Personal Choice

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West Chester Area School District - Teachers

Personal Choice® our 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 your 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	Contract Year*	Contract Year*
DEDUCTIBLE		
Individual	$300	$750
Family	$600	$1,500
AFTER DEDUCTIBLE, PLAN PAYS	90%	70%
OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM**		
Individual	$2,300	$3,000
Family	$4,600	$6,000
LIFETIME MAXIMUM	Unlimited	Unlimited
DOCTOR'S OFFICE VISITS		
Primary care services	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Specialist services	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
PREVENTIVE CARE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN	100%, no deductible	70%, no deductible
PEDIATRIC IMMUNIZATIONS	100% (office visit copayment does not apply), no deductible	70%, no deductible
ROUTINE GYNECOLOGICAL EXAM/PAP *1 per year for women of any age*[3]	100%, no deductible	70%, no deductible

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3 Combined in/out-of-network

* A contract year benefit period begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The deductible and out-of-pocket maximum amount start at $0 at the beginning of each contract year on July 1.

** The in-network out-of-pocket maximum includes the copayments, coinsurance and deductible. The out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum includes coinsurance only.

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Independence

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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MAMMOGRAM	100%, no deductible	70%, no deductible
NUTRITION COUNSELING FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT *6 visits per year*[3]	100%, no deductible	70%, after deductible
ALLERGY INJECTIONS *(Office visit copayment waived if no office visit is charged)*	100%, no deductible	70%, after deductible
MATERNITY		
First OB visit	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Hospital	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible[4]
INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES		
Facility	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible[4]
Physician/Surgeon	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
INPATIENT HOSPITAL DAYS	Unlimited	70[4]
OUTPATIENT SURGERY		
Facility	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
Physician/Surgeon	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
EMERGENCY ROOM	$40 copayment, no deductible (copayment waived if admitted)	$40 copayment, no deductible (copayment waived if admitted)
URGENT CARE CENTER	$28 copayment	70%, after deductible
AMBULANCE		
Emergency	100% after deductible	100% after deductible
Non-emergency	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT LABORATORY/PATHOLOGY	100%, no deductible	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT X-RAY/RADIOLOGY	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
THERAPY SERVICES		
Physical, speech and occupational	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Cardiac rehabilitation 36 visits per year[3]	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Pulmonary rehabilitation 12 visits per year[3]	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Orthoptic/pleoptic 8 sessions lifetime maximum[3]	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
RESTORATIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING CHIROPRACTIC CARE	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
CHEMO/RADIATION/DIALYSIS	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT PRIVATE DUTY NURSING	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
HOSPICE AND HOME HEALTH CARE	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND PROSTHETICS	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible
OUTPATIENT DIABETIC EDUCATION	100%, no deductible	Not covered
MENTAL HEALTH CARE		
Outpatient	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Inpatient	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible[4]

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SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS CARE		
Outpatient	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Inpatient	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible[4]
SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT		
Outpatient/Partial facility visits	$20 copayment, no deductible	70%, after deductible
Rehabilitation	90%, after deductible	70%, after deductible[4]
Detoxification	90%, after deductible	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
- assisted fertilization techniques such as, but not limited to, in-vitro fertilization, artificial insemination, GIFT, ZIFT
- 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
- 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. This managed care plan may not cover all of your health care expenses. Read your benefits booklet for a complete listing of the terms, limitations, and exclusions of the program. If you need more information, please call 1-800-ASK-BLUE (1-800-275-2583).

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.