

Group Health Insurance Program For ORS Employees

New Employee Benefits Orientation

January 1 - December 31, 2016







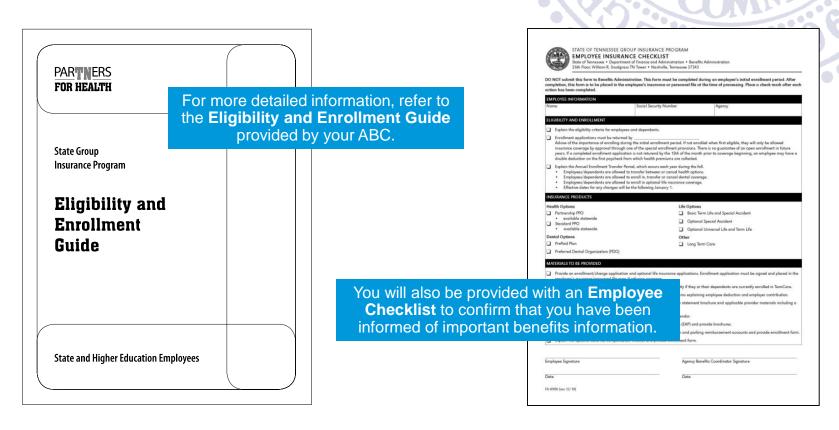


Importance of Your Decisions

- The decisions you make <u>now</u> as a new employee will have lasting effects on your benefits
- Please note: Some decisions can only be made during the new hire period
- Be aware of all the options available to you and make an informed decision
- Submit questions to Human Resources



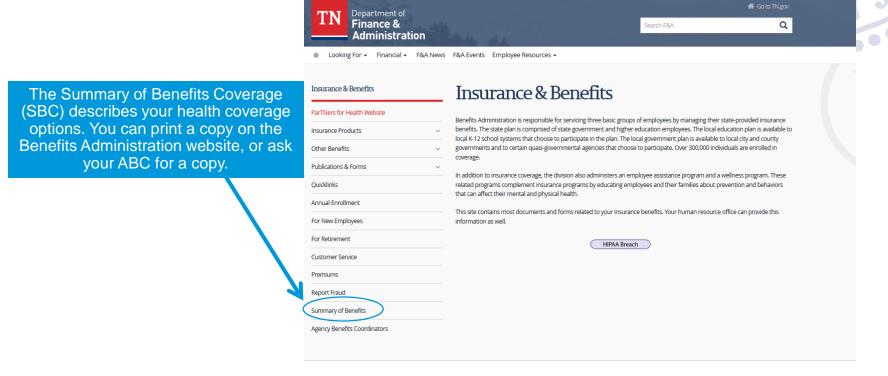
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tn.gov/finance/section/fa-benefits





About the Plan

- The State Group Insurance Program (the Plan) covers:
 - State and Higher Education Employees
 - Local Education Employees
 - Local Government Employees
- The plan costs \$1.3 billion annually and covers nearly 300,000 members
- The health plan is self-insured. The State, not an insurance company, pays claims from premiums collected from members and their employers
- The Division of Benefits Administration manages the Plan.



Who is Eligible for Coverage?

- Full-time employees and their dependents, who may include:
- Legally married spouses
- Children up to age 26, (natural, adopted, step-children or children for whom the employee is the legal guardian)
 - Special circumstances for disabled dependents may allow for coverage after age 26. Refer to Eligibility and Enrollment Guide or consult Human Resources for more information.
- Employees cannot be enrolled in TennCare and a State Group Health Insurance Plan
 - Contact your caseworker at TennCare within 10 days of your date of employment to report your new job, salary and that you have access to medical insurance with your new employer



Adding Coverage

Three times you may add health coverage:

- 1. As new employee
- 2. Annual Enrollment in the fall
- 3. If you experience a special qualifying event
 - Specific qualifying event (marriage, birth of a baby or something that results in loss of other coverage)
 - Submit the enrollment within 60 days of the event or loss of other coverage
 - A complete list is provided on page three of the enrollment application



