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Benefits-at-a-glance

This is intended as an easy-to-read summary and provides only a general overview of your benefits. It is not a contract. Additional limitations and exclusions may apply. Payment amounts are based on BCBSM's approved amount, less any applicable deductible and/or copay/coinsurance. For a complete description of benefits please see the applicable BCBSM certificates and riders, if your group is underwritten or any other plan documents your group uses, if your group is self-funded. If there is a discrepancy between this Benefits-at-a-Glance and any applicable plan document, the plan document will control.

Preauthorization for Select Services - Services listed in this BAAG are covered when provided in accordance with Certificate requirements and, when required, are preauthorized or approved by BCBSM except in an emergency.

Note: A list of services that require approval **before** they are provided is available online at bcbsm.com/importantinfo. Select **Approving covered services**.

Pricing information for various procedures by in-network providers can be obtained by calling the customer service number listed on the back of your BCBSM ID card and providing the procedure code. Your provider can also provide this information upon request.

Preauthorization for Specialty Pharmaceuticals - BCBSM will pay for FDA-approved specialty pharmaceuticals that meet BCBSM's medical policy criteria for treatment of the condition. The prescribing physician must contact BCBSM to request preauthorization of the drugs. **If preauthorization is not sought, BCBSM will deny the claim and all charges will be the member's responsibility.**

Specialty pharmaceuticals are biotech drugs including high cost infused, injectable, oral and other drugs related to specialty disease categories or other categories. BCBSM determines which specific drugs are payable. This may include medications to treat asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, and many other diseases as well as chemotherapy drugs used in the treatment of cancer, but excludes injectable insulin.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is a nonprofit corporation and independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Services from a provider for which there is no Michigan PPO network and services from an out-of-network provider in a geographic area of Michigan deemed a "low access area" by BCBSM for that particular provider specialty are covered at the in-network benefit level. If you receive care from a nonparticipating provider, even when referred, you may be billed for the difference between our approved amount and the provider's charge

Member's responsibility (deductibles, copays, coinsurance and dollar maximums)

Note: If an in-network provider refers you to an out-of-network provider, all covered services obtained from that out-of-network provider will be subject to applicable out-of-network cost-sharing.

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Deductibles	\$1,000 for one member, \$2,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year	\$2,000 for one member, \$4,000 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year Note: Out-of-network deductible amounts also count toward the in-network deductible.
Flat-dollar copays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$30 copay for office visits and office consultations with a non-specialist provider \$30 copay for medical online visits \$50 copay for office visits and office consultations with a specialist provider \$30 copay for chiropractic and osteopathic manipulative therapy \$250 copay for emergency room visits \$60 copay for each urgent care visit 	\$250 copay for emergency room visits
Coinsurance amounts (percent copays) Note: Coinsurance amounts apply once the deductible has been met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of approved amount for private duty nursing care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of approved amount for private duty nursing care 20% of approved amount for most other covered services
Annual coinsurance maximums	None	None
Annual out-of-pocket maximums - applies to deductibles, flat-dollar copays and coinsurance amounts for all covered services - including cost-sharing amounts for prescription drugs, if applicable	\$8,150 for one member, \$16,300 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year	\$16,300 for one member, \$32,600 for the family (when two or more members are covered under your contract) each calendar year Note: Out-of-network cost-sharing amounts also count toward the in-network out-of-pocket maximum
Lifetime dollar maximum	None	

Preventive care services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Health maintenance exam -includes chest x-ray, EKG, cholesterol screening and other select lab procedures	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year Note: Additional well-women visits may be allowed based on medical necessity.	Not covered

