# **Big Beaver Falls Area School District: PPOBlue**

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage Period: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

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**This is only a summary.** If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at www.tigerweb.k12.pa.us or by calling (724)843-3420.

<b>Important Questions</b>	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$200 individual/\$400 family network, \$450 individual/\$900 family out-of- network.  Network deductible does not apply to primary care visits, specialist visits, preventive care services, diagnostic tests, imaging tests, emergency room services, urgent care, outpatient mental health, outpatient substance use disorder and prescription drug benefits.  Copayments don't count toward the network deductible.	You must pay all the costs up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <u>deductible</u> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 3 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <u>deductible</u> .
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 3 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket</u> <u>limit</u> on my expenses?	Network: \$0 individual/\$0 family out-of-pocket limit up to a total maximum out-of-pocket of \$6,350 individual /\$12,700 family.  Out-of-network: \$1,000 individual/\$2,000 family.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.

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What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Network: Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover do not apply to your total maximum out-of-pocket.  Out-of-Network: Deductibles, copayments, premiums, balance-billed charges, prescription drug expenses and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No.	The chart starting on page 3 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a <u>network</u> of <u>providers</u> ?	Yes. For a list of <u>network</u> <u>providers</u> , see www.tigerweb.k12.pa.us or call (724)843-3420.	If you use a <u>network</u> doctor or other health care <u>provider</u> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your <u>network</u> doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <u>provider</u> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <u>preferred</u> , or participating for <u>providers</u> in their <u>network</u> . See the chart starting on page 3 for how this plan pays different kinds of <u>providers</u> .
Do I need a referral to see a specialist?	No.	You can see the <b>specialist</b> you choose without permission from this plan.
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed in the Excluded Services & Other Covered Services section. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .

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- <u>Copayments</u> are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- <u>Coinsurance</u> is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the <u>allowed amount</u> for the service. For example, if the plan's <u>allowed amount</u> for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your <u>coinsurance</u> payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your <u>deductible</u>.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the <u>allowed amount</u>. If an out-of-network <u>provider</u> charges more than the <u>allowed amount</u>, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the <u>allowed amount</u> is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called <u>balance billing</u>.)
- This plan may encourage you to use <u>network providers</u> by charging you lower <u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u> and <u>coinsurance</u> amounts.

	Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost if You Use a Network Provider	Your Cost if You Use an Out-of- Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
	If you visit a health care <u>provider's</u> office	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$20 co-pay/visit	20% co-insurance	none
(	or clinic	Specialist visit	\$20 co-pay/visit	20% co-insurance	none
		Other practitioner office visit	No charge for chiropractor	20% co-insurance for chiropractor	none
		Preventive care Screening Immunization	No charge for preventive care services	No coverage for preventive care visits 20% co-insurance for screening services 20% co-insurance for immunizations	Please refer to your preventive schedule for additional information.
]	If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	\$15 co-pay/date of service per provide	20% co-insurance	none
		Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$15 co-pay/date of service per provider	20% co-insurance	none

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If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition  More information	Generic drugs	No charge (retail) No charge (mail order)	Not covered	Up to 30-day supply retail pharmacy. Up to 90-day supply maintenance prescription drugs through mail order.
about prescription drug coverage is available at www.tigerweb.k12.pa. us or call (724)843-	Formulary Brand drugs	\$40 co-pay (retail) \$60 co-pay (mail order)	Not covered	Up to 30-day supply retail pharmacy. Up to 90-day supply maintenance prescription drugs through mail order.
3420.	Non-Formulary Brand drugs	\$55 co-pay (retail) \$85 co-pay (mail order)	Not covered	Up to 30-day supply retail pharmacy. Up to 90-day supply maintenance prescription drugs through mail order.
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
If you need immediate medical	Emergency room services	\$100 co-pay/visit	\$100 co-pay/visit	Co-pay waived if admitted as an inpatient.
attention	Emergency medical transportation Urgent care	No charge \$20 co-pay/visit	20% co-insurance 20% co-insurance	none
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)  Physician/surgeon fee	No charge No charge	20% co-insurance 20% co-insurance	Precertification may be required. none

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If you have mental health, behavioral	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	No charge	20% co-insurance	Precertification may be required.
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	No charge	20% co-insurance	Precertification may be required.
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	No charge	20% co-insurance	Network: The first visit to determine pregnancy is covered at no charge. Please refer to the Women's Health Preventive Schedule for additional information.
	Delivery and all inpatient services	No charge	20% co-insurance	Precertification may be required.
If you need help	Home health care	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
recovering or have	Rehabilitation services	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
other special health	Habilitation services	Not covered	Not covered	none
needs	Skilled nursing care	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
	Durable medical equipment	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
	Hospice service	No charge	20% co-insurance	none
If your child needs	Eye exam	Not covered	Not covered	none
dental or eye care	Glasses	Not covered	Not covered	none
	Dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	none

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## **Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

# Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other excluded services.) Acupuncture Habilitation services Routine eye care (Adult) Routine foot care Dental care (Adult) Long-term care Weight loss programs

Other Covered Services (This isn't a c services.)	omplete list. Check your policy or plan document for oth	ner covered services and your costs for these
Bariatric surgery	Coverage provided outside the United States. See www.bcbsa.com	• Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
Chiropractic care	<ul> <li>Infertility treatment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Private-duty nursing</li> </ul>

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# **Your Rights to Continue Coverage:**

If you lose coverage under the plan, then, depending upon the circumstances, Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a **premium**, which may be significantly higher than the premium you pay while covered under the plan. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan at (724)843-3420. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or <a href="www.dol.gov/ebsa">www.dol.gov/ebsa</a>, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or <a href="www.cciio.cms.gov">www.cciio.cms.gov</a>.

# **Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:**

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to **appeal** or file a **grievance**. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact:

- Your plan administrator/employer at (724)843-3420.
- Highmark Inc. at 1-800-241-5704.
- Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Consumer Services at 1-877-881-6388.

# **Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?**

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health care coverage that qualifies as "minimum essential coverage." **This plan or policy <u>does</u> provide minimum essential coverage.** 

# Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% (actuarial value). This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.

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

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# **About these Coverage Examples:**

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



This is not a cost estimator.

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under this plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care will also be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

# Having a baby (normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays \$7,260
- Patient pays \$280

## **Sample care costs:**

Hospital charges (mother)	\$2,700
Routine obstetric care	\$2,100
Hospital charges (baby)	\$900
Anesthesia	\$900
Laboratory tests	\$500
Prescriptions	\$200
Radiology	\$200
Vaccines, other preventive	\$40
Total	\$7,540

Patient pays:	
Deductibles	\$200
Copays	\$80
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$0
Total	\$280

# Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of

a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$5,000
- Patient pays \$400

## Sample care costs:

Prescriptions	\$2,900
Medical Equipment and Supplies	\$1,300
Office Visits and Procedures	\$700
Education	\$300
Laboratory tests	\$100
Vaccines, other preventive	\$100
Total	\$5,400

## **Patient pays:**

Deductibles	\$200
Copays	\$200
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$0
Total	\$400

You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.

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# Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:

# What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include **premiums**.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from <u>network</u> <u>providers</u>. If the patient had received care from out-of-network <u>providers</u>, costs would have been higher.

# What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how <u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u>, and <u>coinsurance</u> can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

# Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

No. Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

# Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

\*No. Coverage Examples are not cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your providers charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

# Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

✓ Yes. When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples. When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

# Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

Yes. An important cost is the <u>premium</u> you pay. Generally, the lower your <u>premium</u>, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as <u>copayments</u>, <u>deductibles</u>, and <u>coinsurance</u>. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.