

Personal Choice



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Personal Choice® pur popular Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), gives you freedom of choice by allowing you to choose your own doctors and hospitals. You can maximize your coverage by accessing care through Personal Choice's network of hospitals, doctors and specialists, or by accessing care through preferred providers that participate in the BlueCard® PPO program. Of course, with Personal Choice, you have the freedom to select providers who do not participate in the Personal Choice network or BlueCard PPO program. However, if you receive services from out-of-network providers, you will have higher out-of-pocket costs and may have to submit your claim for reimbursement.

With Personal Choice...

- You do not need to enroll with a primary care physician
- You never need a referral

Benefit	In-network	Out-of-network ¹
BENEFIT PERIOD	Calendar Year ²	Calendar Year ²
DEDUCTIBLE		
Individual	\$0	\$500
Family	\$0	\$1,000
AFTER DEDUCTIBLE, PLAN PAYS	100%	70%
OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM⁵		
Individual	\$5,000	\$3,000
Family	\$10,000	\$6,000
LIFETIME MAXIMUM	Unlimited	Unlimited
DOCTOR'S OFFICE VISITS		
Primary care services	\$15 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Specialist services	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
PREVENTIVE CARE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN	100%	70%, NO deductible
PEDIATRIC IMMUNIZATIONS	100% (office visit copayment does not apply)	70%, NO deductible
ROUTINE GYNECOLOGICAL EXAM/PAP <i>1 per year for women of any age²</i>	100%	70%, NO deductible
MAMMOGRAM	100%	70%, NO deductible

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2 Combined in/out-of-network

* A calendar year benefit period begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. The deductible and out-of-pocket maximum amount start at \$0 at the beginning of each calendar year on January 1.

5 In-network out-of-pocket maximum includes deductible, copays and coinsurance. Out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum includes coinsurance only.

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Benefits underwritten or administered by QCC Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Independence Blue Cross-independent licensees of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

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Benefit	In-network	Out-of-network ¹
NUTRITION COUNSELING FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT <i>6 visits per year²</i>	100%	70%, after deductible
ALLERGY INJECTIONS <i>(Office visit copayment waived if no office visit is charged)</i>	100%	70%, after deductible
MATERNITY		
First OB visit	\$15 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Hospital	100%	70%, after deductible ⁴
INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES		
Facility	100%	70%, after deductible ⁴
Physician/Surgeon	100%	70%, after deductible
INPATIENT HOSPITAL DAYS	365	70 ⁴
OUTPATIENT SURGERY		
Facility	100%	70%, after deductible
Physician/Surgeon	100%	70%, after deductible
EMERGENCY ROOM	\$40 Copayment (waived if admitted)	\$40 Copayment (waived if admitted)
URGENT CARE CENTER	\$28 Copayment	70%, after deductible
AMBULANCE		
Emergency	100%	100%, no deductible
Non-emergency	100%	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT LABORATORY/PATHOLOGY	100%	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT X-RAY/RADIOLOGY <i>Copayment not applicable when service performed in ER or office setting</i>	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
THERAPY SERVICES		
Physical, speech and occupational <i>60 visits per year for PT/ST/OT²</i>	\$15 Copayment (visits 1-30); \$25 Copayment (visits 31-60)	70%, after deductible
Cardiac rehabilitation <i>36 visits per year²</i>	\$15 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Pulmonary rehabilitation <i>12 visits per year²</i>	\$15 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Respiratory therapy	\$15 Copayment	70%, after deductible
RESTORATIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING CHIROPRACTIC CARE (30 visits per year) <i>Orthoptic/Pleoptic Therapy limited to 8 sessions lifetime maximum²</i>	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
CHEMO/RADIATION/DIALYSIS	100%	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT PRIVATE DUTY NURSING <i>360 hours per year²</i>	100%	70%, after deductible
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY <i>120 days per year²</i>	100%	70%, after deductible
HOSPICE AND HOME HEALTH CARE	100%	70%, after deductible
DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND PROSTHETICS <i>Copayment per rental period or item purchased</i>	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
INFERTILITY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT <i>(including artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, GIFT, ZIFT, embryo transfer procedures)</i>	100%	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT DIABETIC EDUCATION	100%	Not covered

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MENTAL HEALTH CARE		
Outpatient	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Inpatient	100%	70%, after deductible ⁴
SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS CARE		
Outpatient	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Inpatient	100%	70%, after deductible ⁴
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT		
Outpatient/Partial facility visits	\$25 Copayment	70%, after deductible
Rehabilitation	100%	70%, after deductible ⁴
Detoxification	100%	70%, after deductible ⁴

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What is not covered?

- services not medically necessary
- services not billed and performed by a provider properly licensed and qualified to render the medically necessary treatment, service or supply
- cosmetic services/supplies
- routine foot care
- supportive devices for the foot (orthotics), except for podiatric appliances for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes
- dental care, including dental implants, and nonsurgical treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ)
- vision Care (except as specified in a group contract)
- military or occupational injuries or illness
- benefits payable by the government, Medicare or through motor vehicle insurance
- charges in excess of benefit maximums or allowable charges as set forth in the group contract
- services or supplies that are experimental or investigative except routine costs associated with clinical trials
- inpatient private duty nursing
- alternative Therapies/complementary medicine
- hearing aids, hearing examinations/tests for the prescription/fitting of hearing aids, and cochlear electromagnetic hearing devices
- maintenance of chronic conditions
- immunizations required for employment or travel
- self-injectable drugs

This summary represents only a partial listing of the benefits and exclusions of the Personal Choice program described in this summary. If your employer purchases another program, the benefits and exclusions may differ. Also, benefits and exclusions may be further defined by medical policy. As a result, this managed care plan may not cover all of your health care expenses. Read your contract/member handbook carefully for a complete listing of the terms, limitations and exclusions of the program. If you need more information, please call 1-800-626-8144 (outside Philadelphia) or 215-557-7577 (if calling within the Philadelphia area).

Certain services require preapproval/precertification by the health plan prior to being performed. To obtain a list of services that require authorization, please log on to <http://www.ibx.com/preapproval> or call the phone number that is listed on the back of your identification card.