



**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.southalabama.edu/hr](http://www.southalabama.edu/hr) or by calling (251) 460-6133.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	<b>\$400</b> person. Does not apply to preventive services, physician, inpatient, non-covered services, balance-billed charges and pre-certification penalties.	You must pay all the costs up to the <b>deductible</b> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <b>deductible</b> starts over. See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <b>deductible</b> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	Yes. <b>\$750</b> person per admission. <b>\$50</b> per person pharmacy limited to 3 per family. There are no other specific <b>deductibles</b> .	You must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific <b>deductible</b> amount before this plan begins to pay for these services.
Is there an <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> on my expenses?	Yes. For in-network <b>\$1200</b> person.	The <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> 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.
What is not included in the <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> ?	Premium, balance-billed charges, health care this plan doesn't cover, copays, cost sharing for most out-of-network benefits, deductibles and pre-certification penalties.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> .
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No.	The chart starting on page 2 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a <b>network of providers</b> ?	Yes, this plan uses in-network providers. For a list of in-network providers, see <a href="http://AlabamaBlue.com">AlabamaBlue.com</a> or call 1-800-810-BLUE.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <b>provider</b> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <b>provider</b> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <b>preferred</b> , or participating for <b>providers</b> in their <b>network</b> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <b>providers</b> .
Do I need a referral to see a <b>specialist</b> ?	No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.	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 on page 5. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .

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If you aren't clear about any of the underlined terms used in this form, see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/SBCUniformGlossary.pdf](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/pdf/SBCUniformGlossary.pdf) or call 1-877-345-6171 to request a copy.



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

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an In Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<b>If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic</b>	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	20% coinsurance	\$10 copay for USA Health network providers; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
	Specialist visit	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	20% coinsurance	\$10 copay for USA Health network providers; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
	Other practitioner office visit	20% coinsurance for chiropractor	20% coinsurance for chiropractor	Subject to overall deductible; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	Not Covered	USA Health network providers covered at 100% no copay; age and visit limitations apply; facility copay may apply
<b>If you have a test</b>	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No Charge	20% coinsurance	Benefits listed are physician services; in-network benefits are for PPO and USA Health network physicians; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network covered same as in-network for medical emergency or accidental injury only
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No Charge	20% coinsurance	Benefits listed are physician services; in-network benefits are for PPO and USA Health network physicians; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network covered same as in-network for medical emergency or accidental injury only; precertification may be required for coverage

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<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b>	Tier 1 – Generic	\$10	Not Covered	Prior authorization required for specific drugs;
	Tier 2 – Formulary Brand	\$30	Not Covered	Subject to drug deductible; prescription drugs
	Tier 3 – Non-Formulary Brand	\$50	Not Covered	purchased from out-of-network pharmacy are not covered. Additional information is available at
	Tier 4 – Specialty	\$100	Not Covered	Express Scripts customer service at 855-687-3857 or <a href="http://www.express-scripts.com/USAJAGS">www.express-scripts.com/USAJAGS</a>
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	0% coinsurance & \$250 copay	Not Covered	No charge for services rendered by USA Health network provider; out-of-network covered for accidental injury only
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
<b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>	Emergency room services	No Charge	No Charge	Benefits listed are for emergency room services for treatment of accidental injury; other medical emergencies may have higher patient responsibility; physician charges may apply
	Emergency medical transportation	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible
	Urgent care	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	20% coinsurance	\$10 copay for USA Health network providers; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
<b>If you have a hospital stay</b>	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	0% coinsurance & \$100 copay days 2-5 & \$750 per admission	Not Covered	No charge for services rendered by USA Health network provider; out-of-network covered the same as in-network for medical emergency or accidental injury only; precertification is required for coverage
	Physician/surgeon fee	No Charge	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered

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<b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b>	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	0% coinsurance & \$25 copay	0% coinsurance & \$25 copay	\$10 copay for USA Health network providers; limited to a combined maximum of 60 visits for outpatient mental health and substance abuse per member per calendar year
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; out-of-network covered for accidental injury only; limited to 30 inpatient days per member per calendar year and a lifetime maximum of 60 inpatient days per member; precertification is required for coverage
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; limited to a combined maximum of 60 visits for outpatient mental health and substance abuse per member per calendar year
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; out-of-network covered for accidental injury only; limited to 30 inpatient days per member per calendar year and a lifetime maximum of 60 inpatient days per member; precertification is required for coverage
<b>If you are pregnant</b>	Prenatal and postnatal care	No Charge	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; physician copay may apply; maternity services not available for dependent children; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered
	Delivery and all inpatient services	No Charge	20% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; maternity services not available for dependent children; in Alabama, out-of-network not covered

