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# Cass City Public Schools Simply Blue<sup>SM</sup> HSA PPO Plan \$1400/0% LG Effective Date: On or after January 2020 Benefits-at-a-glance

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**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.

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### 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.

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| Benefits   | In-network  | Out-of-network  |
| <b>Note:</b> Your deductible <b>combines</b> deductible amounts paid under your Simply Blue HSA medical coverage <b>and</b> your Simply Blue prescription drug coverage. | \$1,400 for a one-person contract or \$2,800 for a family contract (2 or more members) each calendar year (no 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter carry-over) | \$2,800 for a one-person contract or \$5,600 for a family contract (2 or more members) each calendar year (no 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter carry-over) |
| <b>Note:</b> The full family deductible <b>must</b> be met under a two-person or family contract before benefits are paid for any person on the contract.                | Deductibles are based on amounts defir<br>for Simply Blue HSA-related health plar<br>Please call your customer service                            | ns. Deductibles may increase annually.  |
| Flat-dollar copays   | See "Prescription Drugs" section  | See "Prescription Drugs" section  |
| Coinsurance amounts (percent copays)   | None  | 20% of approved amount for most covered services  |
| <b>Note</b> : Coinsurance amounts apply once the deductible has been met.  |   |   |
| Annual coinsurance maximums  | None  | None  |
| Annual out-of-pocket maximums - applies to deductibles and coinsurance amounts for all covered services - including prescription drugs cost-sharing amounts              | \$2,250 for a one-person contract or<br>\$4,500 for a family contract (2 or more<br>members) each calendar year                                   | \$4,500 for a one-person contract or<br>\$9,000 for a family contract (2 or more<br>members) each calendar year                                   |
| Lifetime dollar maximum  | No  | ne  |

| Preventive care services  |   |                |
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| 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           | Not covered    |
|   | <b>Note</b> : Additional well-women visits may be allowed based on medical necessity. |                |

| 1% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance), one per member calendar year  10e: Additional well-women visits may allowed based on medical necessity. 10f (no deductible or ay/coinsurance), one per member calendar year 10f (no deductible or ay/coinsurance) 10f (significant or ay/coi | Not Covered  Not covered  80% after out-of-network deductible  80% after out-of-network deductible  80% after out-of-network deductible  Not covered                                |
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| 19% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance), one per member calendar year 19% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance) 19% (syisits, birth through 12 months or sists, 13 months through 23 months 10 visits, 24 months through 35  | 80% after out-of-network deductible 80% after out-of-network deductible 80% after out-of-network deductible   |
| ay/coinsurance), one per member calendar year  1% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance)  2% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance)  3 visits, birth through 12 months  5 visits, 13 months through 23 months  6 visits, 24 months through 35  | 80% after out-of-network deductible 80% after out-of-network deductible 80% after out-of-network deductible   |
| ay/coinsurance)  1% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance)  3 visits, birth through 12 months  5 visits, 13 months through 23 months  6 visits, 24 months through 35  | 80% after out-of-network deductible 80% after out-of-network deductible   |
| ay/coinsurance)  1% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance)  1% (no deductible or ay/coinsurance)  3 visits, birth through 12 months ovisits, 13 months through 23 months  5 visits, 24 months through 35  | 80% after out-of-network deductible   |
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| ay/coinsurance)<br>3 visits, birth through 12 months<br>5 visits, 13 months through 23<br>months<br>5 visits, 24 months through 35   | Not covered   |
| Tonins 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   |   |
| 9% (no deductible or<br>ay/coinsurance)  | Not covered   |
| % (no deductible or<br>ay/coinsurance), one per member<br>calendar year  | Not covered   |
| % (no deductible or<br>ay/coinsurance), one per member<br>calendar year  | Not covered   |
| % (no deductible or ay/coinsurance), one per member calendar year  | Not Covered   |
| 9% (no deductible or<br>ay/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. |
| te: Subsequent medically necessary mmograms performed during the ne calendar year are subject to your luctible and coinsurance   | per calendar year   |
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| Physician office services   |                                  |                                     |
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| Benefits  | In-network                       | Out-of-network                      |
| Office visits-must be medically necessary                           | 100% after in-network deductible | 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                    | 100% after in-network deductible | 80% after out-of-network deductible |
| Online visits – must be medically necessary                         | 100% after in-network deductible | 80% after out-of-network deductible |
| Note: Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered. |                                  |                                     |

| Urgent care visits |                                  |                                     |
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| Benefits           | In-network                       | Out-of-network                      |
| Urgent care visits | 100% after in-network deductible | 80% after out-of-network deductible |

| Emergency medical care                         |                                  |                                  |
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| Benefits                                       | In-network                       | Out-of-network                   |
| Hospital emergency room                        | 100% after in-network deductible | 100% after in-network deductible |
| Ambulance services-must be medically necessary | 100% after in-network deductible | 100% after in-network deductible |

