can use the money in your HSA this year or, if you don't use it now, you can save it for use in the future — even in retirement.

To be eligible to contribute money to an HSA, you must be enrolled in a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). See the **Health Savings Account (HSA)** section to find more information.

If I need more information regarding Open Enrollment, where can I find support?

See the **Where to Go for Help** section on the next page to find contact information for Lehigh's benefit providers. You may also contact the Lehigh BenefitsVIP Service Center at 866-293-9736 or solutions@benefitsvip.com.



Where to Go for Help

Contact/Provider	Type of Benefit	Telephone Number	Web Address
Aflac (ends 12/31/24)	Accident & Critical Illness Insurance	800-433-3036	www.aflacgroupinsurance.com
Alight	Expert Medical Opinion & Surgery Decision Support	888-361-3944	mymedicalally.alight.com
BenefitsVIP Service Center	General Lehigh Benefits Questions	866-293-9736	solutions@benefitsvip.com
Capital Blue Cross and Keystone Health Plan Central Group #00515044	Medical Insurance	800-216-9741	www.capbluecross.com
Capital Blue Cross Managed Behavioral (Mental) Health	Behavioral (Mental) Health Insurance	866-322-1657	www.capbluecross.com
Capital Blue Virtual Care	Telehealth	855-818-3627	www.capbluecross.com/virtualcare
Davis Vision Group #LHU	Vision Insurance	877-923-2847 or 800-999-5431	www.davisvision.com Control code: 5167 Your ID number is your LIN.
Express Scripts Group #LEHIGHU	Prescriptions Plan	866-383-7420	www.express-scripts.com Create an account for full access. Your ID number is your LIN.
Health Advocate	Advocacy Service	866-695-8622	answers@healthadvocate.com www.healthadvocate.com/members
Health Advocate	Employee Assistance Program (EAP)	866-799-2728	Web: www.HealthAdvocate.com/lehighuniversity Registration code: EFL8M2S
HealthEquity	Health Savings Account Administration	866-346-5800	www.healthequity.com
United Concordia Group #250021021	Dental	800-332-0366	www.ucci.com
WageWorks/Health Equity	Flexible Spending Account Administration	855-774-7441 or 877-924-3967	www.wageworks.com
Voya	Voluntary Benefits - accident, critical illness and hospital indemnity	877-236-7564	presents.voya.com/ebrc/Lehigh

Legal Notices

Review the following notices which are required by law to help you understand your rights. If you have any questions, please call Lehigh University Human Resources at 610-758-3900.

Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA) Notice

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- prostheses; and
- treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same deductibles and coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this plan. If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call Lehigh’s Human Resources at (610)758-3900.

Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act of 1996 (NMHPA) Notice

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother’s or newborn’s attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours, as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

Notices Required By the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Retroactive Cancellation of Coverage (Rescission)

Your medical benefit cannot be cancelled retroactively except in the case of fraud, intentional misrepresentation of material fact, or failure to pay required contributions on a timely basis. A 30 day notice will be provided if coverage is rescinded. An example of fraud or intentional misrepresentation may include things such as retaining your former spouse on your medical benefits after your divorce decree is final. As a University medical plan participant, it is your responsibility to notify Human Resources of any changes to a dependent’s status within 31 days of a status change event. Failure to provide timely notice to Human Resources constitutes intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

The Designation of Primary Care Providers

The Keystone Health Plan Central Health Maintenance Organization Plan (KHPC) generally requires the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the plan network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of participating primary care providers, contact the plan at 800-216-9741. You do not need prior authorization from KHPC or from any other person (including your primary care doctor) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in the plan network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the plan at 800-216-9741.

Additional Notices

- Our health plans offer affordable coverage with at least the minimum benefit value (called “minimum essential coverage”) required under the ACA.
- Anyone can shop in the public health insurance marketplace. While some low-income individuals qualify for subsidized coverage, Lehigh employees generally will not qualify because of the cost and benefit value of our health plans.
- If you shop in the health insurance marketplace, you may find the options offered to be more expensive than the University’s coverage because Lehigh pays a large part of the cost for your medical coverage. Generally, in the public marketplace, you will pay the entire cost of your coverage.
- For more information about the ACA, visit www.healthcare.gov.

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov. If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 1-877-KIDS NOW or www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of January 31, 2024. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

<p>ALABAMA- Medicaid</p>	<p>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</p>
<p>Website: http://myalhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447</p>	<p>Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+: https://hcpf.colorado.gov/chp CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): https://www.mycohibi.com/ HIBI Customer Service: 1-855-692-6442</p>
<p>ALASKA – Medicaid</p>	<p>FLORIDA – Medicaid</p>
<p>The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</p>	<p>Website: https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/flmedicaidt-precovery.com/hipp/index.html Phone: 1-877-357-3268</p>
<p>ARKANSAS – Medicaid</p>	<p>GEORGIA – Medicaid</p>
<p>Website: http://myarhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)</p>	<p>GA HIPP Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/healthinsurance-premium-payment-program-hipp Phone: 678-564-1162, Press 1 GA CHIPRA Website: https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-partyliability/childrens-health-insurance-programreauthorization-act-2009-chipra Phone: (678) 564-1162, Press 2</p>
<p>CALIFORNIA</p>	<p>INDIANA – Medicaid</p>
<p>Website: Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp Phone: 916-445-8322 Fax: 916-440-5676 Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov 2025 Flexible Benefits Enrollment and Reference Guide</p>	<p>Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64 Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: https://www.in.gov/medicaid/ Phone 1-800-457-4584</p>

IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (HAWKI)	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members Phone: 1-800-338-8366 Hawki Website: http://dhs.iowa.gov/Hawki Hawki Phone: 1-800-257-8563 HIPP Website: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp HIPP Phone: 1-888-346-9562	Website: http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 402-473-7000 Omaha 402-595-1178
KANSAS – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid
Website: https://www.kancare.ks.gov/ Phone: 1-800-792-4884 HIPP Phone: 1-800-967-4660	Medicaid Website: http://dhcfp.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx Phone: 1-855-459-6328 Email: KIHIPP.PROGRAM@ky.gov KCHIP Website: https://kidshealth.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-877-524-4718 Kentucky Medicaid Website: https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms	Website: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oi/hipp.htm Phone: 603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext 5218
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: www.medicaid.la.gov or www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp Phone: 1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
MAINE – Medicaid	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Enrollment Website: https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711 Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711	Website: https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa Phone: 1-800-862-4840 TTY: 711 Email: masspremassistance@accenture.com	Website: https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/ Phone: 919-855-4100
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/children-and-families/health-care/health-care-programs-and-services/other-insurance.jsp Phone: 1-800-657-3739	Website: https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare Phone: 1-844-854-4825
MISSOURI – Medicaid	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742
MONTANA – Medicaid	OREGON – Medicaid
Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084 email: HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov	Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-699-9075

PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP	VERMONT– Medicaid
Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/HIPP-Program.aspx Phone: 1-800-692-7462 CHIP Website: https://www.dhs.pa.gov/CHIP/Pages/CHIP.aspx CHIP Phone: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	Website: https://dvha.vermont.gov/members/medicaid/hipp-program Phone: 1-800-250-8427
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/ Phone: 855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct RlTe Share Line)	Website: https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select or https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs Medicaid/CHIP Phone: 1-800-432-5924
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: https://www.hca.wa.gov/ Phone: 1-800-562-3022
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ or http://mywvhipp.com/ Medicaid Phone: 304-558-1700 CHIP Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIP (1-855-699-8447)
TEXAS – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badger-careplus/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP Website: http://health.utah.gov/chip Phone: 1-877-543-7669	Website: https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/ Phone: 1-800-251-1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2023, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

US Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
1-866-EBSA (3272)

US Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext 61565

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OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 1/31/2026)

Creditable Coverage Disclosure Notice

Important Notice from Lehigh University About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare October 4, 2024

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with Lehigh University and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.

