

# WELCOME TO BLUE



Your guide to the information you need  
to maximize your benefits.



BlueCross BlueShield  
of Alabama

*We cover what matters.*

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*Please note benefits and services described herein may vary by health plan.*

# myBLUECROSS



Check out *myBlueCross*, where it really is all about you!

Log in or Register for *myBlueCross* at [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com)

At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, we want to make it easy for our members to take charge of their own health and wellness. Your *myBlueCross* account is easy to use, so you can find what you need, fast.

## Features include:

- 1 Benefit Summary** — See where you stand at a glance on progress toward your deductible spend for the year.
- 2 ID Cards** — View and print a copy of your ID card.
- 3 View All Claims** — Easily locate and access claim statements from your dashboard.
- 4 Care Reminders** — Stay up to date with reminders that highlight gaps in care.

Depending on coverage, each member's dashboard will look a little different.

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BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama

The screenshot shows the myBlueCross member dashboard for Jane. At the top, it says "BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama" and "We cover what matters." The user is logged in as "Hi Jane (sign out)" and has "25 New Message(s)". The dashboard is titled "Choose a Contract to View Plan Details: Medical (ABC000000000)".

**Account Summary** (Customer Service: 1-800-327-3994)

- 1 Benefit Summary** (Family Deductible - In Network Services): JANE SPENT DEDUCTIBLE \$0.00 / \$300.00
- 2 ID Cards**
- Other Insurance Coverage Information

**Action Items** (0)

**Frequently Visited**

- Go to WebMD
- WebMD Health Topics
- Daily Habits

**Self Service**

- Reimbursement History
- Preventive Services
- Identity Protection
- Direct Deposit
- Resources
- Teladoc
- Find Help
- Submit a Claim

**Manage My Contract**

- HealthEquity
- ID Cards
- Proof of Coverage Letter
- Health Programs
- Saving Money

**Recent Activity**

**Claim Statements**

Claim Number	Patient Name	Provider	Date	Deductible Amount
#00000000000	BLUE, JANE R.	PROVIDER A., NP	08/18/2023	\$0.00
#00000000000	BLUE, JANE R.	GENERIC LAB	09/27/2021	\$0.00

**3 View All Claims**

**myBlueWellness**

**4 Care Reminders**

**TOTAL CHOLESTEROL**

120 ————— 251 ————— 281

Your total cholesterol is at 251 and falls in the **HIGH RISK** range. Please discuss a plan of action with your physician.

Uncheck the box if you would like to opt out of viewing your health numbers.

**WELLNESS SCORECARD**

You've completed 2 of 4 recommended health services.

50%

**See all Care Reminders**

Go to WebMD > WebMD Symptom Checker >

Daily Habits > WebMD Health Topics >

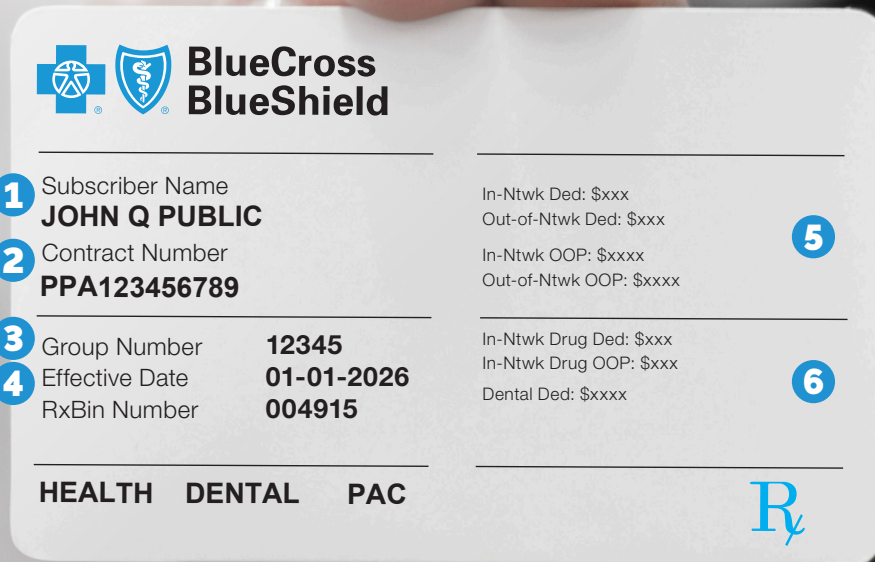
Personal Health Record >

**Forms & Materials** [View all Forms](#)

- IRS Tax Form 1095 >
- Medical Expense Claim >
- Dental Claim >
- Vision/Hearing Claim >
- Prescription Drug Claim >

**myBlueWellness** is a wellness website offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama and powered by WebMD® an independent company. HealthSparq is an independent company providing software tools and solutions for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama's website.