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Gynecological exam	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year Note: Additional well-women visits may be allowed based on medical necessity.	Not Covered
Pap smear screening -laboratory and pathology services	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Voluntary sterilizations for females	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Prescription contraceptive devices- includes insertion and removal of an intrauterine device by a licensed physician	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	100% after out-of-network deductible
Contraceptive injections	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Well-baby and child care visits	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 visits, birth through 12 months • 6 visits, 13 months through 23 months • 6 visits, 24 months through 35 months • 2 visits, 36 months through 47 months • Visits beyond 47 months are limited to one per member per calendar year under the health maintenance exam benefit 	Not covered
Adult and childhood preventive services and immunizations as recommended by the USPSTF, ACIP, HRSA or other sources as recognized by BCBSM that are in compliance with the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	Not covered
Fecal occult blood screening	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Flexible sigmoidoscopy exam	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not covered
Prostate specific antigen (PSA) screening	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), one per member per calendar year	Not Covered
Routine mammogram and related reading	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) Note: Subsequent medically necessary mammograms performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance	80% after out-of-network deductible Note: Out-of-network readings and interpretations are payable only when the screening mammogram itself is performed by an in-network provider.
		One per member per calendar year
Colonoscopy-routine or medically necessary	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance), for the first billed colonoscopy Note: Subsequent colonoscopies performed during the same calendar year are subject to your deductible and coinsurance	80% after out-of-network deductible
		One per member per calendar year

Physician office services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Office visits-must be medically necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$30 copay per office visit with a non-specialist provider \$50 copay per office visit with a specialist provider <p>Note: Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam. Cost-sharing may not apply if preventive or immunization services are performed during the office visit.</p>	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient and home medical care visits-must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Office consultations-must be medically necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$30 copay for each office consultation with a non-specialist provider \$50 copay for each office consultation with a specialist provider <p>Note: Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office consultation copay still applies to the exam. Cost-sharing may not apply if preventive or immunization services are performed during the office consultation.</p>	80% after out-of-network deductible
Online visits – must be medically necessary	\$30 copay for online visits	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered.		

Urgent care visits

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Urgent care visits	\$60 copay for each urgent care visit <p>Note: Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam. Cost-sharing may not apply if preventive or immunization services are performed during the office visit.</p>	80% after out-of-network deductible

Emergency medical care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Hospital emergency room	\$250 copay per visit (copay waived if admitted)	\$250 copay per visit (copay waived if admitted)
Ambulance services-must be medically necessary	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible

Diagnostic services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Laboratory and pathology services	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Diagnostic tests and x-rays	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Therapeutic radiology	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Maternity services provided by a physician or certified nurse midwife

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Prenatal care visits	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Postnatal care	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Delivery and nursery care	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Semiprivate room, inpatient physician care, general nursing care, hospital services and supplies	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible Unlimited days

Note: Nonemergency services must be rendered in a **participating** hospital.

Inpatient consultations	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Chemotherapy	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Alternatives to hospital care

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Skilled nursing care-must be in a participating skilled nursing facility	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible Limited to a maximum of 120 days per member per calendar year
Hospice care	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) Up to 28 pre-hospice counseling visits before electing hospice services; when elected, four 90-day periods - provided through a participating hospice program only ; limited to dollar maximum that is reviewed and adjusted periodically (after reaching dollar maximum, member transitions into individual case management)
Home health care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be medically necessary • must be provided by a participating home health care agency 	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
Infusion therapy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be medically necessary • must be given by a participating Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) provider or in a participating freestanding Ambulatory Infusion Center (AIC) • may use drugs that require preauthorization- consult with your doctor 	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible

Surgical services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Surgery- includes related surgical services and medically necessary facility services by a participating ambulatory surgery facility	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Presurgical consultations	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	80% after out-of-network deductible
Voluntary sterilization for males	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: For voluntary sterilizations for females, see " Preventive care services. "		
Elective abortions	Not covered	Not covered

Human organ transplants

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Specified human organ transplants-must be in a designated facility and coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance)	100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) - in designated facilities only
Bone marrow transplants -must be coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504)	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Specified oncology clinical trials	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Note: BCBSM covers clinical trials in compliance with PPACA.		
Kidney, cornea and skin transplants	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Behavioral Health Services (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)

Note: Some mental health and substance use disorder services are considered by BSBCM to be comparable to an office visit or medical online visit. When a mental health or substance use disorder service is considered by BSBCM to be comparable to an office visit or medical online visit, we will process the claim under your office visit or medical online visit benefit.

