



## Glossary of Health Coverage and Medical Terms

- This glossary has many commonly used terms, but isn't a full list. These glossary terms and definitions are intended to be educational and may be different from the terms and definitions in your plan. Some of these terms also might not have exactly the same meaning when used in your policy or plan, and in any such case, the policy or plan governs. (See your Summary Plan Description for additional information on your policy.)
- **Bold green** text indicates a term defined in this Glossary.
- See page 4 for an example showing how **deductibles**, **co-insurance** and **out-of-pocket limits** work together in a real situation.

### Allowed Amount

Maximum amount on which payment is based for covered health care services. This may be called "eligible expense," "payment allowance" or "negotiated rate." If your **out-of-network provider** charges more than the allowed amount, you may have to pay the difference. (See **Balance Billing**.)

### Appeal

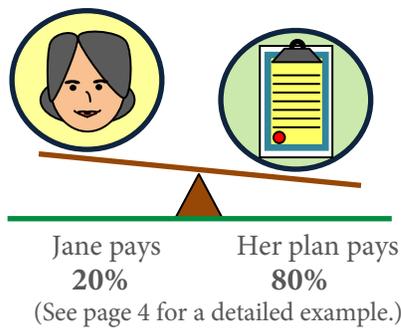
A request for your health insurer or **plan** to review a decision or a grievance again.

### Balance Billing

When an **out-of-network provider** bills you for the difference between the provider's charge and the **allowed amount**. For example, if the provider's charge is \$100 and the allowed amount is \$70, the provider may bill you for the remaining \$30. This tends to occur when an **out-of-network provider** is used. An **in-network provider** may not balance bill you for covered services.

### Co-insurance

Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent (for example, 20%) of the **allowed amount** for the service. You pay co-insurance **plus** any **deductibles** you owe. For example, if the health insurance or plan's allowed amount for an office visit is \$100 and you've met your deductible, your co-insurance payment of 20% would be \$20. The health insurance or plan pays the rest of the allowed amount.



### Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP)

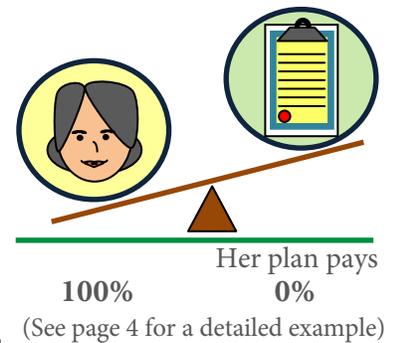
A type of medical insurance or **plan** that typically has a higher deductible and lower monthly **premiums**.

### Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$30) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service.

### Deductible

The amount you owe for health care services your **health insurance or plan** covers before your health insurance or plan begins to pay. For example, if your deductible is \$2000, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your \$2000 deductible for covered health care services subject to the deductible. The deductible may not apply to all services.



### Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Equipment and supplies ordered by a health care **provider** for everyday or extended use. Coverage for DME may include: oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, crutches or blood testing strips for diabetics.

## Emergency Room Care

**Emergency services** you get in an emergency room.

## Emergency Services

Evaluation of an **emergency medical condition** and treatment to keep the condition from getting worse.

## Excluded Services

Health care services that your health insurance or plan doesn't pay for or cover. (Reference your plans SPD for additional information on excluded services)

## Health Insurance

A contract that requires your health insurer to pay some or all of your health care costs in exchange for a **premium**.

## Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)

An employer funded account that may be offered with your medical plan which can be used to help pay for eligible medical expenses.

## Home Health Care

Health care services a person receives at home.

## Hospice Services

Services to provide comfort and support for persons in the last stages of a terminal illness and their families.

## Hospitalization

Care in a hospital that requires admission as an inpatient and usually requires an overnight stay. An overnight stay for observation could be outpatient care.

## Hospital Outpatient Care

Care in a hospital that usually doesn't require an overnight stay.

## In-network Co-insurance

The percent (for example, 20%) you pay of the **allowed amount** for covered health care services to **providers** who contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. In-network co-insurance usually costs you less than **out-of-network co-insurance**.

## In-network Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$30) you pay for covered health care services to **providers** who contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**.

## In-network Provider (Preferred Provider)

The facilities, providers and suppliers your health insurer or plan has contracted with to provide health care services.

## Medically Necessary

Health care services or supplies needed to prevent, diagnose or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease or its symptoms and that meet accepted standards of medicine.

## Out-of-network Co-insurance

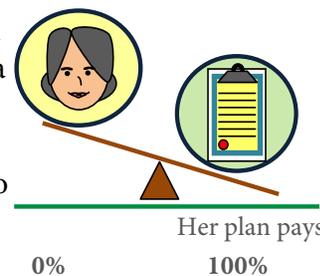
The percent (for example, 40%) you pay of the allowed amount for covered health care services to providers who do not contract with your health insurance or plan. Out-of-network co-insurance usually costs you more than in-network co-insurance.