# GET TO KNOW YOUR BLUE CROSS ID CARD



- 1 The contract holder's name will appear on the card, but any covered family members may use it.
- 2 The contract number is unique to the contract holder's health plan (with or without any covered family members).
- 3 The group number is unique to the health plan.
- 4 The effective date is the start of current plan benefits.
- 5 The health plan's in-and out-of-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums appear here.
- 6 The prescription drug plan's in-network deductible and out-of-pocket maximum along with the dental plan's deductible appear here (if applicable).
- 7 This has our contact information for use by the contract holder and any covered family members plus contact information for use by providers.

Back of  
card

\*For additional benefit information, visit [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com) or call Member Customer Service.

Providers file claims and direct questions about claim payments to the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan.

File dental claims to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, P.O. Box 830389, Bham, AL 35283. To locate a dental provider, visit our website at [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com).

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama provides administrative services only and does not assume any financial risk for claims.

[www.AlabamaBlue.com](http://www.AlabamaBlue.com)

**Member Customer Service: 1 800 292-8868**  
**PPO Provider Locator: 1 800 810-2583**  
**Preadmission Certification: 1 800 248-2342**  
**Provider Benefits/Eligibility: 1 800 517-6425**  
**Pharmacist: 1 800 216-9920**  
**Alabama Preferred Dentist: 1 800 373-4879**  
**Dentists Outside Alabama: 1 888 783-5113**

**Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama**  
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 Birmingham, Alabama 35244  
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## VIEW OR EMAIL YOUR VIRTUAL ID CARD

### Online

Log in to your *myBlueCross* account with your mobile device or computer. Click on the "ID Cards" link under the "Account Summary" section. You may view your card online, or choose to have it emailed.

### Alabama Blue mobile app:

*Authenticate and click ID Cards along the bottom. View, email, or add your virtual ID card to your device wallet.*

# MOBILE APPS & TOOLS

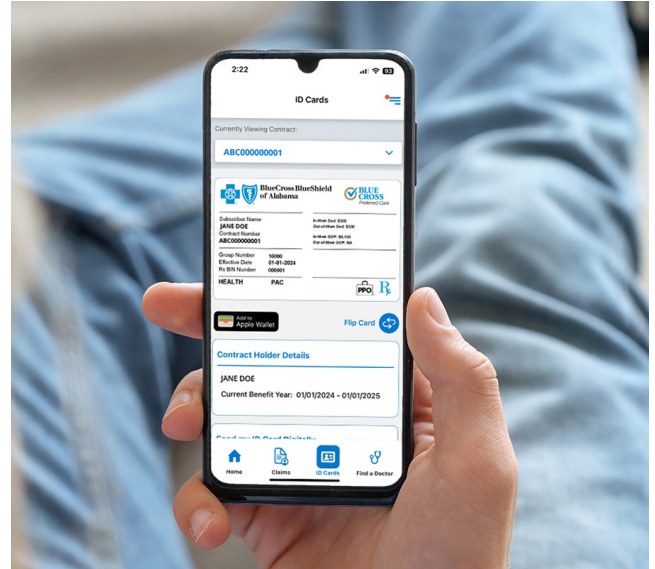


## Alabama Blue

Log in or register for *myBlueCross* to get your plan in your pocket



- Log in easily with Touch/Face ID options.
- Check your claims and benefits.
- View, email or save your ID card to your digital wallet.
- Track your deductible and out-of-pocket spend.
- Find a provider in your network.
- Communicate securely with Customer Service.



## BABY YOURSELF<sup>®</sup>

Tracks your baby's growth and your personal journey to motherhood



- Enroll easily in the Baby Yourself Program right from the app.
- Communicate securely with your Baby Yourself nurse.\*
- View weekly updates on the growth of your baby and what might be happening with you.
- Utilize improved trackers to track kicks, contractions, symptoms, etc.
- Track the growth of your belly with the enhanced Gallery.
- Read articles crafted around your pregnancy journey.



\*For this service, you must be a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama member and enrolled in the Baby Yourself Maternity Program.



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# WHERE TO GO

## It's important to understand your options when seeking medical care.

Non-emergency care for a condition that is not life threatening is generally provided by your physician. Even after-hours care is generally coordinated by your physician who can instruct you on how to receive medical care outside of normal business hours, on weekends and on holidays. If you are in severe pain or your condition is life threatening, you can receive emergency care by calling 911 or visiting an emergency room.

