

Your Summary of Benefits



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Niskayuna Central School District PPO \$15

Benefit	In-Network ¹	Out-of-Network ^{2,3}
Deductible	N/A	\$500/\$1,250
Coinsurance	N/A	30%
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$5,080 / \$12,700 (All In-Network Cost Shares)	\$5,000/\$12,500 Coinsurance Stop Loss / (\$1,500/\$3,750 out-of-pocket)
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Dependent Children (covered to the end of the month of the dependent's birthday)	Dependents to age 26	Dependents to age 26
Covered Preventive Care ⁴	Member Pays In-Network	Member Pays Out-of-Network
Covered Adult Preventive Care	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Annual Physical Exam	\$0	Covered in-network only
Well-Child Care (Up to age 19; including necessary covered immunizations)	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Preventive Well-Woman Care	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Home/Office/Outpatient Care	Member Pays In-Network	Member Pays Out-of-Network
Home/Office Visits / Online Visits	\$15 copayment	Deductible and Coinsurance
Urgent Care Center	\$15 copayment	\$15 copayment
Emergency Room/Facility (initial visit per occurrence)	\$50 copayment (Waived if admitted within 24 hours)	\$50 copayment (Waived if admitted within 24 hours)
Surgery ⁵ , Presurgical Testing, Anesthesia	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Chemotherapy, Radiation Therapy	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Routine Maternity Care	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Laboratory Tests, X-rays	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
MRI/MRA ⁶ , CAT Scan ⁷ , PET ⁷ & Nuclear Cardiology ⁷	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Allergy Routine Testing and Treatment (Allergy Injections/Immunotherapy)	\$15 copayment (Waived for treatment)	Deductible and Coinsurance
Chiropractic Care ⁹	\$15 copayment	Deductible and Coinsurance
Home Healthcare (Up to 200 visits per calendar year)	\$0	Coinsurance (no deductible)
Home Infusion Therapy	\$0	Covered in-network only
Hospice Care (Up to 210 days per lifetime)	\$0	Covered in-network only
Physical Therapy ⁵ (Up to 30 visits per calendar year combined in home, office or outpatient facility)	\$15 copayment	Covered in-network only
Other Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapies — Speech/Language ⁵ , Occupational ⁵ , Vision (Up to 30 visits per calendar year combined in home, office or outpatient facility)	\$15 copayment	Covered in-network only

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Cardiac Rehabilitation	\$15 copayment	Deductible and Coinsurance
Second Surgical Opinion	\$15 copayment (no copayment applies if arranged through the Medical Management Program)	Deductible and Coinsurance
Kidney Dialysis	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Inpatient Care⁵	Member Pays In-Network	Member Pays Out-of-Network
Inpatient Hospital (As many days as is medically necessary; semiprivate room and board)	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Surgery, Covered Surgical Assistant, Anesthesia	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Physical Therapy, Physical Medicine, or Rehabilitation (Up to 30 inpatient days per calendar year)	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Skilled Nursing Facility (Up to 60 days per calendar year)	\$0	Covered in-network only
Mental Health	Member Pays In-Network	
Outpatient Visits in Office	\$15 copayment	Deductible and Coinsurance
Outpatient Visits in Facility	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Inpatient Care ⁸ (As many days as medically necessary; semiprivate room and board)	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	Member Pays In-Network	Member Pays Out-of-Network
Outpatient Visits in Office	\$15 copayment	Deductible and Coinsurance
Outpatient Visits in Facility	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Inpatient Detoxification ⁸ (As many days as medically necessary; semiprivate room and board)	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Inpatient Rehabilitation ⁸	\$0	Deductible and Coinsurance
Other	Member Pays In-Network	Member Pays Out-of-Network
Medical Supplies	\$0 when obtained through Empire's medical supplies vendor	In-network benefits apply
Durable Medical Equipment ⁶	\$0	Covered in-network only
Prosthetics & Orthotics ⁶	\$0	Covered in-network only
Ambulance (air ambulance)	\$0	In-network benefits apply

- (1) Network provider delivers care.
- (2) Out-of-network services (except Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse) are those from a provider that does not participate in Empire's PPO network, or with another Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan through the BlueCard® PPO Program. (This does not apply to emergency benefits.) See (8) for Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services.
- (3) Out-of-network (O-O-N) providers – those who do not participate in Empire's PPO network, or with another Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan through the BlueCard® PPO Program. Out-of-network providers who do not participate with Empire or with another Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plan, may balance bill over Empire's allowed amount.
- (4) Preventive Care benefits not subject to copayment, deductible and coinsurance; when provided In-Network include; mammography screenings, cervical cancer screenings, colorectal cancer screenings, prostate cancer screenings, hypercholesterolemia screenings, diabetes screenings for pregnant women, bone density testing, annual physical examinations and annual obstetric and gynecological examinations. May also include other services as required under State and Federal Law. May be subject to age and frequency limits.
- (5) You are responsible for obtaining precertification from Empire's Medical Management Program for these services. Your provider may call for you, but you will be responsible for penalties applied if precertification is not obtained. For ambulatory surgery, precertification is required for reconstructive surgery, outpatient transplants and ophthalmological or eye-related procedures. Precertification is also required for cosmetic surgery, an excluded benefit except when medically necessary.
- (6) For services received from an Empire PPO provider, the provider must precertify in-network services; Empire PPO providers cannot bill members beyond the copayment for covered services. Outside Empire's network area, you must obtain precertification from Empire's Medical Management Program for services from in-network BlueCard® PPO providers. You are responsible for obtaining precertification from Empire's Medical Management Program for in-area and out-of-area out-of-network services. Your provider may call for you, but you will be responsible for penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
- (7) Empire's network provider must precertify in-network services; Empire network providers cannot bill members beyond the co-payment for covered services. Precertification is not required for out-of-network services, nor for out-of-area in-network BlueCard® PPO provider services.
- (8) You are responsible for obtaining precertification from the Behavioral Healthcare Manager for these services. Your provider may call for you, but you will be responsible for penalties applied if precertification is not obtained.
- (9) Empire's network provider must obtain authorization for clinical/medical necessity for in-network services; Empire network providers cannot bill members beyond the in-network deductible and coinsurance for covered services. Authorization is not required for out-of-network services or for services rendered from in-network BlueCard® PPO providers outside of Empire's network area.

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NOTE: This is a benefits summary only and is subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions set forth in your Certificate of Coverage, Schedule of Benefits, and any additional Riders or Contracts your group has purchased. Be sure to consult your benefit Contract or Certificate for full details about your coverage. To the extent that there is a conflict between this Summary and your benefit Contract or Certificate, the terms of the Contract or Certificate will control. Failure to comply with Empire's Medical Management or Behavioral Healthcare Management Program requirements could result in benefit reductions.

This summary of benefits has been updated to comply with federal and state requirements, including applicable provisions of the recently enacted federal health care reform laws. As we receive additional guidance and clarification on the new health care reform laws from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor and Internal Revenue Service, we may be required to make additional changes to this summary of benefits.

Included are preventive care services that meet the requirements of federal and state law, including certain screenings, immunizations and physician visits.

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