2. Lehigh University has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the Express Scripts plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare drug plan.

When Can You Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15th to December 7th.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2) month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What Happens To Your Current Coverage If You Decide to Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Lehigh University coverage will not be affected. You can retain your existing coverage and choose not to enroll in a Part D plan now. Or, you can enroll in a Part D plan as a supplement to, or in lieu of, the other coverage.

Your current coverage pays for other health expenses in addition to prescription drugs. If you enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you and your eligible dependents will still be eligible to receive all of your current health and prescription drug benefits.

If you do decide to join a Medicare drug plan and drop your current Lehigh University coverage, be aware that you and your dependents will be able to enroll back into the Lehigh University benefit program during the open enrollment period under the plan, providing you are an active, benefits eligible employee at that time.

When Will You Pay A Higher Premium (Penalty) To Join A Medicare Drug Plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage with Lehigh University and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go nineteen months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For More Information About This Notice Or Your Current Prescription Drug Coverage...

Contact the person listed below for further information at 610-758-3900. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through Lehigh University changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For More Information About Your Options Under Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage...

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov, or call them at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: October 4, 2024

Name of Entity/Sender: Lehigh University

Contact – Position/Office: Director of Benefits

Office of Human Resources

Address: 306 South New Street, Suite 437

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Phone Number: 610-758-3900



Lehigh University Benefit Plans Notice of Privacy Practices

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. **Please review it carefully.**

Lehigh University sponsors the following employee welfare benefit plans (collectively referred to as the “Plans”):

- PPO, administered by Capital Blue Cross,
- Keystone Health Plan Central HMO, administered by Capital Blue Cross,
- High Deductible Health Plan, administered by Capital Blue Cross,
- Behavioral Health Benefits
- Employee Assistance Program, administered by Health Advocate,
- United Concordia Dental, insured by United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Co.,
- Davis Vision, insured by Highmark Blue Shield,
- Express Scripts Pharmacy Benefits, administered by Express Scripts,
- Health Care Flexible Spending Accounts, administered by WageWorks/Health Equity, and
- Health Savings Account, administered by HealthEquity.

The Plans are required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with notice of their legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. If you have any questions about any part of this Notice or if you want more information about the Plans’ privacy practices, please contact:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Phone: 610-758-3900

How the Plans May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

The following categories describe the ways that we (the Lehigh University Benefits Staff) may use and disclose your health information. For each category of uses and disclosures, we will explain what we mean and present examples. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all the ways we are permitted to use and disclose information will fall within one of the categories.

1. **Payment Functions.** We may use or disclose health information about you to determine eligibility for plan benefits, obtain premiums, facilitate payment for the treatment and services you receive from health care providers, determine plan responsibility for benefits, and to coordinate benefits. For example, payment functions may include confirmation of eligibility and demographic information to ensure accurate processing of enrollment changes.
2. **Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose health information about you to carry out necessary insurance-related activities. For example, such activities may include submitting claims for stop-loss coverage; auditing claims payments; and planning, management, and general administration of the benefits plans.
3. **Required by Law.** As required by law, we may use or disclose your health information. For example, we may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for purposes such as complying with a court order or subpoena and other law enforcement purposes; we may disclose your health information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding; or we may disclose your health information for military, national security, and government benefits purposes.
4. **Health Oversight Activities.** We may disclose your health information to health agencies in the course of audits, investigations, or other proceedings related to oversight of the health care system. For example, we will report medical plan enrollment information to the Medicare: Coordination of Benefits IRS/SSA/CMS Data Match Project.
5. **Worker’s Compensation.** We may disclose your health information as necessary to comply with worker’s compensation or similar laws.

When the Plans May Not Use or Disclose Your Health Information

Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Policies, we will not use or disclose your health information without written authorization from you. If you do authorize us to use or disclose your health information for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time. If you revoke your authorization, we will no longer be able to use or disclose health information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization, though we will be unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission.

Statement of Your Health Information Rights

1. **Right to Request Restrictions.** You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information. The Plans are not required to agree to the restrictions that you request. If you would like to make a request for restrictions, you must submit your request in writing to:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015

2. **Right to Request Confidential Communications.** You have the right to receive your health information through a reasonable means or at an alternative location. There are two standard locations used for distribution of plan information. If you are an employee of the University, most information about the plans will be sent to your campus address. On occasion, information may be distributed through the U.S. Postal Service. The standard location for the U.S. Postal Service delivery of plan communications will be your home address, as listed in Lehigh's records. If you are not a current employee of Lehigh University, our standard location for sending plan information to you is your home address, as listed in Lehigh's records. To request an alternative means of receiving confidential communications, you must submit your request in writing to:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015

We are not required to agree to your request.

3. **Right to Inspect and Copy.** You have the right to inspect and copy health information about you that may be used to make decisions about your plan benefits. To inspect and copy such information, you must submit your request in writing to:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015

If you request a copy of the information, we may charge you a reasonable fee to cover expenses associated with your request.

4. **Right to Request Amendment.** You have the right to request that the Plans amend your health information that you believe is incorrect or incomplete. We are not required to change your health information and, if your request is denied, we will provide you with information about our denial and how you can disagree with the denial. To request an amendment, you must also provide a reason for your request in writing to:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015

5. **Right to Accounting of Disclosures.** You have the right to receive a list or "accounting of disclosures" of your health information made by us, except that we do not have to account for disclosures made for purposes of payment functions or health care operation, or those made to you. To request this accounting, you must submit your request in writing to:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Your request should specify a time period of up to six years and may not include dates before April 14, 2003. The Plans will provide, on request, one list per 12-month period free of charge; we may charge you for additional copies.

6. **Right to Paper Copy.** You have a right to receive a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Regulations at any time. To obtain a paper copy of this Notice, send your written request to Lehigh University Human Resources, 306 South New Street, Suite 437, Bethlehem, PA 18015. If you would like to have a more detailed explanation of these rights or if you would like to exercise one or more of these rights, contact:

Director of Benefits
Lehigh University Human Resources
306 South New Street, Suite 437
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Phone: 610-758-3900

Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

The Plans reserve the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future and to make the new Notice provisions effective for all health information that it maintains. We will promptly revise our Notice and distribute it to you whenever we make material changes to the Notice. Until such time, the Plans are required by law to comply with the current version of this Notice.

Complaints

Complaints about this Notice of Privacy Practices or about how we handle your health information should be directed to:

Vice President for Finance and Administration
Lehigh University
27 Memorial Drive West
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Phone: 610-758-3178

The Plans will not retaliate against you in any way for filing a complaint. All complaints about the Privacy Practices described in this Notice must be submitted in writing. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may also file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Effective Date of This Notice: April 14, 2003; Updated October 18, 2024



Summary of Benefits and Coverage Appendix 1

- HDHP
- PPO
- HMO



The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health [plan](#). The SBC shows you how you and the [plan](#) would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this [plan](#) (called the [premium](#)) will be provided separately.