	<h3>PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN</h3> <p>Go to your Primary Care Physician to help manage total care and to seek treatment for <b>non-life threatening</b> conditions.</p>	<p>Expected out-of-pocket cost:</p> <p>\$</p>	<p><b>Conditions treated may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual checkup</li> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Diabetes management</li> <li>• High blood pressure</li> </ul>
	<h3>TELEHEALTH</h3> <p>Contact your Telehealth provider for <b>non-life threatening</b> conditions that can be treated over the phone or via video consultation.</p>	<p>Expected out-of-pocket cost:</p> <p>\$</p>	<p><b>Conditions treated may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allergies</li> <li>• Sinus infection</li> <li>• Bronchitis</li> <li>• Skin rashes</li> </ul>
	<h3>URGENT CARE</h3> <p>Go to an Urgent Care clinic after hours or when your Primary Care Physician is otherwise <b>unavailable</b>.</p>	<p>Expected out-of-pocket cost:</p> <p>\$\$-\$\$\$</p>	<p><b>Conditions treated may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bladder infection</li> <li>• Ear infection</li> <li>• Cold/Flu symptoms</li> <li>• Minor burns</li> </ul>
	<h3>EMERGENCY ROOM</h3> <p>Go to the ER immediately for severe and life-threatening conditions. ERs include hospital-based emergency rooms and freestanding ER facilities.*</p>	<p>Expected out-of-pocket cost:</p> <p>\$\$\$\$</p>	<p><b>Conditions treated may include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chest pains</li> <li>• Head injury</li> <li>• Severe breathing problems</li> <li>• Stroke symptoms</li> </ul>

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama encourages you to consult with your physician regarding the appropriate care for your particular condition and not put cost as the first or sole reason for choosing a provider.

Examples provided are for illustrative purposes only. Some conditions that are severe enough may require you to go directly to the emergency room.

This information is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for personal care from a licensed physician. Please consult your physician for diagnosis and treatment options. Benefits are subject to terms, limitations and conditions of your plan. Please refer to your benefit booklet for a complete listing of your plan benefits.

\* The out-of-pocket cost is dependent on how the facility or provider submits the claim to Blue Cross.

## THE VALUE OF

# IN-NETWORK SERVICES

### Using in-network providers helps you save money.

In-network providers are contracted to accept your health plan, which means they agree to a fixed amount for their services, known as the allowed amount.

Consider the effect network status can have on a \$200 service:

	IN-NETWORK Plan Pays <b>80%</b> of Allowed Amount (COINSURANCE)	OUT-OF-NETWORK Plan Pays <b>60%</b> of Allowed Amount (COINSURANCE)	OUT-OF-NETWORK Plan Pays Nothing <b>5</b>
Full Billed Amount	\$200	\$200	\$200
Allowed Amount	\$110	\$110	-
<b>1</b> Network Discount	\$90	-	-
Plan Pays Coinsurance	\$88 <b>2</b>	\$66 <b>3</b>	-
You Pay Coinsurance	\$22	\$44	-
Balance You Could be Billed by Provider	\$0	\$90 <b>4</b>	\$200

*For illustrative purposes only. Assumes deductible is met. Does not account for any applicable copays you may owe at the time of service.*

- 1** The amount the provider has agreed to waive from the full billed amount to remain in-network. There is no discount with out-of-network providers, so you could be billed the full amount.
- 2** The Plan pays 80% of the allowed amount, and you pay 20%.
- 3** The Plan pays 60% of the allowed amount, and you pay 40%.
- 4** The amount the provider is not contractually bound to waive from the full billed amount due to being out-of-network.
- 5** Out-of-network providers are not required to accept your health plan. The Plan pays \$0 of the Allowed Amount, and you pay \$200.

### Find in-network providers

We keep your costs low by making in-network, high quality healthcare easy to find.

- Log in to your *myBlueCross* account on [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com) or the Alabama Blue mobile app, and use the Find a Doctor tool. Only your Plan's in-network providers display when you are logged in.
- If you have questions about finding in-network providers, please call the member Customer Service number on the back of your Blue Cross ID card.

### *Before you seek non-emergency healthcare,*

it's a good idea to call the provider to make sure your health plan is accepted. Always choose an in-network provider to pay the lowest out-of-pocket cost for your healthcare.