| Diagnostic services               |                                  |                                     |
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| 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 of   | or certified nurse midwife  |                                     |
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| 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 |
|   | Unlimite  | eu days                             |
| <b>Note</b> : Nonemergency services must be rendered in a <b>participating</b> 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 <b>participating</b> skilled nursing facility   | 100% after in-network deductible  | 100% after in-network deductible    |
|   | Limited to a maximum of 90 days per member per calendar year  |                                     |
| Hospice care  | 100% after in-network deductible  | 100% after in-network deductible    |
|   | Up to 28 pre-hospice counseling visits before electing hospice services; when elected, four 90-day periods - provided through a <b>participating</b> hospice program <b>only</b> ; limited to dollar maximum that is reviewed and adjusted periodically (after reaching dollar maximum, member transitions into individual case management) |                                     |
| Home health care:   | 100% after in-network deductible  | 100% after in-network deductible    |
| <ul> <li>must be medically necessary</li> <li>must be provided by a participating home health care agency</li> </ul>  |   |                                     |
| Infusion therapy:   | 100% after in-network deductible  | 100% after in-network deductible    |
| <ul> <li>must be medically necessary</li> <li>must be given by a participating Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) provider or in a participating freestanding Ambulatory Infusion Center (AIC)</li> <li>may use drugs that require preauthorization- consult with your doctor</li> </ul> |   |                                     |
| Surgical services   |   |                                     |
| Benefits  | In-network  | Out-of-network                      |
| Surgery- includes related surgical services and medically necessary facility services by a <b>participating</b> ambulatory surgery facility   | 100% after in-network deductible  | 80% after out-of-network deductible |
| Presurgical consultations   | 100% after in-network deductible  | 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."   |   |                                     |

Not covered

Not covered

Elective abortions

| Human organ transplants   |                                  |   |
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| Benefits  | In-network                       | Out-of-network  |
| Specified human organ transplants-must be in a <b>designated</b> facility and coordinated through the BCBSM Human Organ Transplant Program (1-800-242-3504) | 100% after in-network deductible | 100% after in-network deductible - in designated facilities <b>only</b> |
| 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  Note: BCBSM covers clinical trials in compliance with PPACA.  | 100% after in-network deductible | 80% after out-of-network deductible                                     |
| Kidney, cornea and skin transplants   | 100% after in-network deductible | 80% after out-of-network deductible                                     |

## Mental Health Services (Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)

| Benefits  | In-network                       | Out-of-network  |  |  |
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| Inpatient mental health care and inpatient substance use disorder   | 100% after in-network deductible | 80% after out-of-network deductible   |  |  |
| treatment   | Unlimite                         | Unlimited days  |  |  |
| Residential psychiatric treatment facility  covered mental health services <b>must</b> 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: • Facility and clinic  Note: Online visits by a non-BCBSM selected vendor are not covered.   | 100% after in-network deductible | 100% after in-network deductible in participating facilities only                                   |  |  |
| 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  |  |                                     |
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| Benefits  | In-network   | Out-of-network                      |
| Applied behavioral analysis (ABA) treatment-when rendered by an approved board-certified behavioral analyst-is covered through age 18, subject to preauthorization  | 100% after in-network deductible   | 100% after in-network deductible    |
| <b>Note</b> : 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. |  |                                     |
| Outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy,  | 100% after in-network deductible   | 80% after out-of-network deductible |
| nutritional counseling for autism spectrum disorder   | Physical, speech and occupational therapy <b>with an autism diagnosis</b> is unlimited |                                     |
| 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   |
| Outpatient Diabetes Management Program (ODMP)   | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 80% after out-of-network deductible  |
| <b>Note</b> : 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.   |   |  |
| <b>Note</b> : When you purchase your diabetic supplies via mail order you will lower your out-of-pocket costs.  |   |  |
| Allergy testing and therapy   | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 80% after out-of-network deductible  |
| Chiropractic spinal manipulation and osteopathic manipulative therapy   | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 80% after out-of-network deductible  |
|   | Limited to a combined 12-visit maximum per member per calendar year |  |
| Outpatient physical, speech and occupational therapy-provided for rehabilitation  | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 80% after out-of-network deductible  |
|   |   | <b>Note</b> : Services at nonparticipating outpatient physical therapy facilities are not covered. |
|   | Limited to a combined 30-visit maxi                                 | mum per member per calendar year   |
| Durable medical equipment   | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 80% after out-of-network deductible  |
| 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.  Note: Reference the Find A Doctor tool at bcbsm.com for in-network Durable Medical Equipment providers. |   |  |
| Prosthetic and orthotic appliances  Note: Reference the Find A Doctor tool at bcbsm.com for in-network  Prosthetics/Orthotics providers.  | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 80% after out-of-network deductible  |
| Private duty nursing care   | 100% after in-network deductible                                    | 100% after in-network deductible   |



