

Cherokee County EPO Employee Benefit Plan

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

Coverage Period: 01/01/2017 – 12/31/2017

Coverage for: Single + Family | Plan Type: EPO



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.mycoresource.com or by calling 1-877-279-5285. You may also access the Uniform Glossary at www.cciio.cms.gov.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	<p>Preferred Providers: \$750 person/\$2,250 family</p> <p>Nonpreferred Providers: Unlimited person/Unlimited family</p> <p>Doesn't apply to true medical emergency services, and the following preferred provider services: office visits, urgent care centers, hospice care, therapy services, preventive care and the prescription drug program. Copays and coinsurance don't count toward the deductible.</p>	<p>You must pay all the costs up to the deductible amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the deductible starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the deductible.</p>
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	<p>There are no other specific deductibles.</p>	<p>You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.</p>
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Preferred Providers: \$2,000 person/\$6,000 family</p> <p>Nonpreferred Providers: Unlimited person/Unlimited family</p>	<p>The out-of-pocket limit 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.</p>
What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	<p>Premiums, penalties for failure to pre-certify services, balance-billed charges and health care this plan doesn't cover.</p>	<p>Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.</p>
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	<p>No.</p>	<p>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.</p>

Questions: Call 1-877-279-5285 or visit us at www.mycoresource.com. 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.cciio.cms.gov or call 1-877-267-2323 ext. 61565 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u> ?	Yes. See www.anthem.com or call 1-800-810-2583 for a list of participating providers.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care provider , 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 provider for some services. Plans use the term in-network, preferred , or participating for providers in their network . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of providers .
Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.	You can see the specialist 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 excluded services .



- **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 a **nonpreferred provider** charges more than the **allowed amount**, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if a **nonpreferred provider** 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 **preferred providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use a Preferred Provider	Your Cost If You Use a Nonpreferred Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care <u>provider's office or clinic</u>	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$25 copay	Not covered	None
	Specialist visit	\$30 copay	Not covered	None
	Other practitioner office visit	Not covered	Not covered	No coverage for chiropractic care or acupuncture.
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge	Not covered	None
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None

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If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.us-rxcare.com .	Generic drugs	\$10 copay retail and \$25 copay mail order/prescription	Not covered	Covers up to a 30-day supply (retail prescription); 90 day supply (mail order prescription). Prescription drug copays don't apply to preventive drugs.
	Preferred brand drugs	\$35 copay retail and \$50 copay mail order/prescription	Not covered	
	Non-preferred brand drugs	\$80 copay retail and \$50 copay mail order/prescription	Not covered	
	Specialty drugs	20% coinsurance up to maximum of \$200/prescription	Not covered	
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
	Physician/surgeon fees	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	\$250 copay	\$250 copay	Copay waived if admitted.
	Emergency medical transportation	No charge	No charge	None
	Urgent care	\$30 copay	Not covered	None
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$500 copay, then 20% coinsurance	Not covered	Pre-certification is required.
	Physician/surgeon fee	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	\$25 copay	Not covered	None
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	<u>Facility:</u> \$500 copay, then 20% coinsurance; <u>Professional:</u> 20% coinsurance	Not covered	Pre-certification is required.

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	Substance use disorder outpatient services	\$25 copay	Not covered	None
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	<u>Facility:</u> \$500 copay, then 20% coinsurance; <u>Professional:</u> 20% coinsurance	Not covered	Pre-certification is required.
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	No charge	Not covered	None
	Delivery and all inpatient services	\$500 copay, then 20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No charge	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 120 visits/calendar year. Pre-certification is required.
	Rehabilitation services	<u>Respiratory, Radiation and Chemotherapy:</u> No charge; <u>Other therapies:</u> \$25 copay	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 20 visits/calendar year for physical & occupational therapy, combined, 20 visits/calendar year for speech therapy and 30 visits/calendar year for respiratory therapy.
	Habilitation services	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
	Skilled nursing care	No charge	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 30 days/calendar year. Pre-certification is required.
	Durable medical equipment	20% coinsurance	Not covered	None
	Hospice service	No charge	Not covered	Pre-certification is required for inpatient hospice care.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use a Preferred Provider	Your Cost If You Use a Nonpreferred Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	Not covered	Not covered	No coverage for eye exams under medical.
	Glasses	Not covered	Not covered	No coverage for glasses under medical.
	Dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	No coverage for dental check-ups under medical.

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 <u>excluded services</u> .)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acupuncture; • Bariatric surgery; • Cosmetic surgery; • Chiropractic care; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental care; • Hearing aids; • Infertility treatment; • Long-term care; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private-duty nursing; • Routine eye care; • Routine foot care, and • 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.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.

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 1-877-279-5285. 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, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 ext. 61565 or 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: CoreSource at 1-877-279-5285, or the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform.

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 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% (actuarial value). **This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.**

————— *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 \$5,390
- Patient pays \$2,150

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	\$1,250
Copays	\$0
Coinsurance	\$750
Limits or exclusions	\$150
Total	\$2,150

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

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$3,740
- Patient pays \$1,660

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	\$750
Copays	\$610
Coinsurance	\$220
Limits or exclusions	\$80
Total	\$1,660

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.