# FIND THE CARE YOU NEED

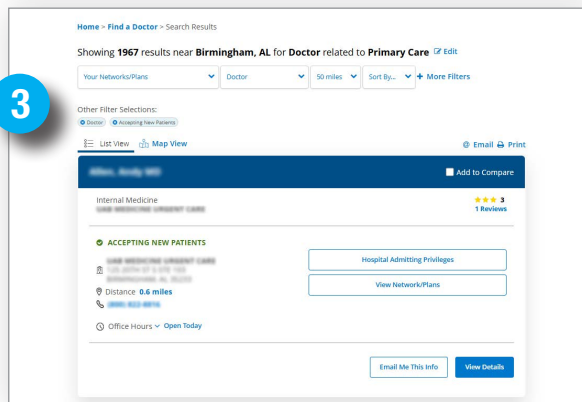
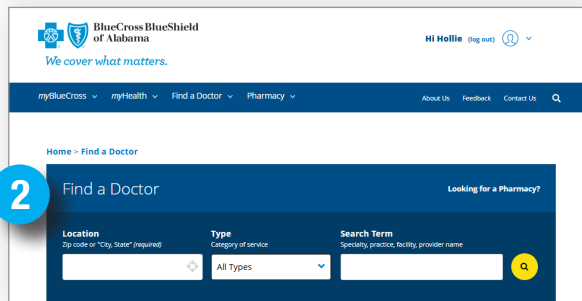
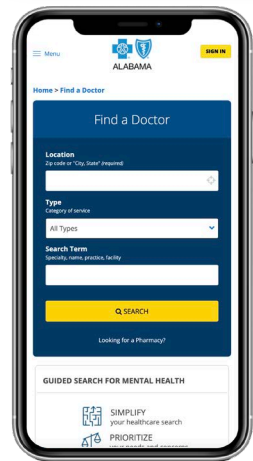
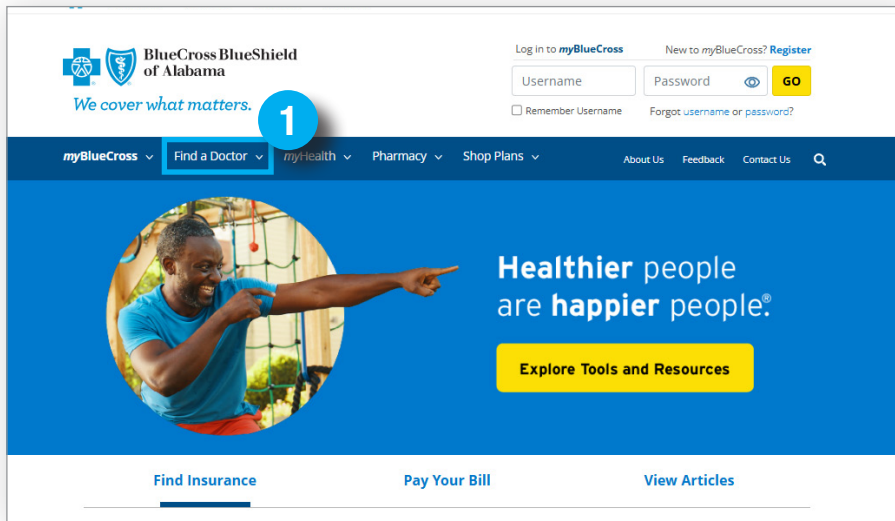
## EASY. QUICK. CONVENIENT.

Do your homework before ever leaving the house and use our *Find a Doctor* tool on **AlabamaBlue.com**. Find a Doctor makes it easy to find the right in-network healthcare providers in your area.

When you choose providers from your network, you pay significantly less out of pocket for the same level of care.

### To access *Find a Doctor*:

- 1 Log in or register for *myBlueCross* at **AlabamaBlue.com** and click *Find a Doctor*.
- 2 Enter a city and state combination, zip code or select the navigation icon to use your current location. Select a search item from the "Type" drop down and enter a keyword to refine your results.
- 3 Narrow your search with filters.



### Depending on search criteria, your results may include:

- Address and directions
- Phone number
- Office hours
- Network participation
- Doctor specialties
- Hospital admitting privileges for doctors
- Quality information and designations
- Hospital Choice Network level for Alabama hospitals

*Find a Doctor* is compatible with all devices!



Start using *Find a Doctor* on your mobile browser by visiting **AlabamaBlue.com/SearchProviders**, or within the *Alabama Blue* mobile app.

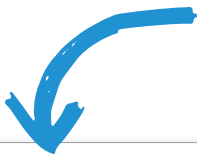
There is no charge from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama to download, but rates from your wireless provider may apply.

# ESTIMATE YOUR TREATMENT COSTS

Save time and money with the online Treatment Cost Estimator. You can look up more than 1,600 in-patient and out-patient procedures to make more informed decisions about where to go.