Annual Enrollment

- During Annual Enrollment you may:
 - Enroll, cancel or make changes to health insurance
 - Select or change your health insurance carrier
 - Choose or switch CDHP/PPOs (subject to eligibility)
- Changes are effective January 1 of the following year

Annual Enrollment occurs each year during the fall



Canceling Coverage

- You may only cancel health coverage for yourself or your dependents:
 - 1. During Annual Enrollment
 - 2. If you become ineligible to continue coverage, for example, you switch from full-time to part-time employment
 - 3. If you and/or your dependents become newly eligible for coverage under another plan due to an event like marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child.

Definitions

- Premiums amount you pay each month for your coverage regardless of whether or not you receive health services
- Copay flat amount you pay for services and products (office visits. Prescriptions etc.)
- Deductible set amount you must pay each year for services
- Coinsurance % of cost for a service after you meet deductible



Definitions

- Out-of-pocket maximum limit on amount you pay each year in deductibles, co-insurance and copays
- Network group of doctors, hospitals and other providers contracted with a health insurance plan to provide services to members at pre-negotiated (usually discounted) fees
- Maximum allowable charge (MAC) the most a plan will pay for a service

For a complete list of definitions, see the Eligibility and Enrollment Guide or visit our website.





What is ALEX?

ALEX is a smart, funny benefits expert who explains benefits options and may help members choose what's best for them.

Go to www.partnersforhealthtn.gov





Choosing Your Health Insurance Options

Plan Options

- Partnership PPO
- Standard PPO
- Limited PPO
- HealthSavings CDHP

2 Two Insurance Carriers

- BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
- Cigna

Four Premium Levels (tiers)

- Employee
- Employee + child(ren)
- Employee + spouse
- Employee + spouse + child(ren)



Health Benefits

Preferred Provider Organizations (PPOs)

- Partnership PPO, Standard PPO and Limited PPO
 - Offer same services and treatments
 - Pay less in copays and coinsurance with the Partnership PPO versus the Standard PPO
 - Pay deductible first before coinsurance applies
 - Separate out-of-pocket maximums for medical and pharmacy
 - Pay for prescriptions with copays
 - When out-of-pocket maximum is reached the plan pays 100% for in-network services



Standard and Limited PPOs

- The Standard and Limited PPOs offer the same services as the Partnership PPO
- With the Standard PPO, you will pay more for monthly premiums, annual deductibles, copays, medical care co-insurance and out-ofpocket maximums
- With the Limited PPO, you will pay less for monthly premiums but have higher out-of-pocket costs
- Members enrolled in the Standard and Limited PPOs are not required to fulfill the Partnership Promise – but do have access to the ParTNers for Health Wellness Program and other tools, information and resources



ORS also offers Supplemental Gap Insurance provided by Beazley Insurance as a benefit







- Medicare Gap supplement plans are a good example of Gap Insurance plans
- Medicare doesn't pay for everything, so people buy a Medicare Gap plan that helps pay their out-of-pocket costs
- Like a Medicare Gap plan the Beazley Gap plan is designed to help pay out of pocket costs





What is Gap Insurance?

- Limited PPO
 - Employees who pick Limited PPO plan
 will be eligible for our Beazley Gap Plan
 - The Gap plan will cover family members who are covered on the Limited PPO
- Partnership/Standard PPO's
 - If you pick the Partnership or Standard
 PPO plans you have the option of purchasing a Gap plan on a voluntary basis
 - This option is 100% paid by the employee
- There is not a Gap plan available for the CDHP





Limited PPO Gap Insurance



If you pick the Limited PPO plan the district will pay toward the cost of our Beazley Supplemental Gap plan

Gap Coverage Type	District Pays	You Pay
Employee (EE)	100%	0%
EE + Child(ren)	100%	0%
EE + Spouse	100%	0%
EE + Spouse + Child(ren)	100%	0%