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an In Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	Home health care	No Charge	Not Covered	Precertification is required for coverage
	Rehabilitation services	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	USA Health network providers covered at 100% subject to \$10 copay per visit; subject to overall deductible; limited to a maximum of 60 visits each for occupational, physical and speech therapy per member per calendar year
	Habilitation services	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	USA Health network providers covered at 100% subject to \$10 copay per visit; subject to overall deductible; limited to a maximum of 60 visits each for occupational, physical and speech therapy per member per calendar year
	Skilled nursing care	No Charge	No Charge	limited to a maximum of 60 days per member per calendar year; precertification is required
	Durable medical equipment	No Charge	Not Covered	Limited to a maximum of two pair each 12 consecutive months for orthotic devices; outside Alabama, out-of-network covered at 100%
	Hospice service	No Charge	Not Covered	Limited to a lifetime maximum of 180 days per member; precertification may be required for coverage
<b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>	Eye exam	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	Not Covered	Limited to one routine eye examination (including refraction) per member per calendar year
	Glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not covered; member pays 100%
	Dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	Not covered; member pays 100%

## 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
- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (Adult)
- Dental check-up, child
- Glasses, child
- Hearing aids
- Long-term care
- Prescription Drugs
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine foot care
- Weight loss programs

### Other Covered Services (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)

- Bariatric surgery (Only morbid obesity in limited circumstances)
- Chiropractic care
- Infertility treatment (Assisted Reproductive Technology not covered)
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Routine eye care (Adult) (Limitations apply)

## 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 administrator at the phone number listed in your benefit booklet. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).

## 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 the Human Resources Department at (251) 460-6133. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform).

## Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have healthcare coverage that qualifies as “minimum essential coverage.” **This plan or policy does 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% health coverage.

This Plan does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.

## Language Access Services:

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

## 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 \$6,490
- Patient pays \$1,050

#### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,540</b>

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$0
Copays	\$880
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$170
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>

Note: These numbers assume the patient has given notice of her pregnancy to the plan. If you are pregnant and have not given notice of your pregnancy, your costs may be higher. For more information, please contact: [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com)

### Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$910
- Patient pays \$4,490

#### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$20
Copays	\$180
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$4290
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,490</b>

Note: These numbers assume the patient is participating in our diabetes wellness program. If you have diabetes and do not participate in the wellness program, your costs may be higher. For more information about the diabetes wellness program, please contact: [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com)



## 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 in-network **providers**. If the patient had received care from out-of-network **providers**, costs would have been higher.

### What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how **deductibles**, **copayments**, and **coinsurance** 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 **premium** you pay. Generally, the lower your **premium**, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as **copayments**, **deductibles**, and **coinsurance**. 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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- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages

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You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

## **Foreign Language Assistance**

**Spanish:** ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)

**Korean:** 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**Chinese:** 注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)。

**Vietnamese:** CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Arabic:** انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث ال عربية، توجد خدمات مساعدة في ما يتعلق باللغة، بدون تكلفة، متاحة لك. اتصل بـ 1-855-216-3144 (الهاتف النصي: 711).

**German:** ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**French:** ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-216-3144 (ATS: 711).

**French Creole:** ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Gujarati:** ગુજરાતી ભાષામાં: જો તમે ગુજરાતી ભાષામાં વાતચીત કરો છો, તો તમને મુક્તિ મળે છે. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Tagalog:** PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Hindi:** ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिंदी में बातचीत करते हैं, तो आपको मुफ्त में भाषा सहायता सेवाएं उपलब्ध हैं। 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।

**Laotian:** ຄວນສັງເກດ: ຖ້າທ່ານເວົ້າລາວ, ທ່ານສາມາດໃຊ້ບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໄດ້ຢູ່ອາດອາດ. ການສືບຕໍ່: 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Russian:** ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855-216-3144 (телетайп: 711).

**Portuguese:** ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Polish:** UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Turkish:** DİKKAT: Eğer Türkçe konuşuyor iseniz, dil yardımı hizmetlerinden ücretsiz olarak yararlanabilirsiniz. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) irtibat numaralarını arayın.

**Italian:** ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero

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