The Treatment Cost Estimator makes it easy to:

- ▶ Estimate the costs of treatment prior to having the procedure
- ▶ Compare search results by cost, location, provider or facility name
- ▶ Understand your out-of-pocket cost and anticipate future expenses for a particular treatment
- ▶ Know the coinsurance or copay amount you might pay
- ▶ Search negotiated rates for services as required by the Transparency in Coverage Rule



To access the Treatment Cost Estimator:

1. Log in to your *myBlueCross* account online or via the Alabama Blue mobile app
2. Click "Treatment Cost Estimator" under the *Saving Money* section on the right of the screen
3. Search "Estimate Your Costs" for a treatment or condition

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Dashboard / Estimate your costs / **EXAMPLE SEARCH** LOCATION MEMBER ADDRESS PLAN Preferred Provider Org...

**EXAMPLE SEARCH** [More details](#) **AVERAGE COST \$200**

100 miles [More filters](#) Best Match [Map](#)

47 search results

**ABC HOSPITAL** **100 ABC HOSPITAL DR** BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205 • [15.9 miles](#) [\(000\) 000-0000](#) [Location](#)

**SPECIALTIES** General Acute Care Hospital

**OFFICE HOURS** Call (000) 000-0000

**AREAS OF FOCUS** None

**QUALITY** [Blue Distinction. Center+](#) [Quality details](#)

**MEDICAL CARE GROUP** None

**QUALITY SCORE** None

**\$200 / you pay**  
Tier 1 Lower Member Cost Share [More details](#)

[View profile](#) [Search who works here](#)

**XYZ MEDICAL CENTER** **600 XYZ CIRCLE** BIRMINGHAM, AL 35249 • [16.1 miles](#) [\(000\) 000-0000](#) [Location](#)

**SPECIALTIES** General Acute Care Hospital, Rehabilitation Hospital

**OFFICE HOURS** Call (000) 000-0000

**AREAS OF FOCUS** None

**QUALITY** [Blue Distinction. Center+](#) [Blue Distinction. Center](#) [Quality details](#)

**MEDICAL CARE GROUP** None

**QUALITY SCORE** None

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Sample search results are for an ACL repair. This example displays benefits based off an average price of the facility charges listed and a plan benefit subject to a \$200 deductible.

Please Note: The amount of the cost estimate that you are responsible for paying is based on your benefit plan, including any deductible and coinsurance requirements.

# HOW TO READ YOUR CLAIM STATEMENTS

A Claim Statement is generated every time you or a covered family member uses your health insurance plan. It provides an at-a-glance record of each occurrence, detailing how much was charged, how much your plan paid and how much you may owe.

**1** **Check enclosed for <\$X.XX>**

**This is not a bill.**  
It's an explanation of how your health plan handles your medical service.

**Claim statement as of <06/01/22>**  
Contract number: <12345678901234>  
<Group Name>  
Services for: <John Q. Member>

<John Q. Member>  
<202 Summerst>  
<Apartment 123>  
<Birmingham, AL XXXXX>

**How to use the claim statement?**

- See what your health plan paid.
- See how much you owe or may have paid for each medical service you received.

If the amount you may owe shown on the following page(s) does not match what your doctor or hospital is billing you, you can reach out to us through our Message Center by logging in at [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com) or calling us at <888-258-1710> and "I" work to resolve the issue.

**4** **Summary of Services from <Provider Name> on <Date of Service>**  
Claim Number <#####>

<Billed Charges>	<\$0.00>	<The amount billed for services provided on xx/xx/xxxx>
<Member Discount/ Provider Responsibility>	<\$0.00>	<Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans negotiate discounts with healthcare professionals and facilities to help save you money>
<Other Carrier>	<\$0.00>	<Medicare paid for xx and your other insurance paid for xxx>
<Your Benefit Paid>	<\$0.00>	<XXX Plan benefit paid to provider> <XXX HRA Paid> <XXX The total amount Deductible paid to BlueCross Investment Co. Inc. on XXXXXXXXX> <The total amount paid to JAMES STEWART MD on xx/xx/xxxx>
<Noncovered Charges>	<\$0.00>	<This is the portion of your bill that's not covered by your benefit plan. See notes on detail page>
<You May Owe>	<\$0.00>	<This is the amount you may owe after your discount and the amount your plan paid the provider of this service. The unpaid amount could be the result of a deductible being applied, having to pay a copay as a percentage of the covered amount, or the services is not covered by your plan. Any amount you paid to your provider when you received this service may reduce the amount that you owe.>

**2** **Your health plan benefits at a glance** As a reminder, here is an overview of your benefit

YOUR COPAYS In-network Medical Services	YOUR COINSURANCE In-network coinsurance
Primary Care Physician Visit <\$30.00>	Coinsurance is your share of the healthcare service. It's a percent amount charged for services, % coinsurance after you've paid your deductible.
Specialist Visit <\$60.00>	

A copay is the dollar amount you pay for each visit to the doctor's office. For other services, coinsurance may apply. Some health plans also have ER or inpatient copays.