Partnership/Standard PPO Gap Insurance



If you pick the Partnership or Standard PPO plan the district will pay toward the cost of our Beazley Supplemental Gap plan

Gap Coverage Type	District Pays	You Pay
Employee (EE)	\$0	\$38.50
EE + Child(ren)	\$0	\$63.00
EE + Spouse	\$0	\$83.00
EE + Spouse + Child(ren)	\$0	\$114.00





Gap Plan Highlights

- The Beazley Gap plans are guaranteed issue with no health questions asked!
- There are no pre-existing conditions limitations other than what the state health plans requires (if any)
- The Gap plan pays qualified claims for both In and Out of Network providers
- The Gap plan reimburses qualified out of pocket expenses beginning <u>first dollar!</u>
- For example, you owe \$500 in deductible expense the Gap plan will pay the \$500
- Claims must be qualified expenses





When do I Use the Gap Insurance?

- The Gap Plan will reimburse you for eligible expenses to reduce two key areas:
 - Deductibles
 - 2. Co-insurance costs
- Gap insurance is typically used to reimburse out-of-pocket costs associated with:
 - Hospitalizations
 - Certain "Out-Patient" procedures
 - And, major medical tests like MRI's





Annual Maximum Beazley Gap Benefits for Limited PPO

Type Coverage	In Patient Annual Maximum	Out Patient Annual Maximum
Employee only	\$6,000	\$4,000
EE + Child(ren)	\$6,000 per person \$12,000 max	\$4,000 per person \$8,000 max
EE + Spouse	\$6,000 per person \$12,000 max	\$4,000 per person \$8,000 max
EE + Sp + Child(ren)	\$6,000 per person \$12,000 max	\$4,000 per person \$8,000 max





Annual Maximum Beazley Gap Benefits Partnership or Standard PPO's

Type Coverage	In Patient Annual Maximum	Out Patient Annual Maximum
Employee only	\$2,500	\$1,000
EE + Child(ren)	\$2,500 per person \$5,000 max	\$1,000 per person \$2,000 max
EE + Spouse	\$2,500 per person \$5,000 max	\$1,000 per person \$2,000 max
EE + Sp + Child(ren)	\$2,500 per person \$5,000 max	\$1,000 per person \$2,000 max





Gap Inpatient Benefits

- Covered inpatient services included are:
 - Hospital room and board charges
 - Hospital ancillary charges
 - Surgery surgeons fees, etc.
 - Chemotherapy, Radiation, Dialysis
 - Radiological Imaging (X-ray, CRT, MRI)
- See your Beazley policy for more details

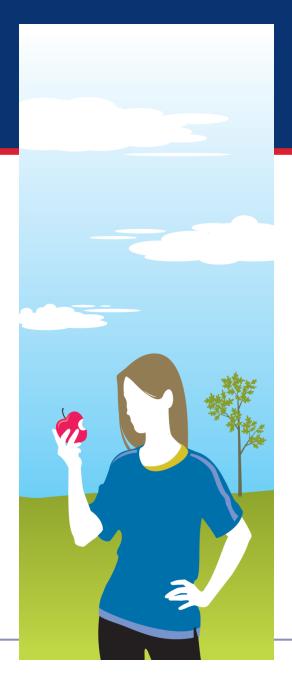




Gap Out Patient Benefits

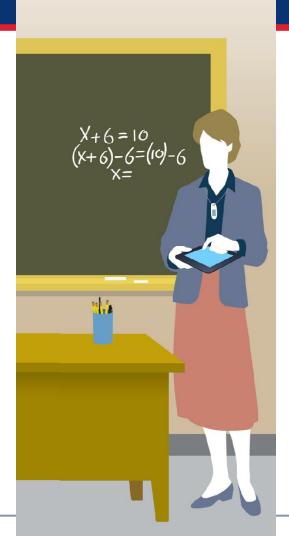
- Covered outpatient services included are:
 - Treatment in a Hospital Emergency Room, but not admitted to inpatient
 - Surgery in a Hospital Outpatient Facility or Freestanding Surgery Center
 - Radiological diagnostic testing in a Hospital Outpatient or MRI facility
 - Outpatient Radiation and Chemotherapy
- See your Beazley policy for more details





When Does Gap Not Pay?

- These are some services that are not covered by Gap and are not reimbursed:
 - Doctor office visits, urgent care centers, preventative exams, chiropractic visits
 - Prescription drugs
 - Ambulance
 - Durable medical equipment (DME)
 - Out Patient kidney dialysis, or therapies like speech, occupational, rehab
 - Dental and Vision, unless injury or congenital anomaly of newborn
- See your Beazley policy for more details



Exclusions and Limitations

- Like all insurance plans the Beazley Gap plans have exclusions and limitations
- Examples of exclusions would be:
 - Out of pocket expenses incurred as a result of the insured committing a crime, or as a result of being legally intoxicated
 - Dental and vision services other than for accidents or birth defects
 - Injuries as a result of hazardous activities like hang gliding, etc.
 - Drug or alcohol treatment is not covered
 - Sleep Studies



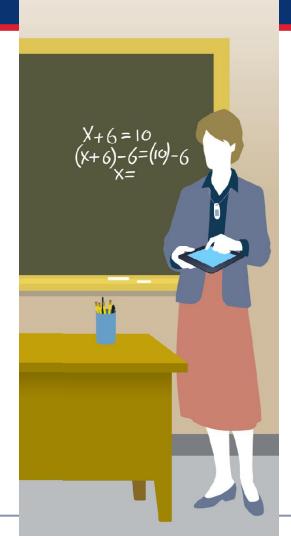


Let's Review...

Type of Service	Limited, Partnership, & Standard PPO Benefits	Gap Benefits
In-Patient Hospital Care	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Gap Pays
Surgery In Hospital	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Gap Pays
Out-Patient Surgery in Hospital or Clinic	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Gap Pays
Diagnostic Tests in Hospital & Out-patient Center	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Gap Pays
In and / or Out-Patient Radiation & Chemotherapy	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Gap Pays
In and/ or Out-Patient Drug & Alcohol Treatment	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Not Reimbursed
Ambulance Services	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Not Reimbursed
Doctors Office, Specialist, & Urgent Care Center	Subject to Copay	Not Reimbursed
Prescriptions	Subject to Copay	Not Reimbursed
Out-Patient Physical, Speech, Rehab Therapy	Subject to Copay or Ded / Coinsur	Not Reimbursed
Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Not Reimbursed
Out-Patient Kidney Dialysis	Subject to Ded / Coinsur	Not Reimbursed

^{*} Review the state health plan and Gap plan benefit summaries for complete details, exclusions, and limitations. The above information is a brief summary and is for illustrative purposes only.





Exclusions and Limitations

- The Partnership, Standard, Limited, and CDHP plans also have exclusions and limitations
- Review the benefit summaries to learn more about what's covered and non-covered, exclusions, and limitations





How Does the Limited PPO and Gap Plan Work Together?





How Gap Plans Save You Money

- Employees who pick the Limited PPO + Gap plan can save money:
 - Per paycheck with lower premiums
 - Can have significantly lower Out of Pocket (OOP) costs because the Gap plan can pay all or most of OOP's
- The combined savings of lower OOP's and lower premiums can be significant





2016 Monthly Employee Cost

	Limited PPO + Gap Plan	Partnership PPO	Standard PPO	CDHP
Employee (EE)	\$51.91	\$81.11	\$84.86	\$48.16
EE + Child(ren)	\$171.30	\$267.65	\$275.15	\$158.93
EE + Spouse	\$202.44	\$316.32	\$331.32	\$187.82
EE + Sp. + Child(ren)	\$269.93	\$421.76	\$436.76	\$250.43





Monthly and Annual Savings Example

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BCBST	2015	2016	2016	2016
	Partnership PPO	Limited +	Limited +	Limited + Gap
	Cost	Gap Cost	Gap Savings	Annual Savings
Employee (EE)	\$81.11	\$51.91	\$29.20	\$350.40
EE + Child(ren)	\$267.65	\$171.30	\$96.35	\$1,156.20
EE + Spouse	\$316.32	\$202.44	\$113.88	\$1,366.56
EE + Sp. + Child(ren)	\$421.76	\$269.93	\$151.83	\$1,821.96



Health Benefits

HealthSavings CDHP

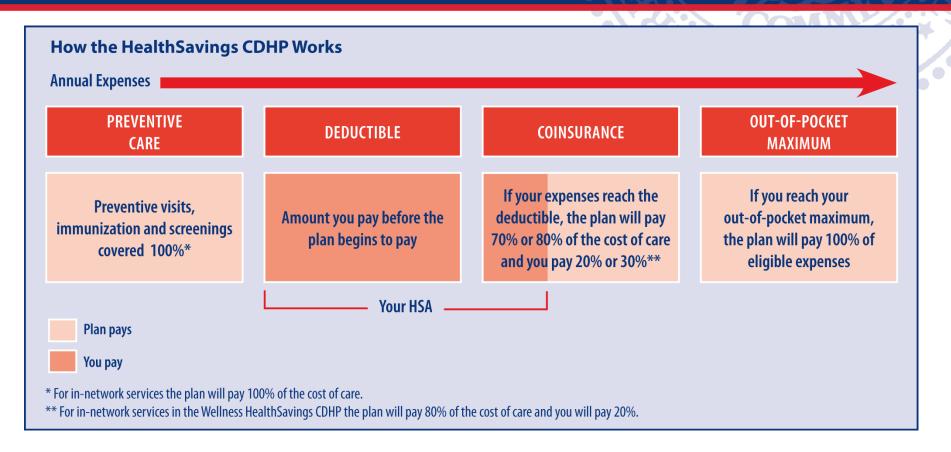
HealthSavings CDHP - does not include the Partnership Promise. Employees may fund the HSA

Health Benefits

With the HealthSavings CDHP option you have:

- Comprehensive health insurance coverage
- Lower monthly premiums but a higher deductible
 - A tax-free HSA which you own
 - To meet your deductible before the plan starts paying for covered expenses
 - No separate deductible or out-of-pocket maximum for pharmacy
 - Coinsurance after you meet your deductible
 - Lower total out-of-pocket maximum compared to PPOs







Difference Between PPOs and HealthSavings CDHP:

IN-NETWORK COMPARISON	PARTNERSHIP PPO	STANDARD PPO	LIMITED PPO	HEALTHSAVINGS CDHP
DEDUCTIBLE	\$450 individual \$1,150 family	\$800 individual \$2,050 family	\$1,200 individual \$2,600 family \$100 per member for pharmacy	\$1,500 individual \$3,000 family
MEDICAL OUT-OF-POCKET MAX	\$2,300 individual 4,600 family	\$2,600 individual \$5,200 family	\$6,600 individual \$13,200 family	\$3,800 individual \$7,600 family
PHARMACY OUT-OF-POCKET MAX	\$2,500 individual \$5,000 family	\$3,000 individual \$6,000 family	included with medical	included with medical
HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	N/A	N/A	N/A	member and employer option



CDHP Enrollment Restrictions

- You cannot be enrolled in another plan, including a PPO, spouse's plan or any government plan (Medicare, Medicaid, TRICARE).
- Eligible for VA medical benefits but you did not receive benefits during the preceding three months, you can enroll in and make contributions to your HSA.
 - If you receive VA benefits in the future, then you are NOT entitled to contribute to your account for another three months.
- You can't be claimed as a dependent by someone else.
- For other restrictions go to IRS.gov.