This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage: about health care coverage, contact Capital Blue Cross at 1-800-216-9741 or [www.capbluecross.com](#); about prescription drug coverage, contact Express Scripts at 1-866-383-7420 or [www.express-scripts.com](#); and about vision coverage, contact Davis Vision at 1-800-999-5431 or [www.davisvision.com](#). For general definitions of common terms, such as [allowed amount](#), [balance billing](#), [coinsurance](#), [copayment](#), [deductible](#), [provider](#), or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [www.ccio.cms.gov](#) or call 1-888-428-2566 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
<p>What is the overall deductible?</p>	<p>\$2,000 individual / \$4,000 family participating providers; \$2,500 individual / \$5,000 family non-participating providers. Deductible applies to all services, including prescription drug, before any copayment or coinsurance are applied.</p>	<p>Generally, you must pay all the costs from providers up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the plan, each family member must meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible.</p>
<p>Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?</p>	<p>Yes. Network preventive services.</p>	<p>This plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the deductible amount. But a copayment or coinsurance may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without cost-sharing and before you meet your deductible. See a list of covered preventive services at www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits</p>
<p>Are there other deductibles for specific services?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services.</p>
<p>What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?</p>	<p>For participating providers \$5,000 individual / \$10,000 family; for non-participating providers \$0 individual combined out-of-pocket limit for medical and prescription drug.</p>	<p>The out-of-pocket limit is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan, they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limits until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.</p>
<p>What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?</p>	<p>Pre-authorization penalties, premiums, balance billing charges, vision care costs, and health care this plan doesn't cover.</p>	<p>Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.</p>
<p>Will you pay less if you use a network provider?</p>	<p>Yes. For a list of participating providers, see www.capbluecross.com or call 1-800-962-2242. See www.davisvision.com or call 1-800-999-5431 for vision care participating providers.</p>	<p>This plan uses a provider network. You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network. You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider, and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing). Be aware your network provider might use an out-of-network provider for some services (such as lab work). Check with your provider before you get services.</p>
<p>Do you need a referral to see a specialist?</p>	<p>No.</p>	<p>You can see the specialist you choose without a referral.</p>



All [copayment](#) and [coinsurance](#) costs shown in this chart are after your [deductible](#) has been met, if a [deductible](#) applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Specialist visit	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	Mandated screening and immunizations 40% coinsurance ; Routine Physical exams; Not covered	Deductible does not apply to services at participating providers . You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services you need are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	20% coinsurance for lab and 20% coinsurance for tests. 20% coinsurance for outpatient radiology.	40% coinsurance	None
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.express-scripts.com or call 1-866-383-7420.	Generic drugs	20% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	20% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
	Preferred brand drugs	25% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	25% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
	Non-preferred brand drugs	35% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	35% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
	Specialty drugs	25% coinsurance for preferred brand drugs and 35% coinsurance For non-preferred brand drugs	Not covered	Some drugs may require purchase through Accredo Specialty Pharmacy.
	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	Services at non-participating ambulatory

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
surgery	surgery center)			surgical facilities 40% coinsurance .
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	None
	Emergency medical transportation	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	None
	Urgent care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
If you have a hospital stay	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Outpatient services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Inpatient services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Office visits	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	
If you are pregnant	Childbirth/delivery professional services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	Depending on the type of services, a copayment , coinsurance , or deductible may apply.
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	90 visits*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
	Rehabilitation services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	30 visits per condition per benefit year
	Habitatation services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	30 visit per condition
	Skilled nursing care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	100 day limit
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Total Example Cost \$12,700

In this example, Peg would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$2,000
Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$2,100
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
The total Peg would pay is	\$4,160

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 Prescription drugs
 Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

Total Example Cost \$5,600

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Cost Sharing	
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Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$800
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
The total Joe would pay is	\$2,820

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(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

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This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
 Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)
 Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
 Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

Total Example Cost \$2,800

In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$2,000
Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$200
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Mia would pay is	\$2,200

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Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible ?	\$200 individual / \$400 family	Generally, you must pay all the costs from providers up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the plan , each family member must meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible .
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible ?	Yes.	This plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the deductible amount. But a copayment or coinsurance may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without cost-sharing and before you meet your deductible . See a list of covered preventive services at https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/ .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan ?	\$4,000 individual / \$8,000 family combined out-of-pocket limit for network medical and prescription drug .	The out-of-pocket limit is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan , they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limits until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit ?	Premiums , balance billing charges, vision care costs, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit .
Will you pay less if you use a network provider ?	Yes. For a list of participating providers , see www.capbluecross.com or call 1-800-962-2242. See www.davisvision.com or call 1-800-999-5431 for vision care participating providers.	This plan uses a provider network . You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network . You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider , and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing). Be aware your network provider might use an out-of-network provider for some services (such as lab work). Check with your provider before you get services.
Do you need a referral to see a specialist ?	Yes.	This plan will pay some or all of the costs to see a specialist for covered services but only if you have a referral before you see the specialist .



All [copayment](#) and [coinsurance](#) costs shown in this chart are after your [deductible](#) has been met, if a [deductible](#) applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$30 copayment/visit deductible does not apply	Not covered	Additional \$10 copayment/visit required after hours.
	Specialist visit	\$50 copayment/visit deductible does not apply	Not covered	None
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	Not covered	You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services you need are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No charge after deductible	Not covered	None
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No charge after deductible	Not covered	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.express-scripts.com or call 1-866-383-7420.	Generic drugs	20% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	20% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
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	Specialty drugs	25% coinsurance for preferred brand drugs and 35% coinsurance For non-preferred brand drugs	Not covered	Some drugs may require purchase through Accredo Specialty Pharmacy.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	\$100 copayment Acute Care Hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center	Not covered	None
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	Not covered	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
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	Inpatient services	\$250 copayment /service	Not covered	Pre-certification may be required.
If you are pregnant	Office visits	\$50 copayment /visit	Not covered	Depending on the type of services, a copayment , coinsurance , or deductible may apply.
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No charge	Not covered	
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If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No charge after deductible	Not covered	90 visit* See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
	Rehabilitation services	No charge after deductible	Not covered	30 visit limit
	Habilitation services	No charge after deductible	Not covered	30 visit limit
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Copayments	\$300
Coinsurance	\$900
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,420

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(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

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The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health [plan](#). The SBC shows you how you and the [plan](#) would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this [plan](#) (called the [premium](#)) will be provided separately.



This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage: about health care coverage, contact Capital Blue Cross at 1-800-216-9741 or www.capbluecross.com; about prescription drug coverage, contact Express Scripts at 1-866-383-7420 or www.express-scripts.com; and about vision coverage, contact Davis Vision at 1-800-999-5431 or www.davisvision.com. For general definitions of common terms, such as [allowed amount](#), [balance billing](#), [coinsurance](#), [copayment](#), [deductible](#), [provider](#), or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at www.ccio.cms.gov or call 1-888-428-2566 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible ?	\$500/individual/\$1000/family participating providers ; \$700/individual non-participating providers .	Generally, you must pay all the costs from providers up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay. If you have other family members on the plan , each family member must meet their own individual deductible until the total amount of deductible expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family deductible .
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible ?	Yes. Network preventive services .	This plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the deductible amount. But a copayment or coinsurance may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without cost-sharing and before you meet your deductible . See a list of covered preventive services at https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/ .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan ?	For participating providers \$5,000 individual / \$10,000 family; for non-participating providers \$0 individual combined out-of-pocket limit for medical and prescription drug .	The out-of-pocket limit is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan , they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limits until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit ?	Pre-authorization penalties, premiums , balance billing charges, vision care costs, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit .
Will you pay less if you use a network provider ?	Yes. For a list of participating providers , see www.capbluecross.com or call 1-800-962-2242. See www.davisvision.com or call 1-800-999-5431 for vision care participating providers .	This plan uses a provider network . You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network . You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider , and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing). Be aware your network provider might use an out-of-network provider for some services (such as lab work). Check with your provider before you get services.
Do you need a referral to see a specialist ?	No.	You can see the specialist you choose without a referral .



All [copayment](#) and [coinsurance](#) costs shown in this chart are after your [deductible](#) has been met, if a [deductible](#) applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$30 copayment/visit	40% coinsurance	None
	Specialist visit	\$50 copayment/visit	40% coinsurance	None
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	Mandated screening and immunizations 40% coinsurance ; Routine Physical exams; Not covered	Deductible does not apply to services at participating providers . You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services you need are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay for.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	20% coinsurance for lab and 20% coinsurance for tests. 20% coinsurance for outpatient radiology.	40% coinsurance	None
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.express-scripts.com or call 1-866-383-7420.	Generic drugs	20% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	20% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
	Preferred brand drugs	25% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	25% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
	Non-preferred brand drugs	35% coinsurance (retail and mail order)	35% coinsurance plus amount over Express Scripts allowable	Covers 30 to 90 day supply. Some drugs may require preauthorization. If the necessary preauthorization is not obtained, the drug may not be covered.
	Specialty drugs	25% coinsurance for preferred brand drugs and 35% coinsurance For non-preferred brand drugs	Not covered	Some drugs may require purchase through Accredo Specialty Pharmacy.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	Services at non-participating ambulatory surgical facilities 40% coinsurance .

