



## Summary of Benefits

Group Plan  
EPO Savings Plan

### Virtual Blue<sup>SM</sup> EPO Savings Embedded Deductible 4400 100%

This Summary of Benefits shows the amount you will pay for Covered Services under this Blue Shield of California Plan. It is only a summary and it is included as part of the Evidence of Coverage (EOC).<sup>1</sup> Please read both documents carefully for details.

#### Medical Provider Network:

Tandem PPO Network

This Plan uses a specific network of Health Care Providers, called the Tandem PPO provider network. Providers in this network are called Participating Providers. This is an Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) plan. You must receive all Covered Services from a Participating Provider, but there are some exceptions. Please review your Evidence of Coverage for details about how to access care under this Plan. You can find Participating Providers in this network at blueshieldca.com.

#### Pharmacy Network:

Rx Ultra

#### Drug Formulary:

Value Formulary

### Calendar Year Deductibles (CYD)<sup>2</sup>

A Calendar Year Deductible (CYD) is the amount a Member pays each Calendar Year before Blue Shield pays for Covered Services under the Plan. Blue Shield pays for some Covered Services before the Calendar Year Deductible is met, as noted in the Benefits chart below.

#### When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup>

<b>Calendar Year medical and pharmacy Deductible</b>	<i>Individual coverage</i>	\$4,400
<i>This Plan combines medical and pharmacy Deductibles into one Calendar Year Deductible</i>	<i>Family coverage</i>	\$4,400: individual \$8,800: Family

### Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum<sup>4</sup>

An Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most a Member will pay for Covered Services each Calendar Year. Any exceptions are listed in the Notes section at the end of this Summary of Benefits.

#### No Annual or Lifetime Dollar Limit

Under this Plan there is no annual or lifetime dollar limit on the amount Blue Shield will pay for Covered Services.

#### When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup>

<i>Individual coverage</i>	\$4,400
<i>Family coverage</i>	\$4,400: individual \$8,800: Family

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**Benefits<sup>5</sup>**

**Your payment**

	<b>When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
<b>Preventive Health Services<sup>6</sup></b>		
Preventive Health Services	\$0	
California Prenatal Screening Program	\$0	
<b>Physician services</b>		
Virtual Blue program primary or Specialist care visit	\$0	✓
Primary care office visit	\$0	✓
Specialist care office visit	\$0	✓
Physician home visit	\$0	✓
Physician or surgeon services in an Outpatient Facility	\$0	✓
Physician or surgeon services in an inpatient facility	\$0	✓
<b>Other professional services</b>		
Other practitioner office visit <i>Includes nurse practitioners, physician assistants, therapists, and podiatrists.</i>	\$0	✓
Acupuncture services <i>Up to 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year.</i>	\$0	✓
Chiropractic services <i>Up to 20 visits per Member, per Calendar Year.</i>	\$0	✓
Family planning		
• Counseling, consulting, and education	\$0	
• Injectable contraceptive, diaphragm fitting, intrauterine device (IUD), implantable contraceptive, and related procedure.	\$0	
• Tubal ligation	\$0	
• Vasectomy	\$0	✓
Medical nutrition therapy, not related to diabetes	\$0	✓
<b>Pregnancy and maternity care</b>		
Physician office visits: prenatal and postnatal	\$0	✓
Abortion and abortion-related services	\$0	✓

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	<b>When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
<b>Emergency Services</b>		
Emergency room services	\$0	✓
<i>If admitted to the Hospital, this payment for emergency room services does not apply. Instead, you pay the Participating Provider payment under Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay.</i>		
Emergency room Physician services	\$0	✓
<b>Urgent care center services</b>		
	\$0	✓
<b>Ambulance services</b>		
<i>This payment is for emergency or authorized transport.</i>	\$0	✓
<b>Outpatient Facility services</b>		
Ambulatory Surgery Center	\$0	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital: surgery	\$0	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital: treatment of illness or injury, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and necessary supplies	\$0	✓
<b>Inpatient facility services</b>		
Hospital services and stay	\$0	✓
Transplant services		
<i>This payment is for all covered transplants except tissue and kidney. For tissue and kidney transplant services, the payment for Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay applies.</i>		
• Special transplant facility inpatient services	\$0	✓
• Physician inpatient services	\$0	✓
<b>Bariatric surgery services, designated California counties</b>		
<i>This payment is for bariatric surgery services for residents of designated California counties. For bariatric surgery services for residents of non-designated California counties, the payments for Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay and Physician inpatient and surgery services apply for inpatient services; or, if provided on an outpatient basis, the Outpatient Facility services and outpatient Physician services payments apply.</i>		
Inpatient facility services	\$0	✓
Outpatient Facility services	\$0	✓
Physician services	\$0	✓

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Diagnostic x-ray, imaging, pathology, and laboratory services</b>		
<i>This payment is for Covered Services that are diagnostic, non-Preventive Health Services, and diagnostic radiological procedures. For the payments for Covered Services that are considered Preventive Health Services, see Preventive Health Services.</i>		
Laboratory and pathology services		
<i>Includes diagnostic Papanicolaou (Pap) test.</i>		
• Laboratory center	\$0	✓
• Outpatient Department of a Hospital	\$0	✓
Basic imaging services		
<i>Includes plain film X-rays, ultrasounds, and diagnostic mammography.</i>		
• Outpatient radiology center	\$0	✓
• Outpatient Department of a Hospital	\$0	✓
Other outpatient non-invasive diagnostic testing		
<i>Testing to diagnose illness or injury such as vestibular function tests, EKG, cardiac monitoring, non-invasive vascular studies, sleep medicine testing, muscle and range of motion tests, EEG, and EMG.</i>		
• Office location	\$0	✓
• Outpatient Department of a Hospital	\$0	✓
Advanced imaging services		
<i>Includes diagnostic radiological and nuclear imaging such as CT scans, MRIs, MRAs, and PET scans.</i>		
• Outpatient radiology center	\$0	✓
• Outpatient Department of a Hospital	\$0	✓
<b>Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services</b>		
<i>Includes physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, and speech therapy services.</i>		
Office location	\$0	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital	\$0	✓
<b>Durable medical equipment (DME)</b>		
DME	\$0	✓
Breast pump	\$0	
Glucose monitor	\$0	
Peak Flow Meter	\$0	
Orthotic equipment and devices	\$0	✓
Prosthetic equipment and devices	\$0	✓

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**Your payment**

	<b>When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
<p><b>Home health care services</b></p> <p><i>Up to 100 visits per Member, per Calendar Year, by a home health care agency. All visits count towards the limit, including visits during any applicable Deductible period. Includes home visits by a nurse, Home Health Aide, medical social worker, physical therapist, speech therapist, or occupational therapist, and medical supplies.</i></p>	\$0	✓
<p><b>Home infusion and home injectable therapy services</b></p> <p>Home infusion agency services <i>Includes home infusion drugs, medical supplies, and visits by a nurse.</i></p> <p>Hemophilia home infusion services <i>Includes blood factor products.</i></p>	\$0 \$0	✓ ✓
<p><b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services</b></p> <p><i>Up to 100 days per Member, per benefit period, except when provided as part of a Hospice program. All days count towards the limit, including days during any applicable Deductible period and days in different SNFs during the Calendar Year.</i></p> <p>Freestanding SNF</p> <p>Hospital-based SNF</p>	\$0 \$0	✓ ✓
<p><b>Hospice program services</b></p> <p><i>Includes pre-Hospice consultation, routine home care, 24-hour continuous home care, short-term inpatient care for pain and symptom management, and inpatient respite care.</i></p>	\$0	✓
<p><b>Other services and supplies</b></p> <p>Diabetes care services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devices, equipment, and supplies</li> <li>• Self-management training</li> <li>• Medical nutrition therapy</li> </ul> <p>Dialysis services</p> <p>PKU product formulas and special food products</p> <p>Allergy serum billed separately from an office visit</p>	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

**Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits**

**Your payment**

<i>Mental health and substance use disorder Benefits are provided through Blue Shield's Mental Health Service Administrator (MHSA).</i>	<b>When using a MHSA Participating Provider<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
<p><b>Outpatient services</b></p> <p>Virtual Blue program mental health visit</p> <p>Office visit, including Physician office visit</p>	\$0 \$0	✓ ✓

## Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

## Your payment

<i>Mental health and substance use disorder Benefits are provided through Blue Shield's Mental Health Service Administrator (MHSA).</i>	<b>When using a MHSA Participating Provider<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
Other outpatient services, including intensive outpatient care, electroconvulsive therapy, transcranial magnetic stimulation, Behavioral Health Treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism in an office setting, home, or other non-institutional facility setting, and office-based opioid treatment	\$0	✓
Partial Hospitalization Program	\$0	✓
Psychological Testing	\$0	✓
<b>Inpatient services</b>		
Physician inpatient services	\$0	✓
Hospital services	\$0	✓
Residential Care	\$0	✓

## Prescription Drug Benefits<sup>7,8</sup>

## Your payment

	<b>When using a Participating Pharmacy<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>	<b>When using a Non-Participating Pharmacy</b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
<b>Retail pharmacy prescription Drugs</b>				
<i>Per prescription, up to a 30-day supply.</i>				
Contraceptive Drugs and devices	\$0		Applicable Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 Copayment	✓
HDHP preventive Drugs	\$0		\$0	✓
Tier 1 Drugs	\$0	✓	\$0	✓
Tier 2 Drugs	\$0	✓	\$0	✓
Tier 3 Drugs	\$0	✓	\$0	✓
Tier 4 Drugs	\$0	✓	\$0	✓
<b>Retail pharmacy prescription Drugs</b>				
<i>Per prescription, for a 90-day supply.</i>				
Contraceptive Drugs and devices	\$0		Not covered	
HDHP preventive Drugs	\$0		Not covered	
Tier 1 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	
Tier 2 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	
Tier 3 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	
Tier 4 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	

## Prescription Drug Benefits<sup>7,8</sup>

## Your payment

	When using a Participating Pharmacy <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies	When using a Non-Participating Pharmacy	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Mail service pharmacy prescription Drugs</b>				
<i>Per prescription, for a 31-90-day supply.</i>				
Contraceptive Drugs and devices	\$0		Not covered	
HDHP preventive Drugs	\$0		Not covered	
Tier 1 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	
Tier 2 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	
Tier 3 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	
Tier 4 Drugs	\$0	✓	Not covered	

## Prior Authorization

The following are some frequently-utilized Benefits that require prior authorization:

- Advanced imaging services
- Outpatient mental health services, except office visits and office-based opioid treatment
- Inpatient facility services
- Hospice program services
- Some prescription Drugs (see [blueshieldca.com/pharmacy](https://blueshieldca.com/pharmacy))

Please review the Evidence of Coverage for more about Benefits that require prior authorization.

## Notes

### 1 Evidence of Coverage (EOC):

The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) describes the Benefits, limitations, and exclusions that apply to coverage under this Plan. Please review the EOC for more details of coverage outlined in this Summary of Benefits. You can request a copy of the EOC at any time.

Capitalized terms are defined in the EOC. Refer to the EOC for an explanation of the terms used in this Summary of Benefits.

### 2 Calendar Year Deductible (CYD):

Calendar Year Deductible explained. A Calendar Year Deductible is the amount you pay each Calendar Year before Blue Shield pays for Covered Services under the Plan.

If this Plan has any Calendar Year Deductible(s), Covered Services subject to that Deductible are identified with a check mark (✓) in the Benefits chart above.

Covered Services not subject to the Calendar Year combined medical and pharmacy Deductible. Some Covered Services received from Participating Providers are paid by Blue Shield before you meet any Calendar Year combined medical and pharmacy Deductible. These Covered Services do not have a check mark (✓) next to them in the "CYD applies" column in the Benefits chart above.

## Notes

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Family coverage has an individual Deductible within the Family Deductible. This means that the Deductible will be met for an individual with Family coverage who meets the individual Deductible prior to the Family meeting the Family Deductible within a Calendar Year. Once the individual Deductible or Family Deductible is reached, cost sharing applies until the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is reached.

