The exclusive provider organization (EPO) provides quality coverage and includes features that promote wholeness and well-being.

**HOW IT WORKS**

When you need care, simply show your medical ID card at your healthcare provider or hospital admissions office. In some cases, you must get advance approval for the care. This is known as precertification. Visit pensions.org/benefitsguidance for a list of services that require precertification.

**COVERAGE FEATURES**

In addition to hospital and medical/surgical benefits, coverage automatically includes all these features at no additional cost to you. Visit pensions.org/benefitsguidance for details.

- preventive care benefits
- behavioral health benefits
- prescription drug coverage
- telemedicine benefits through Teladoc
- Centers of Excellence
- vision exam benefit
- Livongo for Diabetes Program
- international medical care benefits
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Call to Health

**YOU MUST USE NETWORK PROVIDERS**

Under the EPO option, you must use network providers. The EPO does not cover care received from out-of-network providers except for emergency services. If you visit an out-of-network provider when you have access to a network provider, you are responsible for all costs. To find network providers, visit your service provider’s website:

- **National Blue Cross Blue Shield (BlueCard PPO) network**: Visit highmarkbcbs.com and select Find a Doctor or Rx, then click Find a Doctor, Hospital or other Medical Provider. Under Pick a plan, select BCBS PPO.

- **Aetna network**: Visit aetna.com, click Find a doctor, then Plan from an employer under Guests. For Select a Plan, under Aetna Open Access Plans choose Aetna SelectSM (Open Access).

OptumRx administers the prescription drug program; for details, visit pensions.org/benefitsguidance.

**DEDUCTIBLES, COPAYS, COPAYMENTS, AND OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM**

To better understand the coverage provided under the EPO, it’s important to know these terms.

**Deductible**: A specified annual dollar amount you must pay for covered medical services before the plan begins to pay benefits.

- EPO deductibles are flat amounts ($2,000 for you and $2,000 for your covered family members).
- If you enroll any family members, you are responsible for two medical deductibles, one for yourself and one for all your family members combined.
- You can reduce your deductibles by completing Call to Health, a well-being initiative that focuses on the four dimensions of wholeness: spiritual, health, financial, and vocational.
Copay: A flat dollar amount that you pay upfront for certain services when using network providers.

- Except for preventive care, you pay a copay for each network office visit: $40 for primary and behavioral health care visits, $60 for visits to a specialist or when seeking care at an urgent care center, and $10 when using the telemedicine benefit.
- There are different copay requirements for certain other covered services, such as X-rays and laboratory tests, as shown on the Key Provisions EPO chart.
- Copays do not count toward the plan deductible.
- There is a $25 copay for the vision exam benefit.
- There are separate copay amounts for prescription drugs. See the Key Provisions chart on pensions.org for details.

Copayment: The percentage of the cost for covered services that you pay after you pay the deductible:

- Your copayment for network services is 20 percent.
- The EPO does not cover out-of-network care.

Total maximum out-of-pocket: A set annual dollar amount you pay for covered medical and prescription services, after which the plan pays 100 percent of covered expenses for the rest of the year.

- The EPO total maximum out-of-pocket amounts are $7,900 for an individual and $15,800 for a family.
- Expenses that count toward the EPO total maximum out-of-pocket include your deductibles, office visit copays, copayments, and prescription drug copays.

LEARN MORE

For more information about medical coverage, visit pensions.org/benefitsguidance, or log in to your service provider’s website. If you have questions, call the service provider or the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN).