Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What You Pay For Covered Services Highmark Blue Shield: my Direct Blue Lehigh Valley EPO Gold 1500

Coverage Period: 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025

Coverage for: Individual/Family

Plan Type: EPO

The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health plan. The SBC shows you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this plan (called the premium) will be provided separately. This is only a summary. For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, www.myhighmark.com or call 1-800-544-6679. For general definitions of common terms, such as allowed amount, balance billing, coinsurance, copayment, deductible, provider, or other underlined terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at www.HealthCare.gov/sbc-glossary/ or call 1-800-544-6679 to request a copy.

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	\$1,500 individual/\$3,000 family <u>network</u> .	Generally, you must pay all of the costs from <u>providers</u> up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this <u>plan</u> begins to pay. If you have other family members on the <u>plan</u> , each family member must meet their own individual <u>deductible</u> until the total amount of <u>deductible</u> expenses paid by all family members meets the overall family <u>deductible</u> .
Are there services covered before you meet your <u>deductible</u> ?	Yes. Office visits, <u>preventive care services</u> , standard diagnostic services, outpatient facility services, outpatient surgery fees, <u>emergency</u> <u>room care</u> , <u>urgent care</u> , outpatient mental health, outpatient substance abuse, <u>rehabilitation services</u> , <u>habilitation services</u> , and <u>prescription drug</u> benefits are covered before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . <u>Copayments</u> and <u>coinsurance</u> amounts don't count toward the <u>network deductible</u> .	This <u>plan</u> covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the <u>deductible</u> amount. But a <u>copayment</u> or <u>coinsurance</u> may apply. For example, this <u>plan</u> covers certain <u>preventive services</u> without <u>cost-sharing</u> and before you meet your <u>deductible</u> . See a list of covered <u>preventive services</u> at https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/ <u>preventive</u> -care-benefits/.
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services.
What is the <u>out-of-pocket</u> limit for this <u>plan</u> ?	\$8,300 individual/\$16,600 family <u>network</u> .	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this <u>plan</u> , they have to meet their own <u>out-of-pocket limits</u> until the overall family <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billed charges, and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket</u> <u>limit</u> .

Will you pay less if you	Yes. See www.myhighmark.com or call 1-800-	This <u>plan</u> uses a <u>provider network</u> . You will pay less if you use a <u>provider</u> in the <u>plan's network</u> . You will pay the most if you use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> , and you might receive a bill from a <u>provider</u> for the difference between the <u>provider's</u> charge and what your <u>plan</u> pays (<u>balance billing</u>).
use a <u>network provider</u> ?	544-6679 for a list of <u>network providers</u> .	Be aware your <u>network provider</u> might use an <u>out-of-network provider</u> for some services (such as lab work). Check with your <u>provider</u> before you get services.
Do I need a <u>referral</u> to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	No.	You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without a <u>referral</u> .

All **<u>copayment</u>** and **<u>coinsurance</u>** costs shown in this chart are after your overall **<u>deductible</u>** has been met, if a **<u>deductible</u>** applies.

		What You V	Will Pay	
Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	<u>Network Provider</u> (You will pay the least)	<u>Out-of-Network</u> <u>Provider</u> (You will pay the most)	Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
If you visit a health care <u>provider's</u> office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$35 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	You may have to pay for services that aren't preventive. Ask your provider if the services needed are preventive. Then check what your plan will pay
	<u>Specialist</u> visit	\$35 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	for. Please refer to your <u>preventive</u> schedule for additional
	Preventive care/screening/Immunization	No charge <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	information.
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	\$40 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	<u>Copayments</u> , if any, do not apply to diagnostic services prescribed for the treatment of mental illness or substance abuse.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	30% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition	Tier 1	No charge per prescription (retail) No charge	Not covered	Up to 31/60/90-day supply retail pharmacy. Up to 90-day supply maintenance <u>prescription drugs</u> through mail order.
More information about prescription drug <u>coverage</u> is available at		per prescription (mail order) <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.		This <u>plan</u> uses an Essential <u>Formulary</u> .

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www.myhighmark.com	Tier 2	\$30/\$60/\$90 <u>copay</u> /prescription (retail) \$60 <u>copay</u> /prescription (mail order) <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	
	Tier 3	\$150/\$300/\$450 <u>copay</u> /prescription (retail) \$300 <u>copay</u> /prescription (mail order) <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	
	Tier 4	50% <u>coinsurance</u> \$250/\$500/\$750 min \$1,000/\$2,000/\$3,000 max per prescription (retail) 50% <u>coinsurance</u> \$500 min/\$2,000 max per prescription (mail order) <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	\$600 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
	Physician/surgeon fees	\$600 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	Precertification may be required.