For information regarding preventive services covered at no cost, please visit <AlabamaBlue.com/xxxx>.

Benefits are subject to the terms, limitations and conditions of your plan. Please refer to your benefit booklet for a

**5** **Medical services payment detail**  
Provider of Services: UAB Hospital

DATE OF SERVICE	SERVICES (Code number(s))	BILLED CHARGES	MEMBER DISCOUNT/ PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITY	NONCOVERED CHARGES	ELIGIBLE CHARGES	HRA PAID	YOUR BENEFIT PAID/YOUR BENEFIT COVERED	OTHER INSURANCE PAID	COPY	CONSURANCE	APPLIED TO DEDUCTIBLE	YOU MAY OWE
05/20/22	Professional Visit Code XXXXX	\$170.00	\$14.40	-	\$155.60 <sup>1</sup>	-	\$155.60 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	\$0.00 <sup>1,2</sup>
05/20/22	Vaccine Admin/w Consult Code XXXXX	\$121.03	\$96.61	-	\$24.42 <sup>2</sup>	-	\$24.42 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	\$0.00 <sup>1,2</sup>
05/20/22	Lab Test: Tissue Code XXXXX	\$556.70	\$445.00	-	\$111.70 <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	\$111.70	\$111.70 <sup>1,2</sup>

**3** **Year-to-date summary** Here is an overview of what you have paid out of pocket to your plan for covered health services prior to your services detailed in this

IN-NETWORK DEDUCTIBLE	OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM In-network maximum
INDIVIDUAL (<\$3,000> TOTAL) <\$123.80> applied <\$2,876.20> remaining	INDIVIDUAL (<\$6,000> TOTAL) <\$123.80> applied <\$5,876.20> remaining
FAMILY (<\$6,000> TOTAL) <\$123.80> applied <\$5,876.20> remaining	FAMILY (<\$7,500> TOTAL) <\$0.00> applied <\$7,500.00> remaining

A deductible is the amount you're responsible for before your plan starts to help cover expenses. In most cases, only the care you receive while staying in your provider network counts toward your deductible. Some plans have more than one deductible.

The out-of-pocket maximum is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. After you meet the maximum amount, the plan will usually pay 100% of the allowed amount.

**6** These amounts include billed and eligible charges as well as any discounts and non-covered charges.

**7** These are the amounts the health plan(s) paid to the provider.

**8** If applicable, these are the amounts you pay out-of-pocket to the provider. You may still owe the provider if these amounts were not collected in full at the time of service.  
**NOTE:** Not all health plans require copays.

## Access your Claim Statements

When you register for *myBlueCross*, you will receive emails when new Claim Statements are available to view online. To view your Claim Statements, log in to your online account at [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com). Click on **Claim Statements** under *myBlueCross*. You'll have 24/7 access to two years of claims history.

Alternatively, you can choose to receive paper copies of Claim Statements. To choose to receive paper statements, log in to your online account. Click the down arrow beside your avatar in the upper right of the screen. Click "Communication Preferences," and then click the "Edit" button. Then change your selection for Claims Statements to "Mail" and click the "Save Changes" button.



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# MAKE HEALTHIER CHOICES

We engage, motivate and empower our members to live their best life possible. The following enhanced services

*go well beyond simply providing health coverage.*



## myBlueRewards Program

Eligible members are included in the **myBlueRewards** program and may be eligible to receive a \$50\* gift card. Participants will be rewarded when they complete a preventive office visit and the online Health Assessment. All covered members, including dependents age 18 and older, can participate and must complete both activities within the current calendar year to be eligible for the gift card.

To access the Health Assessment online, visit [AlabamaBlue.com/Assessment](https://AlabamaBlue.com/Assessment).

*\*This incentive reward may be taxable. Members may wish to consult with a tax adviser as to the proper tax treatment of this incentive reward*



## Teleconsultation

Doctor On Demand offers expanded access to a diverse offering of providers, and access to virtual care to help reduce your wait time for an appointment. You can get treatment in 10 minutes or less for common issues like UTIs, coughs, colds, fevers, and more. Connect virtually with high-quality doctors and mental healthcare professionals from a phone, tablet or computer 24/7/365. Get Started Today!