## Blue Preferred® Rx LG Prescription Drug Coverage PD-TTC \$10/\$40/\$80-RXCM Benefits-at-a-glance Effective Date: On or after January 2020

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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 while many in-network retail pharmacies will continue to dispense specialty drugs (check with your local pharmacy for availability). Other mail order prescription medications can continue to be sent to Express Scripts. (Express Scripts 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<br>(not part of the 90-day<br>retail network) | Out-of-network pharmacy   |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Tier 1 -<br>Generic or<br>select<br>prescribed<br>over-the-<br>counter drugs | 1 to 30-day<br>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<br>period | No coverage                    | You pay \$20 copay               | No coverage   | No coverage   |
|  | 84 to 90-day<br>period | You pay \$20 copay             | You pay \$20 copay               | No coverage   | No coverage   |

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| Benefits  |                        | 90-day retail network pharmacy | * In-network mail order provider | In-network pharmacy<br>(not part of the 90-day<br>retail network) | Out-of-network pharmacy  |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Tier 2 -<br>Preferred<br>brand-name<br>drugs    | 1 to 30-day<br>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<br>period | No coverage                    | You pay \$80 copay               | No coverage   | No coverage  |
|   | 84 to 90-day<br>period | You pay \$80 copay             | You pay \$80 copay               | No coverage   | No coverage  |
| Tier 3 -<br>Nonpreferred<br>brand-name<br>drugs | 1 to 30-day<br>period  | You pay \$80 copay             | You pay \$80 copay               | You pay \$80 copay  | You pay \$80 copay <b>plus</b> an additional 25% of BCBSM approved amount for the drug |
|   | 31 to 83-day<br>period | No coverage                    | You pay \$160 copay              | No coverage   | No coverage  |
|   | 84 to 90-day<br>period | You pay \$160 copay            | You pay \$160 copay              | 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  |   |   |   |  |
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| Benefits  | 90-day retail network pharmacy                      | * In-network mail order provider                    | In-network pharmacy<br>(not part of the 90-day<br>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 |
| Prescribed over-the-<br>counter drugs - when<br>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<br>and select brand-name<br>prescription preventive<br>drugs, supplements and<br>vitamins as required by<br>PPACA (non-self-<br>administered drugs are not<br>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<br>and select brand name<br>prescription contraceptive<br>medication (non-self-<br>administered drugs are not<br>covered)  | 100% of approved amount                             | 100% of approved amount                             | 100% of approved amount   | 75% of approved amount                             |

| Benefits  | 90-day retail network pharmacy  | * In-network mail order provider  | In-network pharmacy<br>(not part of the 90-day<br>retail network)  | Out-of-network pharmacy   |
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| Other FDA-approved<br>brand name prescription<br>contraceptive medication<br>(non-self-administered<br>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<br>syringes - when dispensed<br>with insulin or other<br>covered injectable legend<br>drugs            | 100% of approved amount<br>less plan copay/coinsurance<br>for the insulin or other<br>covered injectable legend<br>drug | 100% of approved amount<br>less plan copay/coinsurance<br>for the insulin or other<br>covered injectable legend<br>drug | 100% of approved amount<br>less plan copay/coinsurance<br>for the insulin or other covered<br>injectable legend drug | 75% of approved amount less<br>plan copay/coinsurance for the<br>insulin or other covered<br>injectable legend drug |
| <b>Note:</b> Needles and syringes have no copay/ coinsurance.   |   |   |  |   |

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

| Features of your pres                                  |   |  |  |
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| Custom Drug List                                       | 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.   |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Prior authorization/step therapy                       | A process that requires a physician to obtain approval from BCBSM <b>before</b> select prescription drugs (drugs identified by BCBSM as requiring preauthorization) will be covered. <b>Step Therapy</b> , 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. T 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 <b>bcbsm.com/pharmacy</b> .  |  |  |
| Drug interchange and generic copay/ coinsurance waiver | BCBSM's drug interchange and generic copay/ coinsurance waiver programs encourage physicians to prescribe a less-costly generic equivalent.  If your physician rewrites your prescription for the recommended generic or OTC alternate drug, you will only have to pay a generic copay/ coinsurance. In select cases BCBSM may waive the initial copay/ coinsurance after your  |  |  |
|  | prescription has been rewritten. BCBSM will notify you if you are eligible for a waiver.  |  |  |
| Mandatory maximum allowable cost drugs                 | 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 <b>difference</b> in cost between the BCBSM approved amount for the brand-name drug dispensed and the maximum allowable cost for the generic drug <b>plus</b> your applicable copay regardless of whether you or your physician requests the brand name drug. <b>Exception:</b> 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. <b>Note:</b> This MAC difference will not be applied toward your annual in-network deductible, nor your annual coinsurance/copay maximum. |  |  |
| Quantity limits  | To stay consistent with FDA approved labeling for drugs, some medications may have quantity limits.   |  |  |

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