## Out-of-network Provider

A provider who doesn't have a contract with your health insurer or plan to provide services to you. You'll pay more to see a non-preferred provider. Check your policy to see if you can go to all providers who have contracted with your health insurance or plan, or if your health insurance or plan has a "tiered" network and you must pay extra to see some providers.

## Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The most you pay during a policy period (usually a year) before your health insurance or plan begins to pay 100% of the allowed amount. This limit never includes your premium, balance-billed charges or health care your health insurance or plan doesn't cover. Some health insurance or plans don't count all of your co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance payments, out-of-network payments or other expenses toward this limit.



## Physician Services

Health care services a licensed medical physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) provides or coordinates.

### **Plan**

A benefit your employer provides to you to pay for your health care services.

### **Preauthorization**

A decision by your health insurer or **plan** that a health care service, treatment plan, **prescription drug** or **durable medical equipment** is **medically necessary**. Sometimes called prior authorization, prior approval or precertification. Your **health insurance** or plan may require preauthorization for certain services before you receive them, except in an emergency. Preauthorization isn't a promise your health insurance or plan will cover the cost.

### **Premium**

The amount that must be paid for your **health insurance** or **plan**.

### **Prescription Drug Coverage**

**Health insurance** or **plan** that helps pay for **prescription drugs** and medications.

### **Prescription Drugs**

Drugs and medications that by law require a prescription.

### **Primary Care Physician**

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) who directly provides or coordinates a range of health care services for a patient.

### **Primary Care Provider**

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or physician assistant, as allowed under state law, who provides, coordinates or helps a patient access a range of health care services.

### **Provider**

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), health care professional or health care facility licensed, certified or accredited as required by state law.

### **Reconstructive Surgery**

Surgery and follow-up treatment needed to correct or improve a part of the body because of birth defects, accidents, injuries or medical conditions.

### **Rehabilitation Services**

Health care services that help a person keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

### **Skilled Nursing Care**

Services from licensed nurses in your own home or in a nursing home. Skilled care services are from technicians and therapists in your own home or in a nursing home.

### **Specialist**

A physician specialist focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a **provider** who has more training in a specific area of health care.

### **UCR (Usual, Customary and Reasonable)**

The amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what **providers** in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service. The UCR amount sometimes is used to determine the **allowed amount**.

### **Urgent Care**

Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require **emergency room care**.

# How You and Your Insurer Share Costs - Example

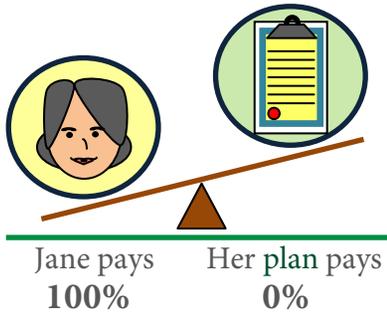
Jane's Plan Deductible: \$2,000

Co-insurance: 20%

Out-of-Pocket Limit: \$4,000

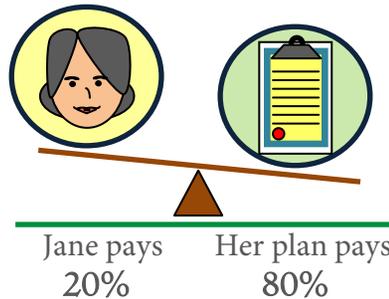
January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Beginning of Coverage Period

December 31<sup>st</sup>  
End of Coverage Period



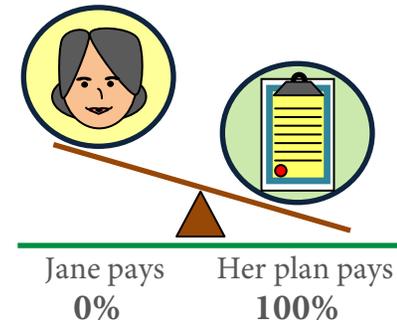
**Jane hasn't reached her \$2,000 deductible yet**  
Her plan doesn't pay any of the costs.  
Office visit costs: \$125  
Jane pays: \$125  
Her plan pays: \$0

more costs



**Jane reaches her \$2,000 deductible, co-insurance begins** Jane has seen a doctor several times and paid \$2,000 in total. Her plan pays some of the costs for her next visit.  
Office visit costs: \$75  
Jane pays: 20% of \$75 = \$15  
Her plan pays: 80% of \$75 = \$60

more costs



**Jane reaches her \$4,000 out-of-pocket maximum**  
Jane has seen the doctor often and paid \$4,000 in total. Her plan pays the full cost of her covered health care services for the rest of the year when an in-network provider is used.  
Office visit costs: \$200  
Jane pays: \$0  
Her plan pays: \$200