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need immediate medical attention	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
	Emergency room care	\$250 copayment /visit	\$250 copayment /visit	Deductible does not apply. Copayment waived if admitted inpatient.
	Emergency medical transportation Urgent care	20% coinsurance \$50 copayment /visit	40% coinsurance 40% coinsurance	Deductible does not apply. None
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	\$30 copayment /visit	40% coinsurance	None
	Inpatient services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Office visits	\$50 copayment /visit	40% coinsurance	Depending on the type of services, a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible may apply.
If you are pregnant	Childbirth/delivery professional services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	90 visit limit *See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
	Rehabilitation services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	30 visit limit
	Habilitation services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	30 visit limit
	Skilled nursing care	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	100 day limit
	Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	*See preauthorization schedule attached to your certificate of coverage.
If your child needs dental or eye care -- More information about participating providers and vision care benefits are available at www.davisvision.com or call 1-800-999-5431.	Hospice services	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	None
	Children's eye exam	No charge	Full cost less \$32	Limited to one exam per year
	Children's glasses	No charge for standard lenses and select frames; Amount over \$100 for provider frames	Full cost less \$55 for standard lenses and any frame	Limited to one pair of glasses per year
	Children's dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	None

Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

Services Your [Plan](#) Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or plan document for more information and a list of any other [excluded services](#).)

- Acupuncture
- Bariatric Surgery (unless medically necessary)
- Cosmetic Surgery
- Dental care
- Hearing aids
- Long-term care
- Routine foot care (unless medically necessary)
- Weight loss programs

Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your [plan document](#).)

- Chiropractic Care
- Infertility treatment
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Private-duty nursing

Your Rights to Continue Coverage: There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform. Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance [Marketplace](#). For more information about the [Marketplace](#), visit www.HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights: There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your [plan](#) for a denial of a [claim](#). This complaint is called a [grievance](#) or [appeal](#). For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical [claim](#). Your [plan](#) documents also provide complete information to submit a [claim](#), [appeal](#), or a [grievance](#) for any reason to your [plan](#). For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, contact: for health care coverage, contact Capital Blue Cross at 1-800-216-9741 or www.capbluecross.com; for prescription drug coverage, contact Express Scripts at 1-866-383-7420 or www.express-scripts.com; and for vision coverage, contact Davis Vision at 1-800-999-5431 or www.davisvision.com, or the Department of Labor's Employee Benefit Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform.

Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes

[Minimum Essential Coverage](#) generally includes [plans](#), [health insurance](#) available through the [Marketplace](#) or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of [Minimum Essential Coverage](#), you may not be eligible for the [premium tax credit](#).

Does this plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes

If your [plan](#) doesn't meet the [Minimum Value Standards](#), you may be eligible for a [premium tax credit](#) to help you pay for a [plan](#) through the [Marketplace](#).

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

About these Coverage Examples:



This is not a cost estimator. Treatments shown are just examples of how this [plan](#) might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your [providers](#) charge, and many other factors. Focus on the [cost sharing](#) amounts ([deductibles](#), [copayments](#) and [coinsurance](#)) and [excluded services](#) under the [plan](#). Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health [plans](#). Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

Peg is Having a Baby

(9 months of in-network pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

- The [plan's overall deductible](#) \$500
- [Specialist \[cost sharing\]](#) \$50
- [Hospital \(facility\) \[cost sharing\]](#) 20%
- [Other \[cost sharing\]](#) 20%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Specialist office visits (*prenatal care*)
 Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services
 Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services
 Diagnostic tests (*ultrasounds and blood work*)
 Specialist visit (*anesthesia*)

Total Example Cost \$12,700

In this example, Peg would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$500
Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$2,400
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$60
The total Peg would pay is	\$2,960

Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes

(a year of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)

- The [plan's overall deductible](#) \$500
- [Specialist \[cost sharing\]](#) \$50
- [Hospital \(facility\) \[cost sharing\]](#) 20%
- [Other \[cost sharing\]](#) 20%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)
 Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)
 Prescription drugs
 Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

Total Example Cost \$5,600

In this example, Joe would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$500
Copayments	\$300
Coinsurance	\$900
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$20
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,720

Mia's Simple Fracture

(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

- The [plan's overall deductible](#) \$500
- [Specialist \[cost sharing\]](#) \$50
- [Hospital \(facility\) \[cost sharing\]](#) 20%
- [Other \[cost sharing\]](#) 20%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
 Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)
 Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
 Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

Total Example Cost \$2800

In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$500
Copayments	\$400
Coinsurance	\$300
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$0
The total Mia would pay is	\$1200

The [plan](#) would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.

Plan Design Details

Appendix 2

- Preventive Care Benefits
- HDHP Design
- PPO Design
- Preauthorization Requirements for HDHP and PPO
- HMO Design
- Preauthorization Requirements for HMO

2025 Schedule of Preventive Care Services

This information highlights the preventive care services available under this *coverage* and lists items/services required under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA), as amended. It is reviewed and updated periodically based on the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF); Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other applicable laws and regulations. Accordingly, the content of this schedule is subject to change.

Your specific needs for preventive services may vary according to your personal risk factors. It is not intended to be a complete list or complete description of available services. In-network preventive services are provided at no Member cost-share. Additional diagnostic studies may be covered if *medically necessary* for a particular diagnosis or procedure; if applicable, these diagnostic services may be subject to cost-sharing. Members may refer to the benefit contract for specific information on available *benefits* or *contact Customer Service at the number listed on their ID card.*

Schedule for Adults: Age 19 years and older

GENERAL HEALTHCARE*

For routine history and physical examination, including pertinent patient education. Adult counseling and patient education include:

Women

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast Cancer Chemoprevention Contraceptive Methods/Counseling¹ Folic Acid (childbearing age) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) – Risk vs. Benefits Urinary Incontinence Assessment 	At least annually
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Men and Women

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspirin Prophylaxis (high-risk) Drug Use Family Planning Fall Prevention (age 65 and older) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical Activity/Exercise Seat Belt Use Statin Medication (high-risk) Unintentional Injuries 	At least annually
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SCREENINGS/PROCEDURES*

Women (Preventive care for pregnant women, see Maternity section.)

Bone Mineral Density (BMD) Test	Age 65 and older, test every 2 years. Age 19-64, test if postmenopausal and at risk for osteoporosis.
BRCA Screening/Genetic Counseling/Testing	BRCA screening and counseling if at risk and not previously diagnosed with BRCA-related cancer and who have a personal or family history of cancer. BRCA testing once per lifetime if recommended by your healthcare provider.
Domestic/Interpersonal/Partner Violence Screening and Support	Age 19 and older: Screening annually and offer support services as determined by your healthcare provider.
Mammogram (2D or 3D)	Beginning at age 40, every 1-2 years. Includes one additional MRI or Ultrasound if at high risk for breast cancer.
Obesity in Midlife Women	Age 40-60 with normal to overweight body mass index (BMI), offer counseling to prevent obesity.
Pelvic Exam/Pap Smear/HPV DNA	Pelvic Exam/Pap Smear: Age 21-65: every 3 years; HPV DNA: Age 30-65, every 5 years.

Men

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening	Age 65-75, one-time screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm in men who have ever smoked.
Prostate Cancer Screening	Beginning at age 50, annually. Begin at age 19 for high-risk males.
Prostate Specific Antigen	Beginning at age 50, annually.

Men and Women

Alcohol Use Screening/Counseling	Age 19 and older: Offer behavioral counseling interventions for adults who are engaged in risky or hazardous drinking.
Anxiety/Depression Screening	Age 19 and older: Annually or as determined by your healthcare provider.
Cardiovascular Disease Prevention	Age 19 and older at increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD); screening and offer behavioral counseling.
Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Test	Age 19-24 years, test all sexually active women and 25 years and older test based on individual risk and recommendation by your healthcare provider. Test as recommended when prescribed HIV PrEP.
CT Colonography ²	Beginning at age 45, every 5 years.
Colonoscopy ³	Beginning at age 45, every 10 years.
Diabetes Screening	Age 35-70, screening and testing if overweight or obese. If normal, rescreen every 3 years. If abnormal, offer behavioral counseling.
Fasting Lipid Profile	Beginning at age 20, every 5 years.
Fecal Occult Blood Test (gFOBT/FIT) ⁴	Beginning at age 45, annually.
FIT-DNA Test	Beginning at age 45, every 1-3 years.
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy ³	Beginning at age 45, every 5 years.
Hepatitis B Test	Age 19 and older if at high risk. Periodic repeat testing with continued risk factors.
Hepatitis C Test	Age 19 and older, offer one-time testing. Periodic repeat testing with continued risk factors.
High Blood Pressure (HBP)	Age 19-39, testing every 3-5 years with no other risk factors. Age 40 and older, or younger if at increased risk, test annually.

HIV PrEP Medication with related Testing/Counseling	If prescribed HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) medications, offer related testing and counseling services as determined by your healthcare provider.
HIV Test	Age 19-65, offer one time testing with unknown risk for HIV. Periodic repeat testing with continued risk factors.
Latent Tuberculosis (TB) Infection Test	Age 19 and older at high risk, offer one time testing. Periodic repeat testing with continued risk factors.
Low-dose CT Scan for Lung Cancer	Age 50-80 at high risk, test annually until smoke-free for 15 years.
Obesity/Weight Loss Interventions	Age 19 and older with a BMI of 30 or greater: Offer behavioral interventions.
STI Counseling	Age 19 and older at increased risk: Behavioral counseling as determined by your healthcare provider.
Skin Cancer Prevention Counseling	Age 19-24: Counseling to minimize exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation for adults with fair skin.
Syphilis Test	Age 19 and older test if at high-risk. Periodic repeat testing with continued risk factors as determined by your healthcare provider.
Tobacco Use Assessment/Counseling/Cessation Interventions	Age 19 and older: 2 cessation attempts per year including behavioral counseling interventions (each attempt includes a maximum of 4 counseling visits of at least 10 minutes per session); Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved tobacco cessation medications. ⁵

IMMUNIZATIONS**

COVID-19	Age 19 and older: 2 or 3 dose primary series and booster.
Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 1 or 3 doses depending on indication.
Hepatitis A (HepA)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 2, 3 or 4 doses.
Hepatitis B (HepB)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 2 to 4 doses.
Human Papillomavirus (9vHPV)	Age 19-45: 2 or 3 doses, depending on age at series initiation or healthcare provider recommendation.
Influenza	Age 19 and older: 1 dose annually.
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	Age 19 and older: Based on indication (born 1957 or later) or healthcare provider recommendation, 1 or 2 doses.
Meningococcal A, C, W, Y (MenACWY)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 1 or 2 doses depending on indication, then booster every 5 years if risk remains.
Meningococcal B (MenB)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 2 or 3 doses depending on indication, then booster every 2-3 years if risk remains.
Monkeypox (Mpox)	Age 19 and older based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 2 doses.
Pneumococcal (PCV15/PCV20/PPSV23)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk and healthcare provider recommendation, 1 or 2 doses.
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Age 60 and older: Based on individual risk and healthcare provider recommendation, 1 dose annually.
Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Td/Tdap)	Age 19 and older: 1 dose of Tdap, then Td or Tdap booster every 10 years.
Varicella/Chickenpox (VAR)	Beginning at age 19: 1 or 2 doses (born 1980 or later) based upon past immunization or medical history.
Zoster/Shingles (RZV)	Age 19 and older: Based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 2 doses.

¹ Coverage is provided without cost-share for all FDA-approved contraceptive methods. See the Rx Preventive Coverage List at capitalbluecross.com for details. Coverage includes clinical services, including patient education and counseling, needed for provision of the contraceptive method. If a member's provider recommends a specific FDA-approved method based on medical necessity, the service or item is covered without cost-sharing.

² CT Colonography is listed as an alternative to a flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy.

³ Only one endoscopic procedure is covered at a time.

⁴ For guaiac-based testing (gFOBT), six stool samples are obtained (2 samples on each of 3 consecutive stools, while on appropriate diet, collected at home). For immunoassay testing (FIT), specific manufacturer's instructions are followed.

⁵ Refer to the most recent formulary located on the Capital Blue Cross website at capitalbluecross.com.

Schedule for Maternity

SCREENING/PROCEDURES*

The recommended services listed below are considered preventive care (including prenatal visits) for pregnant women. You may receive the following screenings and procedures at no member cost share:

- Alcohol Use Screening/Counseling
- Anemia Screening (CBC)
- Anxiety/Depression Screening (prenatal/postpartum)
- Breastfeeding Support/Counseling/Supplies
- Gestational Diabetes Screening (prenatal/postpartum)
- Healthy Weight Gain during Pregnancy
- Hepatitis B Screening (first prenatal visit)
- HIV Screening*
- Low-dose Aspirin Therapy (after 12 weeks gestation with high- risk for preeclampsia)
- Preeclampsia Screening
- Rh Blood Typing
- Rh Antibody Testing for Rh-negative Women
- Rubella Titer
- STI Screening/Testing (Chlamydia/Gonorrhea/Syphilis)
- Tobacco Use Assessment, Counseling and Cessation Interventions
- Urine Bacteria Screening (Asymptomatic)
- Other preventive services may be available as determined by your healthcare provider

* Services that need to be performed more frequently than stated due to specific health needs of the member and would be considered medically necessary may be eligible for coverage when submitted with the appropriate diagnosis and procedure(s) and are covered under the core medical benefit. If a clinician determines that a patient requires more than one well-woman visit annually to obtain all necessary recommended preventive services, the additional visits will be provided without cost-sharing. Occupational, school, and other "administrative" exams are not covered.

** Refer to the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for additional immunization information.

Schedule for Children: Birth through the end of the month child turns 19 years old

GENERAL HEALTHCARE

Routine History and Physical Examination – Recommended Initial/Interval of Service:

Newborn, 3-5 days, by 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 24 months, and 30 months; and 3 years to 19 years annually

Exams may include:

- Blood pressure (risk assessment up to 2½ years)
 - Body mass index (BMI; beginning 2 years of age)
 - Developmental milestones surveillance (except at time of developmental screening)
 - Head circumference (through 24 months)
 - Height/Length/Weight
 - Newborn evaluation (including gonorrhea prophylactic topical eye medication)
 - Sudden cardiac arrest/death (risk assessment beginning 11 years of age)
 - Weight for Length (through 18 months)
- Anticipatory guidance for age-appropriate issues including:
 - Growth and development, obesity prevention, physical activity and psychosocial/behavioral health
 - Breastfeeding/nutrition/support/counseling/supplies
 - Safety, unintentional injuries, firearms, poisoning, media access
 - Contraceptive methods/counseling (females)
 - Alcohol, tobacco, or drug use assessment/education
 - Oral health risk assessment/dental care/fluoride supplementation (greater than 6 months)¹
 - Fluoride varnish painting of primary teeth (up to age 5 years)
 - Folic Acid (childbearing age)