What are the benefits of a HSA?

- The money in your HSA rolls over each year
- Use money in your account to pay deductible and qualified expenses including some not covered by the CDHP (i.e., vision and dental, hearing aids, acupuncture, etc.)
- The money is yours! Take it with you if you leave, retire or change plans
- The HSA offers tax advantages on money in your account:
 - 1. Both employer and employee contributions are tax free.
 - 2. Withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are tax free.
 - 3. Interest earned is tax free
- HSA is a retirement savings account option.



How does the HSA work?

- You can contribute pre-tax money into your account and then use the funds for qualified medical expenses or save for future expenses.
- You cannot fund or use your HSA if you or your spouse have funds in a medical FSA the same year.

Allowable maximum contribution:

You can contribute to your HSA up to the annual IRS allowable maximums:

- ➤ In 2016, IRS guidelines allow total tax-free contributions up to \$3,350 for individuals and \$6,750 for families annually.
- > At age 55 and older, you can make an additional \$1,000/year contribution (\$4,350) for individuals or \$7,750 for families).
- ➤ If your agency contributes money to your account, it counts toward the maximum.



PayFlex – Health Savings Account

- If you choose to enroll in the HealthSavings CDHP, a health savings account is automatically opened for you.
 - PayFlex will send you a letter asking for additional information
 - Then, you will receive a debit card from PayFlex.
 - Register and access your PayFlex HSA online at www.stateoftn.payflexdirect.com



PayFlex – Health Savings Account

- Use the PayFlex Card
 - Convenient way to pay for eligible expenses
 - Expenses paid automatically
 - Keep your receipts for audit purposes
- Pay yourself back
 - Pay for eligible expenses with cash, check or personal credit card
 - Withdraw funds for your HSA to pay yourself back
 - Or have payment deposited directly to checking or savings account
- Pay your provider
 - Use PayFlex's online feature to pay provider
- Contribute post-tax dollars from your bank account online



PayFlex – Health Savings Account

- PayFlex free mobile app
 - Manage and access your account 24/7
 - Available for most mobile digital devices
 - Upload photos of receipts for tax purposes
- Earn interest and invest your money
 - Earn tax free interest on your HSA
 - When account reaches \$1,000 can invest the funds over this amount
- Account fees: The state pays the monthly HSA maintenance fee while you're enrolled in a HealthSavings CDHP. You are responsible for standard banking fees. If you leave your job, retire or choose a PPO option in the future, you will be responsible for paying any applicable HSA fees.



2016 Partnership Promise

What is the Partnership Promise?

- Employees who enroll in the Partnership PPO pay lower premiums and costs by agreeing to complete simple steps for better health. There steps are called the Partnership Promise.
- •The Partnership Promise is an annual commitment, but you are not required to sign a new promise each year.
- You and all eligible family members must enroll in the same healthcare option.
 Your dependent spouse must also agree to the Partnership Promise.
- •Children are not required to complete the steps.
- Healthways administers the Partnership Promise.
- •Requirements may change each year.



Goal of the Partnership Promise

Offers tools and health coaches to help you get and stay healthy:

- Lose weight
- Eat healthy
- Increase exercise
- Quit tobacco.

Members who participate in the Partnership Promise are also rewarded with lower rates and lower costs for service.

Partnership Promise 2016 New Members

2016 new members and covered spouses must:

- 1. Complete the online Well-Being Assessment (WBA)
 - partnersforhealthtn.gov and click on the "My Wellness Tab"
- 2. Get a biometric health screening from your physician
 - Includes height, weight, blood pressure, waist circumference, blood sugar and cholesterol levels
- Steps 1 and 2 must be completed within <u>120 days</u> from the day your coverage begins



Choosing an Insurance Carrier

- Once you select your plan, select either:
 - BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Network S
 - Cigna LocalPlus Network
- Check the networks carefully to make sure your preferred doctors and hospitals are in the network you choose

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Choosing Your Premium Level

- Four premium levels (tiers) available:
 - Employee Only
 - Employee + Child(ren)
 - Employee + Spouse
 - Employee + Spouse + Child(ren)

Remember: Partnership PPO premiums are lower than the premiums for the Standard PPO.



Premiums:

Total of Monthly Premiums*

Premium Level	Partnership PPO	Standard PPO	Limited PPO	HealthSavings CDHP
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In-Network Deductibles and Outof-Pocket Maximums

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^{*}See eligibility guide for more detail on out-of-network costs.

Free In-Network Preventive Care

If provided in-network, free preventive care includes:

- Flu and pneumococcal vaccinations
- Annual physical exam
- Annual well-woman visit
- Osteoporosis screening for women
- Screenings for colon, breast or cervical cancer

Regular preventive care is one of the most important things you can do to stay healthy.



Take Note!

 Deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums the in-network and out-of-network services add up <u>separately</u> in PPOs and CDHP.

Example – Partnership PPO

 In-network services count toward in-network deductible and out-of-pocket maximum

	Deductible	Out-of-Pocket Max
In-Network	\$450	\$2,300

 Out-of-network services count toward out-of-network deductible and out-of-pocket maximum

	Deductible	Out-of-Pocket Max
Out-of-Network	\$800	\$3,500

Ineligible expenses, including non-covered services and expenses over the MAC don't count toward deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums.



Pharmacy Benefits

CVS/Caremark is the pharmacy benefits manager for all plan members

- Covered drug list is the same for both the PPOs and CDHP
- More than 67,000 independent and chain pharmacies throughout the U.S.
- 90-day supply of approved maintenance drugs is available at discounted rates
 - About 916 Tennessee pharmacies fill 90-day prescriptions in the Retail 90 Network

Tobacco Cessation: The state's prescription drug coverage provides free tobacco quit aids to members who want to stop using tobacco products.



HealthSavings CDHP

Out-of-

Network

coinsurance plus amount exceeding MAC

N/A - no

network

N/A - no

network

50%

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Network

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30%

30%

20%

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Prescription Drug Copays						
	Partnersh	nip PPO	Standa	rd PPO	Limite	d PPO
	In-Network	Out-of- Network	In- Network	Out-of- Network	In- Network	Out-of- Network
30-Day Supply (only from pharmacies in the 30-day network)	\$5 copay generic \$35 copay preferred brand \$85 copay non-preferred brand	Copay, plus any amount exceeding MAC	\$10 copay for generic \$45 copay for preferred brand \$95 copay for non-	Copay, plus any amount exceeding MAC	\$10 copay generic \$55 copay preferred brand \$105 copay non-	Copay plus amount exceeding MAC

preferred

\$20 copay

for generic

\$85 copay

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\$185 copay

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\$10 copay

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\$10 copay

\$65 copay

\$165 copay

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\$5 copay

\$30 copay

\$160 copay

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\$20 copay

\$105 copay

\$205 copay

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Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – Free

Included for every employee enrolled in medical benefits. EAP can help with:

Family or relationship issues	Child and elder care
Feeling anxious or depressed	Difficulties and conflicts at work
Dealing with addiction	Grief and loss
Legal or financial issues	Work/life balance

- Services are free, confidential and available to members 24/7
- You and your eligible dependents get up to five, free counseling sessions per problem episode, per year
 - Toll Free 24/7 at 1.855.HERE4TN (1.855.437.3486)
 - Or at www.Here4TN.com



Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Treatment

All members of state health plans have behavioral health and substance abuse treatment benefits through Magellan Health

- Call 1.855.HERE.4.TN (1.855.437.3486) or <u>www.HERE4TN.com</u>
- Services include:
 - Outpatient assessment and treatment
 - Inpatient assessment and treatment
 - Alternative care (partial hospitalization, residential or intensive outpatient treatment)
 - Treatment follow-up and aftercare
- Prior authorization is required for some services



