


**Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What You Pay For Covered Services**



**Coverage Period: Beginning On or After 1/1/2024**


**PRISM/County of Santa Barbara ASO EPO Low Option Retiree Plan**

**Coverage for: Individual + Family | Plan Type: EPO**

 **The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) will be provided separately. This is only a summary.** For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, visit [myoptions.blueshieldca.com/prism](http://myoptions.blueshieldca.com/prism) or call 1-888-569-0643. For general definitions of common terms, such as allowed amount, balance billing, coinsurance, copayment, deductible, provider, or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at [healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary](http://healthcare.gov/sbc-glossary) or call 1-866-444-3272 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
<b>What is the overall deductible?</b>	<b>\$300</b> per individual / <b>\$600</b> per family for <u>participating providers</u> .	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from <u>providers</u> up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the <u>plan</u> each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .
<b>Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?</b>	Yes. <u>Preventive care</u> and services listed in your complete terms of coverage.	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply. For example, this <u>plan</u> covers certain <u>preventive services</u> without <u>cost-sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered <u>preventive services</u> at <a href="http://healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits">healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits</a> .
<b>Are there other deductibles for specific services?</b>	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services.
<b>What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?</b>	<b>\$2,000</b> per individual / <b>\$4,000</b> per family for <u>participating providers</u> .	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <u>plan</u> , they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> has been met.
<b>What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?</b>	<u>Copayments</u> for certain services, <u>premiums</u> , <u>balance-billing</u> charges, and health care this <u>plan</u> doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .
<b>Will you pay less if you use a network provider?</b>	Yes. See <a href="http://blueshieldca.com/fad">blueshieldca.com/fad</a> or call 1-888-569-0643 for a list of <u>network providers</u> .	This <u>plan</u> uses a <u>provider network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the <u>plan's</u> network. You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the <u>provider's</u> charge and what your <u>plan</u> pays ( <u>balance billing</u> ). Be aware, your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.
<b>Do you need a referral to see a specialist?</b>	No.	You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without a <u>referral</u> .

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 All **copayment** and **coinsurance** costs shown in this chart are after your **deductible** has been met, if a **deductible** applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Participating Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Participating Provider (You will pay the most)	
<b>If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic</b>	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$25/visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	-----None-----  You may have to pay for services that aren't <u>preventive</u> . Ask your <u>provider</u> if the services needed are <u>preventive</u> . Then check what your <u>plan</u> will pay for.
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	\$40/visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	
	<u>Preventive care/screening</u> /immunization	No Charge; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	
<b>If you have a test</b>	<u>Diagnostic test</u> (x-ray, blood work)	<i>Lab &amp; Path: No Charge</i> <i>X-Ray &amp; Imaging: No Charge</i> <i>Other Diagnostic Examination: No Charge</i>	<i>Lab &amp; Path: Not Covered</i> <i>X-Ray &amp; Imaging: Not Covered</i> <i>Other Diagnostic Examination: Not Covered</i>	The services listed are at a freestanding location.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	<i>Outpatient Radiology Center: No Charge</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: No Charge</i>	<i>Outpatient Radiology Center: Not Covered</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: Not Covered</i>	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
<b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b>	Tier 1	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	Your Prescription Drug Coverage is covered by Express Scripts. For more information, please call 1-800-711-0917.
	Tier 2	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	
	Tier 3	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	
	Tier 4	<i>Retail and Network Specialty Pharmacies: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	<i>Retail: Not Covered</i> <i>Mail Service: Not Covered</i>	
<b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	<i>Ambulatory Surgery Center: \$500/surgery + 20% <u>coinsurance</u></i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: \$500/surgery + 20% <u>coinsurance</u></i>	<i>Ambulatory Surgery Center: Not Covered</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: Not Covered</i>	-----None-----
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge	Not Covered	

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		Participating Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Participating Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you need immediate medical attention	<u>Emergency room care</u>	<i>Facility Fee: \$250/visit; deductible does not apply</i> <i>Physician Fee: No Charge</i>	<i>Facility Fee: \$250/visit; deductible does not apply</i> <i>Physician Fee: No Charge</i>	-----None-----
	<u>Emergency medical transportation</u>	\$50/transport	\$50/transport	This payment is for emergency or authorized transport.
	<u>Urgent care</u>	\$25/visit; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	-----None-----
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$500/admission + 20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge	Not Covered	-----None-----
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	<i>Office Visit: \$25/visit; deductible does not apply</i> <i>Other Outpatient Services: No Charge</i> <i>Partial Hospitalization: No Charge</i> <i>Psychological Testing: No Charge</i>	<i>Office Visit: Not Covered</i> <i>Other Outpatient Services: Not Covered</i> <i>Partial Hospitalization: Not Covered</i> <i>Psychological Testing: Not Covered</i>	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required except for office visits and office-based opioid treatment. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
	Inpatient services	<i>Physician Inpatient Services: No Charge</i> <i>Hospital Services: \$500/admission + 20% <u>coinsurance</u></i> <i>Residential Care: \$500/admission + 20% <u>coinsurance</u></i>	<i>Physician Inpatient Services: Not Covered</i> <i>Hospital Services: Not Covered</i> <i>Residential Care: Not Covered</i>	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
If you are pregnant	Office visits	No Charge	Not Covered	-----None-----
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	No Charge	Not Covered	
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	\$500/admission + 20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not Covered	

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		Participating Provider (You will pay the least)	Non-Participating Provider (You will pay the most)	
<b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b>	<u>Home health care</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. Coverage limited to 100 visits per member per Calendar Year.
	<u>Rehabilitation services</u>	<i>Office Visit: \$25/visit; deductible does not apply</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: \$25/visit; deductible does not apply</i>	<i>Office Visit: Not Covered</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: Not Covered</i>	-----None-----
	<u>Habilitation services</u>	<i>Office Visit: \$25/visit; deductible does not apply</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: \$25/visit; deductible does not apply</i>	<i>Office Visit: Not Covered</i> <i>Outpatient Hospital: Not Covered</i>	-----None-----
	<u>Skilled nursing care</u>	<i>Freestanding SNF: 20% coinsurance</i> <i>Hospital-based SNF: 20% coinsurance</i>	<i>Freestanding SNF: Not Covered</i> <i>Hospital-based SNF: Not Covered</i>	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits. Coverage limited to 100 days per member per benefit period.
	<u>Durable medical equipment</u>	20% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
	<u>Hospice services</u>	No Charge; <u>deductible</u> does not apply	Not Covered	<u>Preauthorization</u> is required except for pre-hospice consultation. Failure to obtain <u>preauthorization</u> may result in non-payment of benefits.
<b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>	Children's eye exam	Not Covered	Not Covered	-----None-----
	Children's glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	
	Children's dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	

**Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

Services Your <u>Plan</u> Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or <u>plan</u> document for more information and a list of any other <u>excluded services</u> .)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acupuncture</li> <li>Chiropractic Care</li> <li>Cosmetic surgery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dental care (Adult)</li> <li>Infertility Treatment</li> <li>Long-term care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.</li> <li>Private-duty nursing</li> <li>Routine eye care (Adult)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine foot care</li> <li>Weight loss programs</li> </ul>

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**Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your plan document.)**

- Bariatric surgery
- Hearing Aids

**Your Rights to Continue Coverage:** There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [cciio.cms.gov](http://cciio.cms.gov). Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information about the Marketplace, visit [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596.

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:** There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your plan for a denial of a claim. This complaint is called a grievance or appeal. For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical claim. Your plan documents also provide complete information to submit a claim, appeal, or a grievance for any reason to your plan. For more information about your rights, this notice or assistance, contact: Blue Shield Customer Service at 1-888-569-0643 or the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)** or [dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform).

**Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes**

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes plans, health insurance available through the Marketplace or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of Minimum Essential Coverage, you may not be eligible for the premium tax credit.

**Does this plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes**

If your plan doesn't meet the Minimum Value Standards, you may be eligible for a premium tax credit to help you pay for a plan through the Marketplace.

## Language Access Services:

English: For assistance in English at no cost, call 1-866-346-7198.

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Russian (Русский): если нужна бесплатная помощь на русском языке, то позвоните 1-866-346-7198.

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Punjabi (ਪੰਜਾਬੀ): ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਲਈ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 1-866-346-7198 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

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*To see examples of how this [plan](#) might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next section.*

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About these Coverage Examples:



**This is not a cost estimator.** Treatments shown are just examples of how this plan might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your providers charge, and many other factors. Focus on the cost sharing amounts (deductibles, copayments and coinsurance) and excluded services under the plan. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health plans. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

**Peg is Having a Baby**  
(9 months of participating pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

- The plan's overall deductible \$300
- Specialist copayment \$40
- Hospital (facility) copay+coins \$500+20%
- Other copayment \$0

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

- Specialist office visits (*prenatal care*)
- Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services
- Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services
- Diagnostic tests (*ultrasounds and blood work*)
- Specialist visit (*anesthesia*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$12,700</b>
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In this example, Peg would pay:

Cost Sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$300
<u>Copayments</u>	\$500
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$1,400
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$70
<b>The total Peg would pay is</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>

**Managing Joe's Type 2 Diabetes**  
(a year of routine participating care of a well-controlled condition)

- The plan's overall deductible \$300
- Specialist copayment \$40
- Hospital (facility) copay+coins \$500+20%
- Other copayment \$0

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

- Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)
- Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)
- Prescription drugs
- Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>
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In this example, Joe would pay:

Cost Sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$300
<u>Copayments</u>	\$300
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$100
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$3,500
<b>The total Joe would pay is</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>

**Mia's Simple Fracture**  
(participating emergency room visit and follow up care)

- The plan's overall deductible \$300
- Specialist copayment \$40
- Hospital (facility) copay+coins \$500+20%
- Other copayment \$0

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

- Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
- Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)
- Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
- Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

<b>Total Example Cost</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>
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In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing	
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$300
<u>Copayments</u>	\$200
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$60
What isn't covered	
Limits or exclusions	\$10
<b>The total Mia would pay is</b>	<b>\$600</b>

The plan would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.

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P.O. Box 629007  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-9007

Phone: (844) 831-4133 (TTY: 711)

Fax: (844) 696-6070

Email: [BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com](mailto:BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com)

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200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201  
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