Shield Spectrum PPO 5500

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Shield Spectrum PPO 5500 features comprehensive coverage with rich benefits for families and individuals seeking a robust health plan.

Is Shield Spectrum PPO 5500 right for you?

You may have a family and want thorough coverage for doctor visits, prescription drugs and hospital care. Shield Spectrum PPO℠ 5500 makes it easy to visit the doctors and specialists you want and keep in mind, when you receive care from Blue Shield PPO network providers your out-of-pocket costs are always lower.

Shield Spectrum PPO 5500 advantages
The preventive care exam is covered before you need to meet the annual deductible.
Includes generic and brand-name Rx coverage.
Generic Rx coverage for as low as $10, and you don't need to meet a deductible.
When two or more family members are on one plan, each covered individual has his or her own individual deductible, in case only one person needs expensive medical care.
Copayment/coinsurance maximums help contain costs, because your family copayment maximum is only twice the individual amount, no matter how many people are covered.

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Uniform Health Plan Benefits and Coverage Matrix

THIS MATRIX IS INTENDED TO BE USED TO HELP YOU COMPARE COVERAGE BENEFITS AND IS A SUMMARY ONLY. THE *EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND PLAN CONTRACT* SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS.

	PPO 5500
Deductible*	$5,500 ($11,000 family)
Copayments	$35 with preferred providers Not applicable with non-preferred providers
Coinsurance	35% with preferred providers 50% with non-preferred providers
Calendar-year copayment/ coinsurance maximum (includes the plan deductible – some services do not apply)	Services with preferred providers: $7,500 ($15,000 family) Services with all providers: $10,000 ($20,000 family)
Lifetime maximum	$6,000,000

* Benefits for covered brand-name drugs are subject to a separate $750 brand-name drug deductible per person.

● Plan benefits provided before you need to meet medical deductible are shown below with a dot. For all benefits without a dot, you are responsible for all charges up to the allowable amount or billed charges with preferred and non-preferred providers until the deductible is met. At that point, you will be responsible for the copayment or coinsurance noted in the chart below when accessing preferred and non-preferred providers.

Covered services — Member copayments

Subject to the plan deductible, unless noted.	**With preferred providers,[1] you pay**	**With non-preferred providers,[1] you pay**
Professional services		
Office visits	35%[2]	50%
Preventive care		
Annual routine physical exam, well-baby care office visits and gynecological exam (includes Pap test or other approved cervical cancer screening tests, routine mammography, and immunizations when received as part of the preventive care exam)	$35[2] ●	Not covered
Outpatient services		
Non-emergency services and procedures	35%	50%[2,3]
Outpatient surgery in hospital	35%	50%[2,3]
Outpatient surgery in performed in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC)	35%	50%[2,4]
Outpatient or out-of-hospital X-ray and laboratory	35%	50%

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Covered services	Member copayments	
Subject to the plan deductible, unless noted.	**With preferred providers,[1] you pay**	**With non-preferred providers,[1] you pay**
Hospitalization services		
Inpatient physician visits and consultations, surgeons and assistants, and anesthesiologists	35%	50%
Inpatient semiprivate room and board, services and supplies, and subacute care	35%	50%[2,3]
Bariatric surgery inpatient services (pre-authorization required: medically necessary surgery for weight loss, only for morbid obesity)[5]	35%	50%[2,3]
Emergency health coverage		
Emergency room services ($100 copayment/visit waived if admitted as an inpatient)	$100/visit + 35%	$100/visit + 35%
ER physician visits	35%	35%
Ambulance services (surface or air)	35%	35%

Prescription drug coverage[6] (outpatient)	**At participating pharmacies** (up to a 30-day supply)	**Mail service prescriptions** (up to a 60-day supply)
Generic formulary drugs	$10/prescription[2] ●	$20/prescription[2] ●
Formulary brand-name drugs	$45/prescription[2]	$90/prescription[2]
Non-formulary brand-name drugs	$60 or 50%/prescription, whichever is greater (maximum copayment of $150 per prescription)[2]	$120 or 50%/prescription, whichever is greater (maximum copayment of $300 per prescription)[2]
Brand-name drug deductible (brand-name drugs are subject to a brand-name drug deductible per person, per calendar year)	$750	