ParTNers for Health Wellness Program

- The ParTNers for Health Wellness Program is FREE to all health insurance plan members, eligible spouses and dependents
- Wellness Resources:
 - Coaching
 - Well-Being Assessment (WBA)
 - Nurse Advice Line
 - Wellness Challenges
 - Weight Watchers at Work discounts and Fitness Center discounts
 - Weekly health e-tips

Visit wellness webpage on the ParTNers for Health website to access



Working for a Healthier Tennessee

- >Expands wellness resources to all employees
- Encourages state employees to lead healthier lives by focusing on
 - Physical Activity
 - Healthy Eating
 - 3. Tobacco Cessation

Enrolling in Benefits

- Employees must enroll using the Enrollment Change Application provided by Human Resources.
- Enrollment must be completed within 31 days of your hire date
- Any required dependent verification must also be submitted during this timeframe
 - Example dependent verification documents include:
 - Federal Income Tax Return for a spouse
 - Birth certificate for a child



When Will Coverage Begin?

- Health coverage begin on the first day of the month
- If you are hired on Sept. 15, coverage would begin on Oct. or Nov. 1*
- Ask Human Resources if you have questions about when your coverage begins

*Coverage begins the first day of the month after you are eligible. Ask your agency if you are eligible as of your hire date or some other date

When Are Premiums Paid?

- Human Resources will tell you when your premiums will be deducted from your paycheck
- If you do not enter your benefit selections early, in some instances, you could end up with a double deduction from your paycheck.
 - For example, you could be double-deducted if you make your insurance selections after your agency confirms your paycheck that the first deduction is supposed to be taken.

When Will My ID Cards Arrive?

Within three weeks of the date your application is processed

BlueCross BlueShield	Cigna		
 Sends up to two ID cards automatically, both with member's name 	 Sends separate ID cards for each insured family member with each participant's name 		
 These may be used by any covered dependent 	 There may be up to four ID cards in each envelope 		

- CVS/Caremark will send separate ID cards for pharmacy benefits
- If you enroll in dental or vision benefits, you will receive your ID cards within three weeks



Your Privacy

- Your personal health information is strictly confidential
- Your health privacy rights are protected through a federal law called "HIPAA"
- Benefits Administration can only discuss benefits information with the head of contract (HOC)
- The Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information form must be completed before Benefits Administration can discuss benefits information with your spouse or other authorized representative

To print and complete a release form, visit www.tn.gov/finance/section/fabenefits. On this page, select the "Forms" tab.



Retiree Insurance

- Retiree health insurance coverage (pre-65 retirees) is <u>not</u> available to employees whose employment first began on or after July 1, 2015.
- Medicare supplement insurance will <u>not</u> be available to any employee whose first employment is on or after July 1, 2015.
- Any employee whose first employment with a participating local education/local government agency began before July 1, 2015, and who returns to employment with a participating Local Education agency after July 1, 2015, may participate in retiree coverage if the employee meets all other eligibility requirements for retirement insurance.
- If you have questions about the above or your insurance options, we encourage you to talk with Human Resources.



Insurance Carrier Websites

- BlueCross BlueShield, Cigna and CVS/caremark each offer member websites that allow you to:
 - View detailed information about your claims
 - Print temporary ID cards
 - Access other helpful member services
 - BlueCross BlueShield

Cigna

www.bcbst.com/members/tn_state/

www.cigna.com/site/stateoftn

CVS/caremark

www.info.caremark.com/stateoftn



Who to Contact

- Your primary point of contact is Human Resources
- For questions about a provider or insurance claim, contact your insurance carrier directly via the carrier's member website or the number on the back of your ID card
- For questions about eligibility and enrollment, call the Benefits Administration service center at 1-800-253-9981

- ParTNers for Health www.partnersforhealthtn.gov
- **Benefits Administration** www.tn.gov/finance/section/fa-benefits