1. Download the Doctor On Demand app
2. Activate your account or log in at [DoctorOnDemand.com/Alabama](https://DoctorOnDemand.com/Alabama)
3. Get care at home or on the go

*Doctor On Demand by Included Health is an independent company that provides a telehealth mobile app and health services on behalf of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.*



## Online Wellness Support

myBlueWellness is an enhanced online platform powered by WebMD® designed to promote your healthier lifestyle.

Online features include:

- ▶ Health Assessment
- ▶ Personalized action plans with medical record archive
- ▶ Healthy yet flavorful recipes
- ▶ Lifestyle and behavioral change programs
- ▶ Educational videos

Visit [AlabamaBlue.com/myBlueWellness](https://AlabamaBlue.com/myBlueWellness) to get started today.

WebMD® is an independent company providing wellness tools and programs to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama members.



## Blue365

As a Blue Cross member, you can get exclusive deals from top national and local retailers on:

- ▶ Fitness gear
- ▶ Gym membership packages (12,000+ facilities nationwide)
- ▶ Nutrition
- ▶ Hearing and vision care
- ▶ Travel and rental cars
- ▶ Baby products and more

Visit [AlabamaBlue.com/Blue365](https://AlabamaBlue.com/Blue365) to learn more and enroll for free.

The Blue365® program is brought to you by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, a group of independent, locally operated Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Companies.



## BlueCare Advocacy

BlueCare provides both customer service and clinical advice to help you make the most of your benefits and make decisions to improve your health.

A BlueCare Health Advisor can help you:

- ▶ Get answers to general clinical program questions
- ▶ Understand benefits, claims and coverages
- ▶ Research and resolve hospital and doctor billing issues
- ▶ Locate a doctor or specialist and schedule appointments
- ▶ Know which preventive screenings are recommended
- ▶ Enroll in available health and well-being programs
- ▶ Connect with support groups and community services

Call 1-888-759-2764 to connect with a health advisor.



## Case Management

This telephone-based program is designed to help you navigate the healthcare system if you have a complex, catastrophic or specialty condition. Case management programs are staffed by experienced registered nurses and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- ▶ **Transition of care:** educate and support following discharge to help reduce the risk of preventable ER visits and hospital readmissions
- ▶ **Catastrophic care:** coordinate care for members who have experienced a traumatic injury or condition requiring extended hospital stay or rehabilitation
- ▶ **Specialty care:** provides education, guidance and support for members and family by clinicians experienced in the fields of high risk OB, neonatal, transplant, oncology and pediatrics

There is no cost, and participation is voluntary and confidential. Call 1-800-821-7231 or email [MemberManagement@bcbsal.org](mailto:MemberManagement@bcbsal.org).



## At-Risk Coaching

This curriculum-based program focuses on obesity, hypertension and prediabetes. Health coaches can help you prevent or reverse the risks for developing a chronic condition by making healthy lifestyle changes.

They work with you to develop a customized action plan to:

- ▶ Set personal health goals
- ▶ Overcome challenges
- ▶ Develop a nutrition and exercise regimen
- ▶ Understand medications

There is no cost, and participation is voluntary and confidential. Call 1-855-699-6168 or email [HMHealthCoach@bcbsal.org](mailto:HMHealthCoach@bcbsal.org).



## Chronic Case Management

This telephone-based program incorporates a holistic, personalized approach to managing your healthcare. Our program includes these and other specialized conditions, as it continues to evolve:

- ▶ Asthma
- ▶ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
- ▶ Congestive Heart Failure
- ▶ Coronary Artery Disease
- ▶ Diabetes (Types 1 and 2)
- ▶ Musculoskeletal pain
- ▶ Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Clinicians will provide a health assessment for you and develop a patient profile. There is no cost, and participation is voluntary and confidential. Call 1-888-841-5741 or email [MemberManagement@bcbsal.org](mailto:MemberManagement@bcbsal.org).



## Maternity Management

The goal of the Baby Yourself® program is to ensure expectant mothers and their babies receive the best possible healthcare during pregnancy. You'll receive telephone or e-mail support from an experienced registered nurse throughout your pregnancy.

The Baby Yourself mobile app provides additional information, trackers and easy access to your nurse through one-button dialing. Once your baby arrives, the Lactation Program provides encouragement, support and information designed to improve the well-being of infants and their families.

There is no cost, and participation is voluntary and confidential. Call 1-800-222-4379, visit [AlabamaBlue.com/BabyYourself](http://AlabamaBlue.com/BabyYourself) or download the Baby Yourself mobile app.