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
Inpatient mental health care and inpatient substance use disorder treatment	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible Unlimited days
Residential psychiatric treatment facility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> covered mental health services must be performed in a residential psychiatric treatment facility treatment must be preauthorized subject to medical criteria 	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient mental health care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility and clinic 	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible in participating facilities only
Note: Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physician's office 	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient substance use disorder treatment- in approved facilities only	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible (in-network cost-sharing will apply if there is no PPO network)

Autism spectrum disorders, diagnoses and treatment

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
<p>Applied behavioral analysis (ABA) treatment-when rendered by an approved board-certified behavioral analyst-is covered through age 18, subject to preauthorization</p> <p>Note: Diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder and a treatment recommendation for ABA services must be obtained by a BCBSM approved autism evaluation center (AAEC) prior to seeking ABA treatment.</p>	100% after in-network deductible	100% after in-network deductible
Outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, nutritional counseling for autism spectrum disorder	100% after in-network deductible Physical, speech and occupational therapy with an autism diagnosis is unlimited	80% after out-of-network deductible
Other covered services, including mental health services, for autism spectrum disorder	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible

Other covered services

Benefits	In-network	Out-of-network
<p>Outpatient Diabetes Management Program (ODMP)</p> <p>Note: Screening services required under the provisions of PPACA are covered at 100% of approved amount with no in-network cost-sharing when rendered by an in-network provider.</p> <p>Note: When you purchase your diabetic supplies via mail order you will lower your out-of-pocket costs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% after in-network deductible for diabetes medical supplies 100% (no deductible or copay/coinsurance) for diabetes self-management training 	80% after out-of-network deductible
Allergy testing and therapy	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Chiropractic spinal manipulation and osteopathic manipulative therapy	<p>\$30 copay per visit</p> <p>Note: Simply Blue applies deductible and coinsurance to office services. Services include diagnostic (including complex), therapeutic and surgery. An office visit copay still applies to the exam.</p> <p>Limited to a combined 12-visit maximum per member per calendar year</p>	80% after out-of-network deductible
Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy-provided for rehabilitation	100% after in-network deductible	<p>80% after out-of-network deductible</p> <p>Note: Services at nonparticipating outpatient physical therapy facilities are not covered.</p> <p>Limited to a combined 30-visit maximum per member per calendar year</p>
<p>Durable medical equipment</p> <p>Note: DME items required under the provisions of PPACA are covered at 100% of approved amount with no in-network cost-sharing when rendered by an in-network provider. For a list of covered DME items required under PPACA, call BCBSM.</p> <p>Note: Reference the Find A Doctor tool at bcbsm.com for in-network Durable Medical Equipment providers.</p>	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
<p>Prosthetic and orthotic appliances</p> <p>Note: Reference the Find A Doctor tool at bcbsm.com for in-network Prosthetics/Orthotics providers.</p>	100% after in-network deductible	80% after out-of-network deductible
Private duty nursing care	50% after in-network deductible	50% after in-network deductible



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Blue Preferred® Rx LG Prescription Drug Coverage PD-SP-CM \$10/\$40/\$80/15%-\$150/25%-\$300-RXCM Benefits-at-a-glance Effective Date: On or after July 2022

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Prescription Drug Discount Program - Prescription drug manufacturers provide coupon programs for certain medications. Your benefit plan allows you to take advantage of BCBSM-approved coupon programs for select medications. This benefit may lower the cost-sharing typically required for these drugs. Your out-of-pocket expense will be no more than your benefit cost-sharing. When a manufacturer coupon is used, only the amount you paid for the prescription will apply towards your annual out-of-pocket maximum.

NOTE: Adjustments may be required to accurately reflect your annual out-of-pocket maximum to reflect your true out-of-pocket cost.

This program may be discontinued at any time if it is no longer supported by the vendor.

Specialty Pharmaceutical Drugs - The mail order pharmacy for **specialty drugs** is AllianceRx Walgreens Prime, an independent company. Specialty prescription drugs (such as Enbrel® and Humira®) are used to treat complex conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis and cancer. These drugs require special handling, administration or monitoring. AllianceRx Walgreens Prime will handle mail order prescriptions only for specialty drugs. You may obtain specialty drugs through a Walgreens retail pharmacy as well as long as the drug is available at that location. You may want to call ahead to confirm availability at the location. **If you go to a non-AllianceRx Walgreens Prime, you may be responsible for 100% of the cost of the specialty drug.** Other mail order prescriptions for non-specialty medications can continue to be sent to OptumRx home delivery pharmacy. (OptumRx is an independent company providing pharmacy benefit services for Blues members.) A list of specialty drugs is available on our Web site at bcbsm.com/pharmacy. If you have any questions, please call AllianceRx Walgreens Prime customer service at 1-866-515-1355.