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If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	\$350 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	\$350 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	<u>Copay</u> waived if admitted as an inpatient.
	Emergency medical transportation	30% coinsurance	30% coinsurance	Out-of-network: Subject to network deductible.
	<u>Urgent care</u>	\$70 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	\$70 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	The <u>copayment</u> , if any, does not apply to <u>urgent care</u> services prescribed for the treatment of mental illness or substance abuse.
If you have a hospital	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$725 <u>copay</u> /visit	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
stay	Physician/surgeon fees	\$10 <u>copay</u> /visit	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance	Outpatient services	\$35 <u>copay</u> /visit Deductible does not apply.	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
abuse services	Inpatient services	\$725 <u>copay</u> /visit	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
lf you are pregnant	Office visits	30% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not covered	<u>Cost sharing</u> does not apply for <u>preventive services</u> . Depending on the type of services, a <u>copayment</u> , <u>coinsurance</u> , or <u>deductible</u> may apply.
	Childbirth/delivery professional services	\$10 <u>copay</u> /visit	Not covered	Maternity care may include tests and services described elsewhere in the SBC (i.e. ultrasound.)
	Childbirth/delivery facility services	\$725 <u>copay</u> /visit	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : The first visit to determine pregnancy is covered at no charge. Please refer to the Women's Health <u>Preventive</u> Schedule for additional information. Precertification may be required.

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If you need help recovering or have other special health	Home health care	30% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : 60 visits per benefit period, aggregate with visiting nurse. Precertification may be required.
needs	Rehabilitation services	\$35 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	Network: 30 combined physical medicine and occupational therapy visits and 30 speech therapy visits per benefit period. <u>Copayment</u> , if any, does not apply to therapy services prescribed for the treatment of mental health or substance abuse. The limit, if any, does not apply to therapy services prescribed for the treatment of mental health or substance abuse. Precertification may be required.
	Habilitation services	\$35 <u>copay</u> /visit <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : 30 combined physical medicine and occupational therapy visits and 30 speech therapy visits per benefit period. <u>Copayment</u> , if any, does not apply to therapy services prescribed for the treatment of mental health or substance abuse. The limit, if any, does not apply to therapy services prescribed for the treatment of mental health or substance abuse. Precertification may be required.
	Skilled nursing care	\$725 <u>copay</u> /visit	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : 120 days per benefit period. Precertification may be required.
	Durable medical equipment	30% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not covered	Precertification may be required.
	Hospice services	30% <u>coinsurance</u>	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : Respite care limit of 7 days every six months. Precertification may be required.

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If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	No charge <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : One eye exam per 12 month period up to age 19.
	Children's glasses	No charge <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	<u>Network</u> : One pair of frames/lenses every 12 months for members under the age of 19.
	Children's dental check-up	No charge <u>Deductible</u> does not apply.	Not covered	Network: One exam every 6 months.

Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

Servic	es Your <u>Plan</u> Generally Does NOT Cover (Cheo	ck your policy or <u>plan</u> document for mo	re information and a list of any other <u>excluded services</u> .)
•	Abortion, except where a pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or for a pregnancy	Bariatric surgery	 Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
	which, as certified by a physician, places the life of the woman in danger unless an	Cosmetic surgery	 Private-duty nursing
	abortion is performed.	Dental care (Adult)	Routine eye care (Adult)
		Hearing aids	Routine foot care
•	Acupuncture	Long-term care	Weight loss programs

Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your <u>plan</u> document.)

Chiropractic care	Infertility treatment	
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Your Rights to Continue Coverage: There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa/about-ebsa/ask-a-guestion/ask-ebsa, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov. Other options to continue coverage are available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Care.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

Your <u>Grievance</u> and <u>Appeals</u> Rights: There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your <u>plan</u> for a denial of a <u>claim</u>. This complaint is called a <u>grievance</u> or <u>appeal</u>. For more information about your rights, look at the <u>explanation of benefits</u> you will receive for that medical <u>claim</u>. Your <u>plan</u> documents also provide complete information to submit a <u>claim appeal</u> or a <u>grievance</u> for any reason to your <u>plan</u>. For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, contact:

- Highmark, Inc. at 1-800-544-6679.
- Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your <u>appeal</u>. Contact the Pennsylvania Department of Consumer Services at 1-877-881-6388.

Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes

Minimum Essential Coverage generally includes plans, health insurance available through the Marketplace or other individual market policies, Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TRICARE, and certain other coverage. If you are eligible for certain types of Minimum Essential Coverage, you may not be eligible for the premium tax credit.

Does this plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes

If your plan doesn't meet the Minimum Value Standards, you may be eligible for a premium tax credit to help you pay for a plan through the Marketplace.

-----To see examples of how this <u>plan</u> might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next section.----

About these Coverage Examples:



This is not a cost estimator. Treatments shown are just examples of how this <u>plan</u> might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your <u>providers</u> charge, and many other factors. Focus on the <u>cost sharing</u> amounts (<u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u> and <u>coinsurance</u>) and <u>excluded services</u> under the <u>plan</u>. Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health <u>plans</u>. Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

Peg is Having a Bal	ру
(9 months of in- <u>network</u> pre-natal hospital delivery)	care and a
The <u>plan's</u> overall <u>deductible</u>	\$1,500 \$35
Specialist copay	აათ \$725

Other <u>coinsurance</u>

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

30%

<u>Specialist</u> office visits (*prenatal care*) Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services <u>Diagnostic tests</u> (*ultrasounds and blood work*) <u>Specialist</u> visit (*anesthesia*)

Total Example Cost	\$12,700
In this example, Peg would pay	/:
Cost Sharing	
Deductibles	\$1,500
Copayments	\$1,100
Coinsurance	\$0
What isn't cover	red
Limits or exclusions	\$60
The total Peg would pay is	\$2,660

Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes
(a year of routine in- <u>network</u> care of a well-
controlled condition)

The <u>plan's</u> overall <u>deductible</u>	\$1,500
Specialist copay	\$35
Hospital (facility) <u>copay</u>	\$725
Other coinsurance	30%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Primary care physician office visits (including disease education) Diagnostic tests (blood work) Prescription drugs Durable medical equipment (glucose meter)

Total Example Cost\$5,600

In this example, Joe would pay:

<u>Cost Sharing</u>		
Deductibles	\$900	
<u>Copayments</u>	\$700	
Coinsurance	\$0	
What isn't covered		
Limits or exclusions	\$20	
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,620	

Mia's Simple Fracture

(in-<u>network</u> emergency room visit and follow up care)

The <u>plan's</u> overall <u>deductible</u>	\$1,500
Specialist copay	\$35
Hospital (facility) <u>copay</u>	\$725
Other <u>coinsurance</u>	30%

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Emergency room care (including medical supplies) Diagnostic test (x-ray) Durable medical equipment (crutches) Rehabilitation services (physical therapy)

Total Example Cost	\$2 800
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In this example, Mia would pay:

Cost Sharing		
<u>Deductibles</u>	\$1,500	
<u>Copayments</u>	\$300	
<u>Coinsurance</u>	\$100	
What isn't covered		
Limits or exclusions	\$0	
The total Mia would pay is	\$1,900	

The <u>plan</u> would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.

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To find more information about Highmark's benefits and operating procedures, such as accessing the drug <u>formulary</u> or using <u>network providers</u>, please go to DiscoverHighmark.com; or for a paper copy, call 1-855-873-4106.

Discrimination is Against the Law

The Plan complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sex stereotypes and gender identity. The Plan does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex assigned at birth, gender identity or recorded gender. Furthermore, the Plan will not deny or limit coverage to any health service based on the fact that an individual's sex assigned at birth, gender identity, or recorded gender is different from the one to which such health service is ordinarily available. The Plan will not deny or limit coverage for a specific health service related to gender transition if such denial or limitation results in discriminating against a transgender individual. The Plan:

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- Qualified sign language interpreters
- Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
- Qualified interpreters
- Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact the Civil Rights Coordinator.

If you believe that the Plan has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sex stereotypes and gender identity, you can file a grievance with: Civil Rights Coordinator, P.O. Box 22492, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Phone: 1-866-286-8295, TTY: 711, Fax: 412-544-2475, email: CivilRightsCoordinator@highmarkhealth.org. You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for CivilRights electronically through the Office for CivilRights Complaint Portal, available at https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

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