

BlueChoice PPO High Deductible Health Plans for Individuals and Families

Health Savings Account (HSA) Compatible

The Power of BlueSM Working For You



**BlueCross
BlueShield
of Georgia**

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia offers HSA compatible health plans so you can select the best coverage for you and your family.

We've served Georgians for more than 67 years — responding to their ever-changing health insurance needs with strength and stability. Georgians rely on us to deliver cost-effective, innovative solutions to their health insurance needs. From our extensive statewide provider networks to our comprehensive benefit designs, we exceed their expectations by offering flexibility, choice and value.

Quite simply, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBSGA) is a partner that will be there when you need it.

And we're not done yet.

Experience the Power of BlueSM

- **Full Accreditation from American Healthcare Commission/URAC**
- **Broad Statewide Network**
 - **Over 13,100 physicians**
 - **Over 150 hospitals**
- **Extensive National Access**
 - **One of the largest PPO networks in the U.S.**
- **Member Access Online - check your benefits, view claims history, request a member ID card**
- **Leader in Customer Service**

Introducing our BlueChoice PPO High Deductible Health Insurance Plans for Individuals and Families (HSA Compatible)

What is a High Deductible (HSA Compatible) Health Plan?

An annual deductible is the amount you pay each year before your insurance plan begins to pay benefits for expenses covered by your health plan. A high deductible (HSA compatible) health plan provides you with coverage for catastrophic medical occurrences that exceed the amount of your deductible. Premium savings with high deductible plans enable you to deposit the money you save into a HSA to cover your qualified medical expenses.

What is a HSA?

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) help you take control of your health care expenses by combining a high deductible health plan with a tax-exempt savings account. Money in the savings account helps pay for your qualified medical expenses. Once your deductible is met, your BCBSGA benefits start paying. Money left in the savings account earns interest and is yours to keep.

BlueChoice PPO high deductible (HSA Compatible) health plans are provided by BCBSGA. The Health Savings Account is not administered by BCBSGA and you may choose any HSA-qualified financial institution that provides this service.

Your Deductible Options

By law, the deductible of the health plan you choose directly affects the amount you may deposit into your HSA each year. BCBSGA offers you the choice of an Individual plan (for you alone) or a Family plan (for you and your family). You may choose from the following deductible options:

2004 100% COINSURANCE PLAN OPTIONS:

	INDIVIDUAL:		FAMILY:	
	DEDUCTIBLE	OUT-OF-POCKET	DEDUCTIBLE	OUT-OF-POCKET
Minimum	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Mid-Point	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$3,500	\$3,500
Maximum	\$2,600	\$2,600	\$5,150	\$5,150

2004 80% COINSURANCE PLAN OPTIONS:

	INDIVIDUAL:		FAMILY:	
	DEDUCTIBLE	OUT-OF-POCKET	DEDUCTIBLE	OUT-OF-POCKET
Minimum	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$6,000
Mid-Point	\$1,800	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$8,000
Maximum	\$2,600	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$10,000

You must meet your annual deductible before your Plan pays benefits. Each dollar that is spent for covered services goes towards meeting your annual deductible.

A unique feature of the BlueChoice PPO high deductible health plan is that it includes coverage for prescription drugs as well as medical services. Additionally, our family plan provides for a combined family deductible (the subscriber, spouse and combined dependents).

BlueChoice PPO High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) HSA Compatible Individual and Family Plans

		1000 - DED 100%	1800 - DED 100%	2600 - DED 100%	1000 - DED 80%	1800 - DED 80%	2600 - DED 80%
Lifetime Maximum <i>In and Out-of-Network combined</i>		\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
Calendar Year Deductible	Individual: Family:	\$1,000 \$2,000	\$1,800 \$3,500	\$2,600 \$5,150	\$1,000 \$2,000	\$1,800 \$3,500	\$2,600 \$5,150
Coinsurance	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum - Includes Deductible <i>In and Out-of-Network combined</i>	Individual: Family:	\$1,000 \$2,000	\$1,800 \$3,500	\$2,600 \$5,150	\$3,000 \$6,000	\$4,000 \$8,000	\$5,000 \$10,000
Physician Office Visit - <i>Includes x-ray and lab work when performed in the physician's office</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Preventive Care Adults <i>\$250 benefit maximum per year; not subject to calendar year deductible</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Preventive Care Children <i>Not subject to calendar year deductible through age 5</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Lab/X-ray, Surgery, Radiation, Anesthesia	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Outpatient Care	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Maternity <i>Family Contracts Only Subject to 12 month waiting period</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Hospital Services - Inpatient	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Ambulatory Surgery Center	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Ambulance Service	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Chiropractic Care <i>Visits per year, combined specialties:</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Speech Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, Skilled Nursing Care <i>Number of visits per specialty per year:</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Radiation Therapy/Chemotherapy	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse <i>Hospital Inpatient Only; \$10,000 lifetime maximum</i>		\$100 per day; 30 day maximum; \$3,000 year maximum			\$100 per day; 30 day maximum; \$3,000 year maximum		
Emergency Room <i>Medical Emergency or Accident</i>		Plan pays 100% after deductible			Plan pays 80% after deductible		
<i>Non-Medical Emergency or Non-Serious Accidental Injury</i>		Plan pays 100% in-network and 70% out-of-network after deductible			Plan pays 80% in-network and 60% out-of-network after deductible		
Home Health Care <i>Number of visits per year (in and out-of-network combined)</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Hospice Care <i>Subject to deductible; \$10,000 Lifetime Maximum</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthetics	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Private Duty Nursing <i>\$2,500 calendar year maximum</i>	In-network: Out-of-network:	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 100% Plan pays 70%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%	Plan pays 80% Plan pays 60%
Prescription Drugs	In-network: Out-of-network:	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	80% 80%	80% 80%	80% 80%
Waiting Period for Pre-existing Conditions		12 months from Contract Effective Date ¹			12 months from Contract Effective Date ¹		