Members who enroll in the first trimester (16 weeks and 6 days) and complete the program are eligible for a **\$25 reward**.



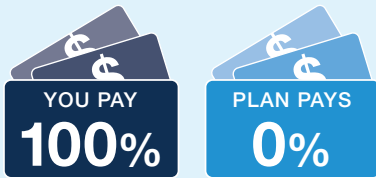
# UNDERSTAND

# DEDUCTIBLES & COINSURANCE

It's important to understand how your health plan works before you receive care so you know how much you will pay for it. Below is an example of how a typical health plan works.

## DEDUCTIBLE

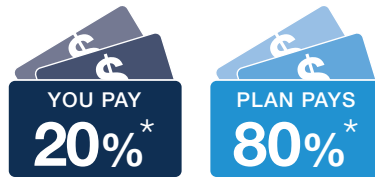
Amount you pay before your plan starts to help cover expenses; in most cases, only care received in your provider network counts toward your deductible.



FOR A \$500 DEDUCTIBLE	
YOU PAY	PLAN PAYS
<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## COINSURANCE and/or COPAY

Coinsurance is a percentage of the amount charged for services that you start paying after meeting your plan's deductible; Copay is the fixed amount you pay for a covered service.



FOR A \$200 SERVICE	
YOU PAY	PLAN PAYS
<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$160</b>

## OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM

The most you could pay in a year for covered services. After you meet the maximum amount, the plan will usually pay 100% of the allowed amount.



FOR A \$200 SERVICE	
YOU PAY	PLAN PAYS
<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$200</b>

\*Coinsurance example only For illustrative purposes only. Does not account for any applicable copays you may owe at the time of care service. Preventive services may be covered by the health plan at 100% with no deductible or copay. Review your particular benefits to determine coverage levels.

Keep in mind deductibles, coinsurance, copays and out-of-pocket maximums will vary based on the health plan and whether services are provided in-network.

COORDINATE BENEFITS WITH

# MORE THAN ONE HEALTH PLAN

It's important to understand how your benefits are coordinated when you have multiple health plans. You should also be aware of your rights during special enrollment periods.

## Coordination of Benefits (COB)

This affects your benefits when you or a covered family member also has another health plan. COB ensures the right plan processes your claims first and prevents overpayments. The goal is to keep costs down for everyone.

Please be sure we have current information about any other health plans you may have. This will help us process your claims correctly and promptly.

You may update your COB status online. Just have your Blue Cross member ID card ready.

1. Log in to your *myBlueCross* account at [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com)
2. Click the *myBlueCross* tab in the blue banner, and then click "Other Insurance Coverage"
3. Complete and submit the Other Insurance Coverage form



## Familiarizing yourself with these common health plan terms can help you better understand your benefits.

### **Allowed Amount**

The maximum amount on which payment is based for covered healthcare services. If an out-of-network provider charges more than the Allowed Amount, you may have to pay the difference (known as balance billing). You cannot be balance billed by in-network providers.

### **Coinsurance**

A type of coverage where you and the health plan split the amount paid for a covered service, generally after you have paid a set deductible. For example, you pay 20% and the health plan pays 80%.

### **Copay**

A fixed amount you pay for covered healthcare services, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of service.

### **Deductible**

The amount you owe for covered healthcare services before your health plan begins to pay.

### **Network**

The facilities, providers and suppliers your health plan or its vendors have contracted with to provide healthcare services. In-network coinsurance and copay amounts are typically less than out-of-network.

### **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The most you pay during a policy period (usually a year) before your health plan begins to pay 100% of the Allowed Amount. This limit never includes your Premium, Balance Billing charges or healthcare services not covered by your health plan. Some health plans don't count all of your coinsurance, copays, deductibles, out-of-network payments or other expenses toward this limit.

### **Precertification or Preauthorization**

The procedures used by your health plan or employer group to determine that certain healthcare services, treatment plans, durable medical equipment or prescription drugs are medically necessary before you receive the services, except for emergency services. It is not a guarantee your health plan will cover the cost.

### **Premium**

The amount that must be paid for your health plan. You and/or your employer usually pay it monthly.

### **Primary Care Physician**

A physician who directly provides or coordinates a range of healthcare services for a patient.

### **Provider**

A physician, healthcare professional or healthcare facility licensed, certified or accredited as required by state law.

### **Specialist**

A physician who focuses on a specific area of medicine or patient group to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a provider who has more training in a specific area of healthcare.

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- ▶ the broadest choice of in-network doctors and hospitals
- ▶ the most comprehensive coverage at some of the lowest premiums in the country
- ▶ provider strategies to improve care quality and cost low, industry-leading operating costs

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