	With preferred providers,[1] you pay	**With non-preferred providers,[1] you pay**
Durable medical equipment[7]	35%	50%
Mental health services[8]		
Inpatient hospital facility services	35%	50%[2,3]
Inpatient physician services	35%	50%
Outpatient visits for severe mental health conditions	35%[2]	50%
Outpatient visits for non-severe mental health conditions (up to 20 visits per calendar year combined with chemical dependency visits)[9]	35%	Not covered
Chemical dependency services[8] (substance abuse)		
Inpatient hospital facility services for medical acute detoxification	35%	50%[2,3]
Inpatient physician services for medical acute detoxification	35%	50%
Outpatient visits (up to 20 visits per calendar year combined with non-severe mental health visits)[9]	35%	Not covered

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Covered services	Member copayments	
Subject to the plan deductible, unless noted.	With preferred providers,[1] you pay	With non-preferred providers,[1] you pay
Home health services (up to 90 pre-authorized visits per calendar year)	35%	Not covered
Other		
Pregnancy and maternity care		
Outpatient prenatal and postnatal care	35%	50%
Delivery and all necessary inpatient hospital services	35%	50%[2,3]
Family planning		
Consultations, tubal ligation, vasectomy, elective abortion	35%	Not covered
Rehabilitation services		
Provided in the office of a physician or physical therapist	35%	50%
Chiropractic services	Not covered	Not covered
Out-of-state services (full plan benefits covered nationwide with the BlueCard Program)	35% with BlueCard participating providers	50% with all other providers

Please note: Benefits are subject to modification for subsequently enacted state or federal legislation.

- Plan benefits provided before you need to meet the medical deductible.

1 Member is responsible for copayment/coinsurance in addition to any charges above allowable amounts. The coinsurance/ copayment indicated is a portion of the allowable amounts. Preferred providers accept Blue Shield allowable amounts as payment in full for covered services. Non-preferred providers can charge more than these amounts. When members use non-preferred providers, they must pay the applicable copayment/coinsurance of the allowable amount plus any charges that exceed Blue Shield's allowable amount. Charges above the allowable amount do not count toward the plan deductible or copayment/coinsurance maximum.

2 These copayments do not count toward the copayment/coinsurance maximum, and will continue to be charged once it is reached.

3 For non-emergency hospital services and supplies received from a non-preferred hospital, Blue Shield's payment is limited to $250 per day. Members are responsible for all charges that exceed $250 per day.

4 Participating ASCs may not be available in all areas. Regardless of their availability, you can obtain outpatient surgery services from a hospital, or an ASC affiliated with a hospital with payment according to your health plan's hospital services benefits. Blue Shield's payment is limited to $150 per day. Members are responsible for all charges that exceed $150 per day.

5 Bariatric surgery is covered when pre-authorized by Blue Shield. However, for members residing in Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties ("designated counties"), bariatric surgery services are covered only when performed at designated contracting bariatric surgery facilities and by designated contracting surgeons; coverage is not available for bariatric services from any other preferred provider, and there is no coverage for bariatric services from non-preferred providers. In addition, if prior authorized by Blue Shield, a member in a designated county who is required to travel more than 50 miles to a designated bariatric surgery facility will be eligible for limited reimbursement for specified travel expenses for the member and one companion. Refer to the EOC for further benefit detail.

6 If a member requests a brand-name drug, or the physician indicates "dispense as written" (DAW) for a prescription when an equivalent generic drug is available, and the brand-name drug deductible has been satisfied, the member pays the generic copayment plus the cost difference between the brand and generic drug. Prescription coverage differs for home self-injectables. Refer to the EOC for further benefit detail.

7 All covered orthotic equipment and services have a benefit maximum of $1,000 per member per calendar year, except those services covered under the diabetes care benefit. All covered prostheses and durable medical equipment have a benefit maximum of $2,000 per member per calendar year.

8 Blue Shield has contracted with a specialized healthcare service plan to act as our mental health services administrator (MHSA). The MHSA provides mental health and chemical dependency services, other than inpatient services for medical acute detoxification, through a separate network of MHSA participating providers. Inpatient medical acute detoxification is a medical benefit provided by Blue Shield preferred or non-preferred (not MHSA) providers.

9 For MHSA participating providers, initial visit treated as if the condition were a severe mental illness or serious emotional disturbance of a child. For MHSA non-participating providers, initial visit treated as an MHSA participating provider.