	Newborn	9-12 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years
SCREENINGS/PROCEDURES*																					
Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug Use Assessment (CRAFTT)													✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Alcohol Use Screening/Counseling																				✓	✓
Anemia Screening			✓	Assess risk at all other well child visits																	
Anxiety/Depression (PHQ-2)/ Suicide Risk Screening										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Autism Spectrum Disorder Screening	At 18 months		✓																		
Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Test	For sexually active females: suggested testing interval is 1-3 years.																				
Developmental Screening		✓	✓	✓	At 9 months, 18 months, and 2½ years.																
Domestic/Interpersonal/ Intimate Partner Violence Screening and Support	Annually for adolescents of childbearing age, 11 years and older; offer support services as determined by your healthcare provider.																				
Hearing Screening/Risk Assessment	Between 3-5 days through 3 years; repeat at 7 and 9 years.																				
Hearing Test (objective method)	✓					✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	Once between ages 11-14, 15-17 and 18+								
Hepatitis B Test	Beginning at newborn, screening if at high-risk for infection. Periodic repeat testing of children with continued high risk.																				
Hepatitis C Test	One-time testing beginning at age 18 years. Periodic repeat testing with continued high risk.																			✓	✓
High Blood Pressure (HBP)				✓	Beginning at 3 years or younger if at high-risk: At every well-child visit. Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring (ABPM) recommended for confirming HBP.																
HIV Screening/Risk Assessment													✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HIV Test	Routine one-time testing between 15-18 years old. If indicated by high-risk assessment testing may begin earlier. Periodic repeat testing (at least annually) of all high-risk children.																				
Lead Screening Test/Risk Assessment	Screening Test: 12 to 24 months (at risk) 2; Risk Assessment at 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 months and 3-6 years.																				
Lipid Screening/ Risk Assessment				✓		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lipid Test	Once between 9-11 years (younger if risk is assessed as high) and once between 17-19 years.																				
Maternal Depression Screening	By 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, and 6 months.																				
Newborn Bilirubin Screening	✓																				
Newborn Blood Screen (as mandated by the PA Department of Health)	✓																				
Newborn Critical Congenital Heart Defect Screening	✓																				
Obesity								✓	Beginning at 6 years: At every well-child visit. Offer/refer to intensive counseling and behavioral interventions.												

	Newborn	9-12 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years	19 years	
SCREENINGS/PROCEDURES*																						
STI Screening/Counseling	Beginning at 11 years (at risk, if sexually active): Offer behavioral counseling.											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skin Cancer Prevention Counseling	Beginning at 6 months, counseling to minimize exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation for children with fair skin.																					
Syphilis Test	For high-risk children; suggested testing interval is 1-3 years.																					
Tobacco Smoking Screening and Cessation	Beginning at age 18: Two (2) cessation attempts per year including behavioral counseling interventions; (each attempt includes a maximum of 4 counseling visits); FDA approved tobacco cessation medications ³																		✓	✓		
Tuberculin Test	Assess risk at every well child visit, test if recommended by healthcare provider.																					
Vision Risk Assessment	Up to 2½ years							✓		✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vision Test (objective method)				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓			✓						
	Optional annual instrument-based testing may be used between 1-5 years of age and between 6-19 years of age in uncooperative children.																					
IMMUNIZATIONS**																						
COVID-19	6 months – 18 years; 2 or 3 primary dose series and booster																					
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP)	2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15–18 months, 4–6 years; 5 doses																					
Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)	2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12–15 months, and 1–18 years based on individual risk; 3 or 4 doses																					
Hepatitis A (HepA)	12–23 months; 2 doses																					
Hepatitis B (HepB)	Birth, 1–2 months, 6–18 months; 3 doses																					
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)	9-18 years: Starting age and doses are based on individual risk and healthcare provider recommendations; 2 or 3 doses																					
Influenza ⁴	6 months–18 years; annual vaccination, 1 or 2 doses																					
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)	12–15 months, 4–6 years; 2 doses																					
Meningococcal (MenACWY)	11–12 years, 16 years; 2 months–18 years for those at high-risk; 2 doses																					
Meningococcal B (MenB)	10–18 years based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation; 2 or 3 doses																					
Monkeypox (Mpox)	Age 18 and older based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation, 2 doses																					
Pneumococcal (PCV15, PCV20, or PPSV23)	2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 12–15 months and 2-18 years based on individual risk and healthcare provider recommendation; 4 doses																					
Polio (IPV)	2 months, 4 months, 6–18 months, 4–6 years; 4 doses																					
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)	Birth, 1–19 months; 1 dose. Children up to 24 months based on individual risk or healthcare provider recommendation; 1 dose annually																					
Rotavirus (RV)	2 months, 4 months, 6 months; 2 or 3 doses																					
Tetanus/Reduced Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap)	11–12 years; 1 dose																					
Varicella/Chickenpox (VAR)	12–15 months, 4–6 years; 2 doses																					

¹ Fluoride supplementation pertains only to children who reside in communities with inadequate water fluoride.

² Encourage all PA Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Members to undergo blood lead level testing before age 2 years. If not previously tested, test between the ages of 3 to 6 years old.

³ Refer to the most recent formulary located on the Capital Blue Cross web site at capitalbluecross.com.

⁴ Children aged 6 months to 8 years who are receiving influenza vaccines for the first time should receive 2 separate doses (greater than 4 weeks apart), both of which are covered.

* Services that need to be performed more frequently than stated due to specific health needs of the member and would be considered medically necessary may be eligible for coverage when submitted with the appropriate diagnosis and procedure(s) and are covered under the core medical benefit. If a clinician determines that a patient requires more than one well-woman visit annually to obtain all necessary recommended preventive services, the additional visits will be provided without cost-sharing. Occupational, school, and other "administrative" exams are not covered.

** Refer to the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for additional immunization information including special situations and catch-up vaccinations if necessary.

This preventive schedule is periodically updated to reflect current recommendations from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF); Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), National Institutes of Health (NIH); NIH Consensus Development Conference Statement, March 27–29, 2000; Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); American Diabetes Association (ADA); American Cancer Society (ACS); Eighth Joint National Committee (JNC 8); U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Women's Preventive Services Initiative (WPSI).

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QHDHP PPO PLAN

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YOUR MEDICAL PLAN SUMMARY OF COST SHARING		
	Member Responsibilities	
	If provider is in-network	If provider is out-of-network
Deductible (per benefit period) Deductible is combined to include medical and prescription drug benefits for in-network providers. If you enroll in a family plan, the overall family deductible must be met before the plan begins to pay.	\$2,000 per member \$4,000 per family	\$2,500 per member \$5,000 per family
Coinsurance (Percentage you pay after your deductible is met).	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Out-of-pocket maximum (The most you pay per benefit period, after which benefits are paid at 100%).	Overall in-network out-of-pocket maximum includes deductible, copayments, and coinsurance for medical and prescription drugs: \$5,000 per member \$10,000 per family	Overall out-of-network out-of-pocket not applicable
Office Visit / Urgent Care / Emergency Room Copayments		
VirtualCare (specialist) visits —delivered via the Capital Blue Cross VirtualCare platform	\$10 copayment per visit after deductible	Not applicable
VirtualCare (specialist) visits —delivered via the Capital Blue Cross VirtualCare platform	\$30 copayment per visit after deductible	Not applicable
Office visits and consultations (in-person & telehealth) —performed by a family practitioner, general practitioner, internist, pediatrician or in-network retail clinic	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Specialist office visits (in-person & telehealth)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Urgent care services	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Emergency room	20% coinsurance after deductible	
Preventive Care		
Pediatric and adult preventive care	No charge, deductible waived	Not covered
Screening gynecological exam and pap smear	No charge, deductible waived	40% coinsurance after deductible
Screening mammogram	No charge, deductible waived	40% coinsurance after deductible
Facility / Surgical Services		
Inpatient hospital room and board including maternity services and newborn care	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Acute inpatient rehabilitation (60 days per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Skilled nursing facility (100 days per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Surgical procedure and anesthesia (professional charges)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient surgery at ambulatory surgical center (facility charge only)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient surgery at acute care hospital (facility charge only)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic Services		
High tech imaging (such as MRI, CT, PET)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Radiology (other than high tech imaging)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Independent laboratory	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Facility-owned laboratory (i.e. Health System owned)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic mammogram	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Therapy Services (Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services)		
Physical therapy (30 visits per condition per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Occupational therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Speech therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Respiratory therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Manipulation therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD)		
MH & SUD detoxification inpatient services	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
MH & SUD rehabilitation outpatient services	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Additional Services		
Home healthcare services (90 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Durable medical equipment and supplies; prosthetic appliances and orthotic devices	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible

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PPO Plan

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YOUR MEDICAL PLAN SUMMARY OF COST SHARING		
	Member Responsibilities	
	If provider is in-network	If provider is out-of-network
Deductible (per benefit period)	\$500 per member \$1,000 per family	\$700 per member
Coinsurance (Percentage you pay after your deductible is met.)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Out-of-pocket maximum (The most you pay per benefit period, after which benefits are paid at 100%).	Overall in-network out-of-pocket maximum includes deductible, copayments, and coinsurance for medical and prescription drugs: \$5,000 per member \$10,000 per family	Overall out-of-network out-of-pocket not applicable
Office Visit / Urgent Care / Emergency Room Copayments		
VirtualCare (non-specialist) visits —delivered via the Capital Blue Cross VirtualCare platform	\$10 copayment per visit	Not applicable
VirtualCare (specialist) visits —delivered via the Capital Blue Cross VirtualCare platform	\$30 copayment per visit	Not applicable
Office visits and consultations (in-person & telehealth) —performed by a family practitioner, general practitioner, internist, pediatrician network retail clinic or in-person	\$30 copayment per visit	40% coinsurance after deductible
Specialist office visits (in-person & telehealth)	\$50 copayment per visit	40% coinsurance after deductible
Urgent care services	\$50 copayment per visit	40% coinsurance after deductible
Emergency room	\$250 copayment per visit, waived if admitted	
Preventive Care		
Pediatric and adult preventive care	No charge, deductible waived	Not Covered
Screening gynecological exam and pap smear	No charge, deductible waived	40% coinsurance waive deductible
Screening mammogram	No charge, deductible waived	40% coinsurance waive deductible
Facility / Surgical Services		
Inpatient hospital room and board including maternity services and newborn care	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Acute inpatient rehabilitation (60 days per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Skilled nursing facility (100 days per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Surgical procedure and anesthesia (professional charges)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient surgery at ambulatory surgical center (facility charge only)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient surgery at acute care hospital (facility charge only)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic Services		
High tech imaging (such as MRI, CT, PET)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Radiology (other than high tech imaging)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Independent laboratory	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Facility-owned laboratory (i.e. Health System owned)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic mammogram	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Therapy Services (Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services)		
Physical therapy (30 visits per benefit period per condition)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Occupational therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Speech therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Respiratory therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Manipulation therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD)		
MH & SUD detoxification inpatient services	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
MH & SUD rehabilitation outpatient services	\$30 copayment per visit	40% coinsurance after deductible
Additional Services		
Home healthcare services (90 visits per benefit period)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Durable medical equipment and supplies; prosthetic appliances and orthotic devices	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible

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Your Medical Plan Summary Of Cost Sharing	
	Member responsibilities
Deductible (per benefit period) deductible is combine to include medical and prescription drug benefits for in-network providers.	\$200 per member \$400 per family
Coinsurance (Percentage you pay after your deductible is met.)	No member coinsurance
Out-of-pocket maximum (The most you pay per benefit period, after which benefits are paid at 100%. This includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance for medical including ER, and prescription drug, for in-network providers only.)	\$4,000 per member \$8,000 per family
Office Visit / Urgent Care / Emergency Room Copayments	
VirtualCare (non-specialist) visits —delivered via the Capital Blue Cross VirtualCare platform	\$10 copayment per visit
VirtualCare (specialist) visits —delivered via the Capital Blue Cross VirtualCare platform	\$30 copayment per visit
Office visits and consultations (in-person & telehealth)—performed by a family practitioner, general practitioner, internist, pediatrician, or in-network retail clinic	\$30 copayment per visit
Specialist office visits (in-person & telehealth)	\$50 copayment per visit
Urgent care services	\$50 copayment per visit
Emergency room	\$250 copayment per visit, waived if admitted
Preventive Care	
Pediatric and adult preventive care	No charge, deductible waived
Screening gynecological exam and pap smear	No charge (no referral necessary), deductible waived
Screening mammogram	No charge (no referral necessary), deductible waived
Facility / Surgical Services	
Inpatient hospital room and board including maternity services and newborn care	\$250 copayment per admission
Acute inpatient rehabilitation (60 days per benefit period)	\$250 copayment per admission
Skilled nursing facility (100 days per benefit period)	\$250 copayment per admission
Maternity services and newborn care	\$250 copayment per admission
Surgical procedure and anesthesia (professional charges)	No charge after deductible
Outpatient surgery at ambulatory surgical center (facility charge only)	\$100 copayment per admission
Outpatient surgery at acute care hospital (facility charge only)	\$100 copayment per admission
Diagnostic Services	
High tech imaging (such as MRI, CT, PET)	No charge after deductible
Radiology (other than high tech imaging)	No charge after deductible
Independent laboratory	No charge after deductible
Facility-owned laboratory (i.e. health system owned)	No charge after deductible
Diagnostic mammogram (one per benefit period)	No charge after deductible
Therapy Services (Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services)	
Physical therapy (30 visits per benefit period per condition)	No charge after deductible
Occupational therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	No charge after deductible
Speech therapy (rehabilitative and habilitative, 30 visits each per benefit period)	No charge after deductible
Respiratory/pulmonary therapy (30 rehabilitative visits per benefit period)	No charge after deductible
Manipulation therapy (30 visits per benefit period)	No charge after deductible
Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder Services (SUD)	
MH & SUD detoxification inpatient services	\$250 copayment per admission
MH & SUD rehabilitation outpatient services	\$30 copayment per visit
Additional Services	
Home healthcare services (90 visits per benefit period)	No charge after deductible
Durable medical equipment and supplies; prosthetic appliances and orthotic devices	No charge after deductible

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In-network providers agree to accept our allowance as payment in full—often less than their normal charge. If you visit an out-of-network provider, you are responsible for paying the deductible, coinsurance and the difference between the out-of-network provider's charges and the allowed amount. Out-of-network providers may balance bill the member. Some out-of-network facility providers are not covered. In certain situations, a facility fee may be associated with an outpatient visit to a professional provider. Members should consult with the provider of the services to determine whether a facility fee may apply to that provider. An additional cost-sharing amount may apply to the facility fee.

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Preauthorization Program for Commercial Medical Benefits

SERVICES REQUIRING PREAUTHORIZATION

Members should present their identification (ID) card to their health care provider when medical services or items are requested. When members use an in-network provider (including a BlueCard® facility participating provider providing **inpatient services**), the in-network provider will be responsible for obtaining the preauthorization. If members use an out-of-network provider or a BlueCard participating provider providing **non-inpatient services**, the out-of-network provider or BlueCard participating provider may call for preauthorization on the member's behalf. However, it is ultimately the member's responsibility to obtain preauthorization. Providers and members should call our Utilization Management Department toll-free at **1-800-730-7219** to obtain the necessary preauthorization. In network providers should access the provider portal to request preauthorization. Out of network and out of area providers may access the Out-of-area/network provider resources on capbluecross.com.

Providers/Members should request Preauthorization of non-urgent admissions and services well in advance of the scheduled date of service (15 days). Investigational or experimental procedures are not usually covered benefits. Members should consult their Benefits Booklet or Contract, Capital Blue Cross' Medical Policies, or contact Member Services at the number listed on the back of their ID card to confirm coverage. In-network providers and members have full access to our medical policies and may request preauthorization for experimental or investigational services/items if there are unique member circumstances.

We only pay for services and items that are considered medically necessary. Providers and members can reference our medical policies for questions regarding medical necessity. Final determination of coverage is subject to the member's benefits and eligibility on the date of service.

PREAUTHORIZATION OF MEDICAL SERVICES INVOLVING CARE THAT IS NEEDED URGENTLY

If the member's request for preauthorization involves care that is required urgently, the member or the member's provider should advise us of the urgent medical circumstances when the member or the member's provider submits the request to our Utilization Management Department. This is considered an expedited request. We will respond to the member and the member's provider no later than 72 hours after our Utilization Management Department receives the preauthorization request.

FAILURE TO OBTAIN PREAUTHORIZATION

Failure to obtain preauthorization for a service could result in a payment reduction or denial for the provider and benefit reduction or denial for the member, based on the provider's contract and the member's Benefits Booklet or Contract. Services or items provided without preauthorization may also be subject to retrospective medical necessity review.

If the member presents his/her ID card to an in-network provider in the 21-county area and the in-network provider fails to obtain or follow preauthorization requirements, payment for services will be denied and the provider may not bill the member.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND NON-ROUTINE MATERNITY ADMISSIONS

Preauthorization requirements do not apply to services provided by a hospital emergency department provider. If an acute inpatient admission results from an emergency department visit, notification must occur within 2 business days of the admission. All such services will be reviewed and must meet medical necessity criteria from the first hour of admission. Failure to notify us of an admission may result in an administrative denial.

Diagnostic services do not require preauthorization when emergently performed during an emergency room visit, observation stay, or inpatient admission.

Non-routine maternity admissions, including preterm labor and maternity complications, require notification within 2 business days of the date of admission.

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The table that follows is a partial listing of the preauthorization requirements for services and procedures.

The attached list provides categories of services for which preauthorization is required, as well as specific examples of such services. This list is not all inclusive. We may from time to time remove preauthorization requirements for benefits under certain dollar thresholds. For a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization, including any threshold requirements, members and providers may consult [Single Source Preauthorization List](#).

Category	Details	Comments
Inpatient Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acute care • Long-term acute care • Non-routine maternity admissions and newborns requiring continued hospitalization after the mother is discharged • Skilled nursing facilities • Rehabilitation hospitals • Behavioral health admissions (mental health or substance use disorder diagnoses) 	
Observation Care Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification within 2 business days is required for all observation stays expected to exceed 48 hours. • All observation care must meet medical necessity criteria from the first hour of admission. 	Failure to notify us of an admission expected to exceed 48 hours may result in an administrative denial.
Diagnostic Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genetic disorder testing except: standard chromosomal tests, such as Down Syndrome, Trisomy, and Fragile X, and state mandated newborn genetic testing. • High tech imaging such as but not limited to: Cardiac nuclear medicine studies including nuclear cardiac stress tests, CT (computerized tomography) scans, MRA (magnetic resonance angiography), MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), PET (positron emission tomography) scans, and SPECT (single proton emission computerized tomography) scans. 	
Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Prosthetic, Appliances, Orthotic Devices, Implants		Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .
Office Surgical Procedures When Performed in a Facility*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspiration and/or injection of a joint • Colposcopy • Treatment of warts • Excision of a cyst of the eyelid (chalazion) • Excision of a nail (partial or complete) • Excision of external thrombosed hemorrhoids; • Injection of a ligament or tendon; • Eye injections (intraocular) • Oral Surgery • Pain management (including trigger point injections, stellate ganglion blocks, peripheral nerve blocks, and intercostal nerve blocks) • Proctosigmoidoscopy/flexible Sigmoidoscopy; • Removal of partial or complete bony impacted teeth (if a benefit); • Repair of lacerations, including suturing (2.5 cm or less); • Vasectomy • Wound care and dressings (including outpatient burn care) 	<p>The items listed are examples of services considered safe to perform in a professional provider's office.</p> <p>Medical necessity review is required when office procedures are performed in a facility setting. Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization when performed in a facility at the Single Source Preauthorization List.</p>

Category	Details	Comments
Outpatient Procedures/ Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weight loss surgery (Bariatric) • Meniscal transplants, allografts and collagen meniscus implants (knee) • Ovarian and Iliac Vein Embolization • Photodynamic therapy • Radioembolization for primary and metastatic tumors of the liver • Radiofrequency ablation of tumors • Transcatheter aortic valve replacement • Valvuloplasty 	<p>The items listed are examples of outpatient procedures that may be reviewed for medical necessity and or place of service. Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List.</p>
Rehabilitative Therapy Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (non-emergency) • Occupational therapy • Physical therapy 	
Transplant Surgeries	Evaluation and services related to transplants	Preauthorization will include referral assistance to the Blue Distinction Centers for Transplant network if appropriate.
Reconstructive or Cosmetic Services and Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of excess fat tissue (Abdominoplasty/Panniculectomy and other removal of fat tissue such as Suction Assisted Lipectomy) • Breast Procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Breast Enhancement (Augmentation) - Breast Reduction - Mastectomy (Breast removal or reduction) for Gynecomastia - Breast Lift (Mastopexy) - Removal of Breast implants • Correction of protruding ears (Otoplasty) • Repair of nasal/septal defects (Rhinoplasty/Septoplasty) • Skin related procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acne surgery - Dermabrasion - Hair removal (Electrolysis/Epilation) - Face Lift (Rhytidectomy) - Removal of excess tissue around the eyes (Blepharoplasty/Brow Ptosis Repair) - Mohs Surgery when performed on two separate dates of service by the same provider • Treatment of Varicose Veins and Venous Insufficiency 	
Medical Injectables		Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .
Investigational and Experimental procedures, devices, therapies, and pharmaceuticals		Investigational or experimental procedures are not usually covered benefits. Members and providers may request preauthorization for experimental or investigational services/items if included on the listing of services requiring authorization.
New to market procedures, devices, therapies, and pharmaceuticals		Preauthorization may be required during the first 2 years after a procedure, device, therapy or pharmaceutical enters the market. Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .

Category	Details	Comments
Select Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial Hospitalization • Intensive Outpatient Programs • Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) 	The items listed are examples of outpatient procedures that may be reviewed for medical necessity and or place of service. Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .
Other Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bio-engineered skin or biological wound care products • Category IDE trials (Investigational Device Exemption) • Enhanced external counterpulsation (EECP) • Home health care • Eye injections (Intravitreal angiogenesis inhibitors) • Laser treatment of skin lesions • Non-emergency air ambulance transports • Radiofrequency ablation for pain management • Facility based sleep studies for diagnosis and medical management of obstructive sleep apnea • Enteral feeding supplies and services 	
Pain Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventional Pain Management • Joint injections 	Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .
Oncology Services	Radiation therapy and related treatment planning and procedures performed for planning (such as but not limited to IMRT, proton beam, neutron beam, brachytherapy, 3D conform, SRS, SBRT, gamma knife, EBRT, IORT, IGRT, and hyperthermia treatments.)	Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .
Select Cardiac Services		Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .
Gene Therapy		Members and providers may view a listing of services currently requiring preauthorization at the Single Source Preauthorization List .

PLEASE NOTE: This listing identifies those services that require preauthorization only as of the date it was printed. This listing is subject to change. Members should call us at 1-800-730-7219 (TTY: 711) with questions regarding the preauthorization of a particular service.

For HMO and Gatekeeper PPO members, all care rendered by out-of-network providers requires preauthorization. This includes care that falls under the Continuity of Care provision of the Benefits Booklet or Contract.

This information highlights the standard Preauthorization Program. Members should refer to their Benefits Booklet or Contract for the specific terms, conditions, exclusions, and limitations relating to their coverage.