¹Coverage will not be provided for the 12 months following the effective date of this policy for any illness, injury or other condition for which medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment was recommended or received in the 12 months prior to the effective date.

Unless otherwise noted, all benefits are subject to the Calendar Year Deductible.

A disclosure of all benefits, exclusions and limitations is included in the Contract for this coverage.

Understanding Health Savings Accounts

Contributions to the HSA

You may contribute 1/12 of your annual deductible to your HSA account each month. For example, if you select an Individual Plan with a \$1,800 annual deductible, you may deposit \$150 each month into your HSA account.

Advantages of the HSA

With a high deductible health plan, you save money on your monthly premiums. Additionally, with the HSA, the money in your account belongs to you and you can roll the money over year to year.

To open a HSA account, you must have a qualifying high deductible health plan. BCBSGA brings you over 67 years experience in providing for the health coverage needs of Georgians and offers you high deductible health plans featuring choice and convenience at an affordable price.

HSA trustees or custodians may establish guidelines on what type of documentation must be provided to them prior to contributing to a HSA. Please consult with your HSA trustee or custodian for additional information.

HSA Eligibility

- Anyone who is not entitled to Medicare can accumulate tax-favored savings for health care needs.
- You must have a qualified high deductible health plan.
 - A qualified health plan for individuals has a minimum deductible of \$1,000.
 - For families, a qualified health plan must have a minimum deductible of \$2,000 – one deductible for the entire family.

Playing “Catch-up”

For 2004, individuals over the age of 55 may make a \$500 extra “catch-up” contribution to their HSA account. This amount increases by \$100 annually until 2009 when an additional \$1,000 can be added to the account.

Administering the HSA

Any financial institution already approved as an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Medical Savings Account (MSA) trustee or custodian can be a HSA trustee or custodian.

You have the freedom to choose any qualified institution that best fits your needs. Please contact your Agent or financial advisor for more information.

Tax Advantages of the HSA

HSAs are established to receive tax-favored contributions by or on behalf of eligible individuals. Amounts in a HSA may be accumulated over the years or distributed on a tax-free basis to pay for or reimburse qualified medical expenses.

Distributions are tax-free so long as they pay for qualified medical expenses such as prescriptions or over-the-counter drugs, long-term care, and so forth. Other withdrawals are taxed and in many instances carry a 10% penalty.

In order to receive the tax benefits of a HSA, you must qualify as an “eligible individual” under Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations, be enrolled in a qualified high deductible health plan, and separately open a HSA account meeting IRS requirements.

BCBSGA does not offer tax advice regarding the establishment or management of a HSA. If you intend to purchase a BCBSGA high deductible health plan to use in conjunction with a HSA, please consult with your tax or legal advisor to determine if:

- you are eligible
- your HSA and high deductible health plan meet all requirements
- this type of plan is right for you

For individuals who currently have a Medical Savings Account (MSA): Funds contributed to a MSA may be rolled over to a HSA under the federal legislation. Existing MSA trustees or custodians have been automatically approved as HSA custodians.

Please consult with your fund trustee or custodian for additional information regarding the roll over of MSA funds to a HSA.

This HSA information is provided as a general guideline only. Please consult your tax advisors for detailed HSA information.



Read Your Contract Carefully.

This summary of benefits provides only a brief description of the important features of your plan. This is not the insurance Contract and only the actual policy will control. The contract itself sets forth in detail the rights and obligations both of you and BCBSGA. It is, therefore, important that you READ YOUR CONTRACT CAREFULLY!

Additional Waiting Periods

A member must be covered for twelve (12) consecutive months under a family contract to be eligible for any maternity benefits, regardless of when the pregnancy occurs.

Other Insurance Plans

You cannot be enrolled in any other medical plan that is not a high deductible health plan to be eligible for a HSA.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBSGA) high deductible plans are not HSAs. The HSA account which must be established before you can enjoy tax-advantaged treatment, is a separate arrangement between an individual and a bank or other qualified institution. You must be an eligible individual under IRS regulations to receive the tax benefits of a HSA. The IRS has not issued high deductible health plan regulations or formally determined that BCBSGA high deductible plans are qualifying high deductible health plans. Consultation with a tax advisor is recommended

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