We will not pay for more than a 30-day supply of a covered prescription drug that BCBSM defines as a "specialty pharmaceutical" whether or not the drug is obtained from a 90-Day Retail Network provider or mail-order provider. We may make exceptions if a member requires more than a 30-day supply. BCBSM reserves the right to limit the quantity of select specialty drugs to no more than a 15-day supply for each fill. Your copay/coinsurance will be reduced by one-half for each fill once applicable deductibles have been met.

Select Controlled Substance Drugs - BCBSM will limit the initial fill of select controlled substances to a 5-day supply. Additional fills for these medications will be limited to no more than a 30-day supply. The controlled substances affected by this prescription drug requirement are available online at bcbsm.com/pharmacy.

Member's responsibility (copays and coinsurance amounts)

Note: Your prescription drug copays and coinsurance amounts, including mail order copay and coinsurance amounts, are subject to the **same** annual out-of-pocket maximum required under your medical coverage. The following prescription drug expenses will not apply to your annual out-of-pocket maximum.

- any difference between the Maximum Allowable Cost and BCBSM's approved amount for a covered brand name drug
- the 25% member liability for covered drugs obtained from an out-of-network pharmacy

Benefits	90-day retail network pharmacy	* In-network mail order provider	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
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Benefits		90-day retail network pharmacy	* In-network mail order provider	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
Tier 1 - Generic or select prescribed over-the-counter drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay \$10 copay	You pay \$10 copay	You pay \$10 copay	You pay \$10 copay plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	You pay \$20 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	You pay \$20 copay	You pay \$20 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Tier 2 - Preferred brand-name drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay \$40 copay	You pay \$40 copay	You pay \$40 copay	You pay \$40 copay plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	You pay \$80 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	You pay \$80 copay	You pay \$80 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Tier 3 - Non Preferred brand-name drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay \$80 copay	You pay \$80 copay	You pay \$80 copay	You pay \$80 copay plus an additional 25% of the BCBSM approved amount
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	You pay \$160 copay	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	You pay \$160 copay	You pay \$160 copay	No coverage	No coverage
Tier 4 - Generic and preferred brand-name specialty drug	1 to 30-day period	You pay 15% of approved amount, but no more than \$150	You pay 15% of approved amount, but no more than \$150	You pay 15% of approved amount, but no more than \$150	You pay 15% of approved amount, but no more than \$150 plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage
Tier 5 - Nonpreferred brand-name specialty drugs	1 to 30-day period	You pay 25% of approved amount, but no more than \$300	You pay 25% of approved amount, but no more than \$300	You pay 25% of approved amount, but no more than \$300	You pay 25% of approved amount, but no more than \$300 plus an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug
	31 to 83-day period	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage
	84 to 90-day period	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage	No coverage

Note: Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs are drugs that do not require a prescription under federal law. They are identified by BCBSM as select prescription drugs. A prescription for the select OTC drug is required from the member's physician. In some cases, over-the-counter drugs may need to be tried before BCBSM will approve use of other drugs * BCBSM will not pay for drugs obtained from out-of-network mail order providers, including Internet providers.

Covered services

Benefits	90-day retail network pharmacy	* In-network mail order provider	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
FDA-approved drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance

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Benefits	90-day retail network pharmacy	* In-network mail order provider	In-network pharmacy (not part of the 90-day retail network)	Out-of-network pharmacy
Prescribed over-the-counter drugs - when covered by BCBSM	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
State-controlled drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
FDA-approved generic and select brand-name prescription preventive drugs, supplements and vitamins as required by PPACA (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	75% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved brand-name prescription preventive drugs, supplements and vitamins as required by PPACA (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance
FDA-approved generic and select brand name prescription contraceptive medication (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	100% of approved amount	75% of approved amount
Other FDA-approved brand name prescription contraceptive medication (non-self-administered drugs are not covered)	100% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance
Disposable needles and syringes - when dispensed with insulin or other covered injectable legend drugs	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	100% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug	75% of approved amount less plan copay/coinsurance for the insulin or other covered injectable legend drug
Note: Needles and syringes have no copay/coinsurance.				
Select diabetic supplies and devices (test strips, lancets and glucometers)	100% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance	100% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance	75% of approved amount less plan copay/ coinsurance
For a list of diabetic supplies available under the pharmacy benefit refer to your BCBSM drug list at BCBSM.com/pharmacy				

* BCBSM will not pay for drugs obtained from out-of-network mail order providers, including Internet providers.

Features of your prescription drug plan

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Custom Drug List	<p>A continually updated list of FDA-approved medications that represent each therapeutic class. The drugs on the list are chosen by the BCBSM Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for their effectiveness, safety, uniqueness and cost efficiency. The goal of the drug list is to provide members with the greatest therapeutic value at the lowest possible cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 1 (generic) - Tier 1 includes generic drugs made with the same active ingredients, available in the same strengths and dosage forms, and administered in the same way as equivalent brand-name drugs. They also require the lowest copay/coinsurance, making them the most cost-effective option for the treatment. • Tier 2 (preferred brand) - Tier 2 includes brand-name drugs from the Custom Drug List. Preferred brand name drugs are also safe and effective, but require a higher copay/coinsurance. • Tier 3 (nonpreferred brand) - Tier 3 contains brand-name drugs not included in Tier 2. These drugs may not have a proven record for safety or as high of a clinical value as Tier 1 or Tier 2 drugs. Members pay the highest copay/coinsurance for these drugs. • Tier 4 (generic and preferred brand-name specialty) - Tier 4 includes covered specialty drugs listed as generic drugs (Tier 1) or preferred brand-name drugs (Tier 2) from the Custom Drug List. These drugs have a proven record for safety and effectiveness, and offer the best value to our members. They have the lowest specialty drug copay/coinsurance. • Tier 5 (nonpreferred brand-name specialty) - Tier 5 includes covered specialty drugs listed as nonpreferred brand name (Tier 3). These drugs may not have a proven record for safety or their clinical value may not be as high as the specialty drugs in Tier 4. They have the highest specialty drug copay/coinsurance.
Prior authorization/step therapy	<p>A process that requires a physician to obtain approval from BCBSM before select prescription drugs (drugs identified by BCBSM as requiring preauthorization) will be covered. Step Therapy, an initial step in the "Prior Authorization" process, applies criteria to select drugs to determine if a less costly prescription drug may be used for the same drug therapy. Some over-the-counter medications may be covered under step therapy guidelines. This also applies to mail order drugs. Claims that do not meet Step Therapy criteria require preauthorization. Details about which drugs require preauthorization or step therapy are available online site at bcbsm.com/pharmacy.</p>
Mandatory maximum allowable cost drugs	<p>If your prescription is filled by any type of network pharmacy, and the pharmacist fills it with a brand-name drug for which a generic equivalent is available, you MUST pay the difference in cost between the BCBSM approved amount for the brand-name drug dispensed and the maximum allowable cost for the generic drug plus your applicable copay regardless of whether you or your physician requests the brand name drug. Exception: If your physician requests and receives authorization for a nonformulary brand-name drug with a generic equivalent from BCBSM and writes "Dispense as Written" or "DAW" on the prescription order, You pay only your applicable copay. Note: This MAC difference will not be applied toward your annual in-network deductible, nor your annual coinsurance/copay maximum.</p>
Quantity limits	<p>To stay consistent with FDA approved labeling for drugs, some medications may have quantity limits.</p>
Elective lifestyle drugs	<p>Benefits are excluded for elective lifestyle drugs.</p> <p>Note: Elective lifestyle drugs are lifestyle drugs that treat sexual impotency or infertility, or help in weight loss. They are not designed to treat acute or chronic illnesses. These medications are prescribed for medical conditions that have no demonstrable physical harm if not treated. (Smoking cessation drugs are not considered an elective lifestyle drug and are a payable benefit.) BCBSM determines when a drug is an elective drug.</p>