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### 3 Using Participating Providers:

Participating Providers have a contract to provide health care services to Members. When you receive Covered Services from a Participating Provider, you are only responsible for the Copayment or Coinsurance, once any Calendar Year Deductible has been met.

Virtual Blue program. Virtual Blue program Benefits are provided through Accolade and TeleMed2U. These mental health services are not administered by Blue Shield's Mental Health Service Administrator (MHSA).

"Allowable Amount" is defined in the EOC. In addition:

- Coinsurance is calculated from the Allowable Amount or Benefit maximum, whichever is less.
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### 4 Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum (OOPM):

Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum explained. The Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most you are required to pay for Covered Services in a Calendar Year. Once you reach your Out-of-Pocket Maximum, Blue Shield will pay 100% of the Allowable Amount for Covered Services for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Your payment after you reach the Calendar Year OOPM. You will continue to pay all charges for services that are not covered, charges above the Allowable Amount, and charges for services above any Benefit maximum.

Any Deductibles count towards the OOPM. Any amounts you pay that count towards the medical Calendar Year Deductible also count towards the Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

Covered Drugs obtained at Non-Participating Pharmacies. Any amounts you pay for Covered Drugs at Non-Participating Pharmacies count towards the Participating Provider OOPM.

Family coverage has an individual OOPM within the Family OOPM. This means that the OOPM will be met for an individual with Family coverage who meets the individual OOPM prior to the Family meeting the Family OOPM within a Calendar Year.

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### 5 Separate Member Payments When Multiple Covered Services are Received:

Each time you receive multiple Covered Services, you might have separate payments (Copayment or Coinsurance) for each service. When this happens, you may be responsible for multiple Copayments or Coinsurance. For example, you may owe an office visit payment in addition to an allergy serum payment when you visit the doctor for an allergy shot.

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### 6 Preventive Health Services:

If you only receive Preventive Health Services during a Physician office visit, there is no Copayment or Coinsurance for the visit. If you receive both Preventive Health Services and other Covered Services during the Physician office visit, you may have a Copayment or Coinsurance for the visit.

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### 7 Outpatient Prescription Drug Coverage:

#### Medicare Part D-creditable coverage-

This Plan's prescription drug coverage is on average equivalent to or better than the standard benefit set by the federal government for Medicare Part D (also called creditable coverage). Because this plan's prescription drug coverage is creditable, you do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D while you maintain this coverage; however, you should be aware that if you do not enroll in Medicare Part D within 63 days following termination of this coverage, you could be subject to Medicare Part D premium penalties.



**8 Outpatient Prescription Drug Coverage:**

Brand Drug coverage when a Generic or Biosimilar Drug is available. If you, the Physician, or Health Care Provider, select a Brand Drug when a Generic Drug equivalent or Biosimilar Drug is available, you are responsible for the difference between the cost to Blue Shield for the Brand Drug and its Generic Drug equivalent or Biosimilar Drug plus the applicable tier Copayment or Coinsurance of the Brand Drug. This difference in cost will not count towards any Calendar Year pharmacy Deductible, medical Deductible, or the Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum. If you or your Physician believes a Brand Drug is Medically Necessary, either person may request a Medical Necessity Review. If approved, the Brand Drug will be covered at the applicable Drug tier Copayment or Coinsurance.

Short-Cycle Specialty Drug program. This program allows initial prescriptions for select Specialty Drugs to be filled for a 15-day supply with your approval. When this occurs, the Copayment or Coinsurance will be pro-rated.

Specialty Drugs. Specialty Drugs are only available from a Network Specialty Pharmacy, up to a 30-day supply.

Oral Anticancer Drugs. After the Deductible is met, you pay up to \$250 for oral Anticancer Drugs from a Participating Pharmacy, up to a 30-day supply.

Retail pharmacy. You may receive up to a 90-day supply for maintenance Drugs at a Participating Pharmacy when you pay the applicable Copayment or Coinsurance for each 30-day supply.

Mail service Drugs. You pay the applicable 30-day retail pharmacy Copayment or Coinsurance for a 30-day supply or less from the mail service pharmacy.

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Plans may be modified to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements.