

BLUE CROSS® AND BLUE SHIELD® OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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OUTLINE OF BLUECARE® COVERAGE — COVER PAGE 1 of 2:
BENEFIT PLANS A and BLUECARE® PLAN – K

Benefit Chart of Medicare Supplement Plans Sold on or After January 1, 2020

This chart shows the benefits included in each of the standard Medicare supplement plans. Some plans may not be available. Only applicants first eligible for Medicare before 2020 may purchase Plans C, F and high deductible F. Every company must make Plan “A” available. Note: An “✓” means 100% of the benefits paid.

BASIC BENEFITS:

- Hospitalization: Part A coinsurance plus coverage for 365 additional days after Medicare benefits end.
- Medical Expenses: Part B coinsurance (generally 20% of Medicare-approved expenses) or copayments for hospital outpatient services. Plans K, L and N require you to pay a portion of Part B coinsurance or copayment.
- Blood: First three pints of blood each year.
- Hospice: Part A coinsurance.

Benefits	Plans Available to All Applicants								Medicare first eligible before 2020 only	
	A	B	D	G ¹	K	L	M	N	C	F ¹
Medicare Part A coinsurance and hospital coverage (up to an additional 365 days after Medicare benefits are used up)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medicare Part B coinsurance or copayment	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	75%	✓	✓ copays apply ³	✓	✓
Blood (first three pints)	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Part A hospice care coinsurance or copayment	✓	✓	✓	✓	50%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skilled nursing facility coinsurance			✓	✓	50%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Medicare Part A deductible		✓	✓	✓	50%	75%	50%	✓	✓	✓
Medicare Part B deductible									✓	✓
Medicare Part B excess charges				✓						✓
Foreign travel emergency (up to plan limits)			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Out-of-pocket limit in 2024 ²					\$7,060 ²	\$3,530 ²				

¹Plans F and G also have a high deductible option which require first paying a plan deductible of \$2,800 before the plan begins to pay. Once the plan deductible is met, the plan pays 100% of covered services for the rest of the calendar year. High deductible plan G does not cover the Medicare Part B deductible. However, high deductible plans F and G count your payment of the Medicare Part B deductible toward meeting the plan deductible.

²Plans K and L pay 100% of covered services for the rest of the calendar year once you meet the out-of-pocket yearly limit.

³Plan N pays 100% of the Part B coinsurance, except for co-payment of up to \$20 for some office visits and up to a \$50 co-payment for emergency room visits that do not result in an inpatient admission.

PREMIUM AND RENEWABILITY INFORMATION

Your policy will stay in effect as long as you pay your premiums on time. You can choose to pay premiums monthly or every three months. Premium payments are due at the beginning of the period of time for which you are paying. You can always renew your policy at the premium rate in effect at the time of renewal. Your insurance will not lapse as long as you pay your premiums on time.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina can only raise your premium if we raise the premium for all policies like yours in this state. If premiums change, you will be notified at least 31 days before the change, but you will not have to pay more on a premium you have paid in advance. Note that your premium increases as you enter an older attained age group.

	Plan A				Plan K			
	Female		Male		Female		Male	
	Monthly	Female	Monthly	Male	Monthly	Female	Monthly	Male
	Bank	Monthly	Bank	Monthly	Bank	Monthly	Bank	Monthly
	Draft		Draft		Draft		Draft	
Age								
65	\$106.13	\$112.90	\$117.91	\$125.44	\$91.43	\$97.27	\$101.60	\$108.08
66	\$110.89	\$117.97	\$123.22	\$131.08	\$95.55	\$101.65	\$106.16	\$112.94
67	\$115.88	\$123.28	\$128.76	\$136.98	\$99.85	\$106.22	\$110.94	\$118.02
68	\$121.11	\$128.84	\$134.56	\$143.15	\$104.35	\$111.01	\$115.94	\$123.34
69	\$126.55	\$134.63	\$140.61	\$149.59	\$109.04	\$116.00	\$121.16	\$128.89
70	\$132.25	\$140.69	\$146.94	\$156.32	\$113.95	\$121.22	\$126.61	\$134.69
71	\$138.20	\$147.02	\$153.56	\$163.36	\$119.08	\$126.68	\$132.31	\$140.75
72	\$144.42	\$153.64	\$160.47	\$170.71	\$124.44	\$132.38	\$138.26	\$147.09
73	\$150.92	\$160.55	\$167.69	\$178.39	\$130.03	\$138.33	\$144.48	\$153.70
74	\$157.71	\$167.78	\$175.23	\$186.42	\$135.89	\$144.56	\$150.98	\$160.62
75	\$164.81	\$175.33	\$183.12	\$194.81	\$142.01	\$151.07	\$157.78	\$167.85
76	\$172.23	\$183.22	\$191.37	\$203.58	\$148.39	\$157.86	\$164.88	\$175.40
77	\$179.97	\$191.46	\$199.97	\$212.73	\$155.06	\$164.96	\$172.29	\$183.29
78	\$188.07	\$204.07	\$208.96	\$222.30	\$162.05	\$172.39	\$180.05	\$191.54
79	\$196.53	\$209.07	\$218.36	\$232.30	\$169.33	\$180.14	\$188.14	\$204.15
80+	\$205.37	\$218.48	\$228.19	\$242.76	\$176.96	\$188.25	\$196.62	\$209.17

Rates may be reduced based on many factors that include, but are not limited to, Medigap Open Enrollment Period eligibility or guaranteed issue rights eligibility and underwriting considerations. Your rate may be higher or lower depending on these relevant factors. Until a policy is approved and issued your actual rates may be subject to change.

An additional 5% discount may apply when at least two or more members to reside at the same physical address and enrolled in a BlueCross BlueShield plan or Blue Choice.

DISCLOSURES

Use this outline to compare benefits and premiums among policies.

Read Your Policy Very Carefully

This is only an outline describing your policy's most important features. The policy is your insurance contract. You must read the policy itself to understand all the rights and duties of both you and your insurance company.

Right To Return Policy

If you find that you are not satisfied with your policy, you may return it to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina, Individual Products, Post Office Box 61153, Columbia, SC 29260-1153. If you send the policy back to us within 30 days after you receive it, we will treat the policy as if it had never been issued and return all your payments, provided you have not filed any claims.

Policy Replacement

If you are replacing another health insurance policy, DO NOT cancel it until you have actually received your new policy and are sure you want to keep it.

Notice

- This policy may not fully cover all of your medical costs.
- Neither Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina nor its agents are connected with Medicare.
- This outline of coverage does not give all the details of Medicare coverage. Contact your local Social Security office or consult the *Medicare and You* Guide for more details.

Complete Answers Are Very Important

When you fill out the application for the new policy, be sure to answer truthfully and completely all questions about your medical and health history (if applicable). The company may cancel your policy and refuse to pay any claims if you leave out or falsify important medical information.

Review the application carefully before you sign it. Be certain that all information has been properly recorded.

Only applicants first eligible for Medicare before 2020 may purchase Plans C, F, and high deductible plan F.

Medicare (Part A) — Hospital Services — Per Benefit Period

* A benefit period begins on the first day you receive service as an inpatient in a hospital and ends after you have been out of the hospital and have not received skilled care in any other facility for 60 days in a row.

SERVICES	MEDICARE PAYS	PLAN A PAYS	YOU PAY
HOSPITALIZATION*			
Semiprivate room and board, general nursing and miscellaneous services and supplies:			
First 60 days	All but \$1,632	\$0	\$1,632 (Part A deductible)
61 st through 90 th day	All but \$408 a day	\$408 a day	\$0
91 st day and after:			
– While using 60 lifetime reserve days	All but \$816 a day	\$816 a day	\$0
Once lifetime reserve days are used:			
– Additional 365 days	\$0	100% of Medicare-eligible expenses	\$0**
– Beyond the additional 365 days	\$0	\$0	All costs
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY CARE*			
You must meet Medicare’s requirements, including having been in a hospital for at least three days and entered a Medicare-approved facility within 30 days after leaving the hospital.			
First 20 days	All approved amounts	\$0	\$0
21 st through 100 th day	All but \$204 a day	\$0	Up to \$204 a day
101 st day and after	\$0	\$0	All costs
BLOOD			
First three pints	\$0	3 pints	\$0
Additional amounts	100%	\$0	\$0
HOSPICE CARE			
You must meet Medicare’s requirements, including a doctor’s certification of terminal illness.	All but very limited copayment/coinsurance for out-patient drugs and inpatient respite care	Medicare copayment/coinsurance	\$0

****NOTICE:** When your Medicare Part A hospital benefits are exhausted, the insurer stands in the place of Medicare and will pay whatever amount Medicare would have paid for up to an additional 365 days as provided in the policy’s “Core Benefits.” During this time the hospital is prohibited from billing you for the balance based on any differences between its billed charges and the amount Medicare would have paid.

Medicare (Part B) — Medical Services — Per Calendar Year

* Once you have been billed \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts for covered services (which are noted with an asterisk), your Part B deductible will have been met for the calendar year.

SERVICES	MEDICARE PAYS	PLAN A PAYS	YOU PAY
MEDICAL EXPENSES – IN OR OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL TREATMENT , such as physician’s services, inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services and supplies, physical and speech therapy, diagnostic tests, durable medical equipment:			
– First \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts*	\$0	\$0	\$240 (Part B deductible)
– Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	Generally 80%	Generally 20%	\$0
Part B Excess Charges (Above Medicare-approved amounts)	\$0	\$0	All costs
BLOOD			
First 3 pints	\$0	All costs	\$0
Next \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts*	\$0	\$0	\$240 (Part B deductible)
Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	80%	20%	\$0
CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES			
Tests for diagnostic services	100%	\$0	\$0
MEDICARE (PART A & B)			
HOME HEALTHCARE MEDICARE-APPROVED SERVICES			
Medically necessary skilled care services and medical supplies	100%	\$0	\$0
Durable medical equipment			
– First \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts*	\$0	\$0	\$240 (Part B deductible)
– Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	80%	20%	\$0

Medicare (Part A) — Hospital Services — Per Benefit Period

*You will pay half of the cost-sharing of some covered services until you reach the annual out-of-pocket limit of \$7,060 each calendar year. The amounts that count toward your annual limit are noted with diamonds (♦) in the chart below. Once you reach the annual limit, the plan pays 100% of your Medicare copayment and coinsurance for the rest of the calendar year. **However, this limit does NOT include charges from your provider that exceed Medicare-approved amounts (these are called “Excess Charges”) and you will be responsible for paying this difference in the amount charged by your provider and the amount paid by Medicare for the item or service.**

**A benefit period begins on the first day you receive service as an inpatient in a hospital and ends after you have been out of the hospital and have not received skilled care in any other facility for 60 days in a row.

SERVICES	MEDICARE PAYS	PLAN K PAYS	YOU PAY
HOSPITALIZATION**			
Semiprivate room and board, general nursing and miscellaneous services and supplies:			
First 60 days	All but \$1,632	\$816 (50% of the Part A deductible)	\$816 (50% of the Part A deductible) ♦
61 st through 90 th day	All but \$408 a day	\$408 a day	\$0
91 st day and after:			
– While using 60 lifetime reserve days	All but \$816 a day	\$816 a day	\$0
Once lifetime reserve days are used:			
– Additional 365 days	\$0	100% of Medicare-eligible expenses	\$0***
– Beyond the additional 365 days	\$0	\$0	All costs
SKILLED NURSING FACILITY CARE**			
You must meet Medicare’s requirements, including having been in a hospital for at least three days and entered a Medicare-approved facility within 30 days after leaving the hospital.			
First 20 days	All approved amounts	\$0	\$0
21 st through 100 th day	All but \$204 a day	Up to \$102 a day (50% of Part A Coinsurance)	Up to \$102 a day (50% of Part A Coinsurance) ♦
101 st day and after	\$0	\$0	All costs
BLOOD			
First 3 pints	\$0	50%	50% ♦
Additional amounts	100%	\$0	\$0
HOSPICE CARE			
You must meet Medicare’s requirements, including a doctor’s certification of terminal illness.			
	All but very limited copayment/coinsurance for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care	50% of the Medicare copayment/coinsurance	50% of the Medicare copayment/coinsurance ♦

*****NOTICE:** When your Medicare Part A hospital benefits are exhausted, the insurer stands in the place of Medicare and will pay whatever amount Medicare would have paid for up to an additional 365 days as provided in the policy’s “Core Benefits.” During this time the hospital is prohibited from billing you for the balance based on any differences between its billed charges and the amount Medicare would have paid.

Medicare (Part B) — Medical Services — Per Calendar Year

**** Once you have been billed \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts for covered services (which are noted with an asterisk), your Part B deductible will have been met for the calendar year.

SERVICES	MEDICARE PAYS	PLAN K PAYS	YOU PAY
MEDICAL EXPENSES – IN OR OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL TREATMENT , such as physician’s services, inpatient and outpatient medical and surgical services and supplies, physical and speech therapy, diagnostic tests, durable medical equipment:			
– First \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts****	\$0	\$0	\$240 (Part B deductible) **** ♦
– Preventive benefits for Medicare-covered services	Generally 80% or more of Medicare-approved amounts	Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	All costs above Medicare-approved amounts
– Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	Generally 80%	Generally 10%	Generally 10% ♦
Part B Excess Charges (Above Medicare-approved amounts)	\$0	\$0	All costs (and they do not count toward annual out-of-pocket limit of \$7,060)*
BLOOD			
First 3 pints	\$0	50%	50% ♦
Next \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts****	\$0	\$0	\$240 (Part B deductible)**** ♦
Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	Generally 80%	Generally 10%	Generally 10% ♦
CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES			
Tests for diagnostic services	100%	\$0	\$0

*This plan limits your annual out-of-pocket payments for Medicare-approved amounts to \$7,060 per year. However, this limit does NOT include charges from your provider that exceed Medicare-approved amounts (these are called “Excess Charges”) and you will be responsible for paying this difference in the amount charged by your provider and the amount paid by Medicare for the item or service.

MEDICARE (PART A & B)			
HOME HEALTHCARE MEDICARE-APPROVED SERVICES			
Medically necessary skilled care services and medical supplies	100%	\$0	\$0
Durable medical equipment			
– First \$240 of Medicare-approved amounts*****	\$0	\$0	\$240 (Part B deductible) ♦
– Remainder of Medicare-approved amounts	80%	10%	10% ♦

*****Medicare benefits are subject to change. Please consult the latest *Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare*.



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Outline of BlueCare® Coverage

Benefit Plans Traditional A and Plan – K