Do you need a

referral to see a

specialist?

Yes.

Important Questions Answers



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

Why This Matters:

This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage...You can view a Glossary at www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/SBCUniformGlossary.pdf

Many plans cover almost
none of your health care
costs until you've paid all
of your deductible. This
row tells you if any
benefits – such as a copay
or coinsurance – kick in
before you've "met" your
deductible.

The "OOPL" is like a safety net, though it still has some holes.
In general, you can expect to pay your deductible before you get many benefits from your plan, but you might only pay your OOPL in case of a serious illness injury, childbirth, or the like.
However in Bronze or Catastrophic plans the OOPL and deductible are often the same.

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]	What is the overall deductible?	\$500/Individual or \$1,000/family	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from providers up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the <u>plan</u> , each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .	
	Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes. <u>Preventive care</u> and primary care services are covered before you meet your <u>deductible</u> .	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply. For example, this <u>plan</u> covers certain <u>preventive services</u> without <u>cost-sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered <u>preventive services</u> at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/">https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/</a> .	
	Are there other deductibles for specific services?	Yes. \$300 for prescription drug coverage and \$300 for occupational therapy services.	You must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay for these services.	
1	What is the <u>out-of-</u> <u>pocket limit</u> for this <u>plan</u> ?	For <u>network providers</u> \$2,500 individual / \$5,000 family; for <u>out-of-network providers</u> \$4,000 individual / \$8,000 family	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <u>plan</u> , they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> has been met.	
	What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Copayments for certain services, premiums, balance-billing charges, 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 <u>network</u> <u>provider</u> ?	Yes. See www.[insert].com or call 1-800-[insert] for a list of network providers.	This <u>plan</u> uses a provider <u>network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the plan's <u>network</u> . You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network</u> <u>provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the provider's charge and what your <u>plan</u> pays ( <u>balance billing</u> ). Be aware, your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.	

Exception: If a family plan has an aggregate deductible, no one receives benefits subject to the deductible until the family deductible has been met

These days, most plans have pretty "narrow networks." To find out if a provider you want to use is in network, it's best to call the carrier.

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.

	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		
Common Medical Event		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$35 copay first 3 visits before deductible is met. 25% coinsurance after deductible.	40% coinsurance	None
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Specialist visit	\$35 <u>copay</u> first 3 visits before deductible is met. 25% coinsurance after deductible.	40% coinsurance	Preauthorization is required. If you don't get preauthorization, benefits could be reduced by 50% of the total cost of the service.
	Preventive care/screening/ immunization	No charge	40% coinsurance	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.

Read carefully! This example means you pay \$35 each for your first 3 visits, primary care or specialist, then you pay down your entire deductible, and after that, you owe only 25% of additional visits.

## Some things to watch for as you read the rest of the SBC for plans you are considering:

- Coinsurance vs. Copay: Coinsurance is a *percent* you pay for the cost of a service. A copay is a fixed dollar amount. So if a doctor's visit is \$200, 30% coinsurance means you pay \$60\*, but a \$30 copay means you pay \$30.\* (\*or more, if you have not yet met your deductible and the deductible applies).
- Different tiers of drug copays: If you rely on a specific drug, especially a brand name one, call the carrier to find out where it is in the "formulary" even if it is covered, it may be in a higher cost "specialty" tier. If it is covered, remember, formularies can change without notice!
- If there is any care you receive frequently, pay special attention to whether the deductible applies, the amount of copay/coinsurance, and how much it costs. For example if you get regular blood draws related to a condition or medication, or if you see a mental health or physical therapist every couple of weeks, calculate out the cost per year with different plans. If it is not clear to you, you can call a carrier to find out whether a specific practitioner or service is covered *and* the price on which your cost would be based.
- Note the list of "Services Your Plan Generally Does NOT Cover" toward the end of the SBC. Note that no MNsure plans cover *adult* dental, but you can buy separate dental plans.
- Check out the examples of specific health care events at the end of each SBC. They can give you a better idea of how your cost of care would differ between plans.

## Where to find SBCs on MNsure.org:

- Click on Shop and Compare. Answer the basic questions and click Continue until you get to a list of plans available to you.
- Click on any plan name.
- Scroll down slightly, and click on "View Summary of Benefits and Coverage".

