

BluePreferred

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Welcome

Welcome to your plan for healthy living

From preventive services to maintain your health, to our extensive network of providers and resources, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (collectively, CareFirst) are there when you need care. We will work together to help you get well, stay well and achieve any wellness goals you have in mind.

We know that health insurance is one of the most important decisions you make for you and your family—and we thank you for choosing CareFirst. This guide will help you understand your plan benefits and all the services available to you as a CareFirst member.

Please keep and refer to this guide while you are enrolled in this plan.

How your plan works

Find out how your health plan works and how you can access the highest level of coverage.

What's covered

See how your benefits are paid, including any deductibles, copayments or coinsurance amounts that may apply to your plan.

Getting the most out of your plan

Take advantage of the added features you have as a CareFirst member:

- Wellness discount program offering discounts on fitness gear, gym memberships, healthy eating options and more.
- Online access to quickly find a doctor or search for benefits and claims.
- Health information on our website includes health calculators, tracking tools and podcast videos on specific health topics.
- *Vitality* magazine with healthy recipes, preventive health care tips and a variety of articles.



Managing your health care budget just got easier

With CareFirst's Treatment Cost Estimator, you can:

- Quickly estimate your total costs
- Avoid surprises and save money
- Plan ahead to control expenses
- Make the best care decisions for you

Visit carefirst.com to learn more!





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It helps to understand some key terms

CareFirst member cost: The maximum amount providers can charge CareFirst members for a specific service.

Deductible: Depending on your plan, you'll need to pay for some services on your own until you reach your deductible. Then your plan starts helping with the cost of your care.

Out-of-pocket maximum: The most you'll pay for covered services in a plan year. After you spend this amount on care costs, your plan will pay 100% of the CareFirst member costs for the rest of the plan year.



How your CareFirst plan works

See any provider

With BluePreferred PPO, you have the freedom to visit any provider you choose. We also offer online tools and resources at **carefirst.com** that give you the flexibility to manage your health care and wellness goals wherever you are.



Take advantage of your benefits

- \$0 cost for comprehensive preventive health care visits.
- Choose any provider you want—no referrals required.
- A network of over 43,000 CareFirst Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) providers—primary care providers (PCP), nurse practitioners, specialists, hospitals, pharmacies, urgent care centers, convenience care clinics and diagnostic centers—in Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia.
- If you need care outside CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield's (CareFirst) service area of Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia, you have access to thousands of providers in all 50 states and receive in-network benefits when you see a BlueCard® PPO provider.

Benefits at a glance



Preventive care and sick office visits

You are covered for all preventive care as well as sick office visits.



Large provider network

You can choose any doctor from our large network of providers. Our network also includes specialists, hospitals and pharmacies—giving you many options for your health care.



Specialist services

Your coverage includes services from specialists without a referral. Specialists are doctors or nurses who are highly trained to treat certain conditions, such as cardiologists or dermatologists.



Prescription drug coverage

Your plan covers prescription drugs.



Hospital services

You're covered for overnight hospital stays. You are also covered for outpatient services, those procedures you get in the hospital without spending the night. Your PCP or specialist must provide prior authorization for all inpatient hospital services and may need to provide prior authorization for some outpatient hospital services such as rehabilitative services, chemotherapy and infusion services.



Labs, X-rays or specialty imaging

Covered services include providerordered lab tests, X-rays and other specialty imaging tests (MRI, CT scan, PET scan, etc.).



Well-child visits

All well-child visits and immunizations are covered.



Maternity and pregnancy care

You are covered for doctor visits before and after your baby is born, including hospital stays. If needed, we also cover home visits after the baby's birth.



Mental health and substance use disorder

Your coverage includes behavioral health treatment, such as psychotherapy and counseling, mental and behavioral health inpatient services and substance use disorder treatment.

How your plan works

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) has the region's largest network of doctors, pharmacies, hospitals and other health care providers that accept our health plans. Because networks vary among CareFirst health plans, make sure you're familiar with your specific plan's network.

In-network doctors and health care providers are those that are part of your plan's network (also known as participating providers). When you choose an in-network provider, you'll pay the lowest out-of-pocket costs.

Out-of-network doctors and health care providers have not contracted with CareFirst. If you choose to receive care from an out-of-network provider, you can expect to pay more and, in some cases, may be responsible for the entire amount billed.

Getting started with your plan

No matter which health plan you have, one of the first things you should do is choose an in-network primary care provider or PCP. By visiting your PCP for routine visits as recommended, he/she will get to know you, your medical history and your habits.

BluePreferred PPO gives you flexibility and choices when you need care.



CareFirst Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) network or

or

BlueCard® PPO network (outside of MD, DC, and Northern VA)

Non-participating providers

In-network you pay: \$

Visit any CareFirst PPO network provider or when receiving care outside Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia, visit any BlueCard® PPO provider. No referrals necessary.

Out-of-network you pay: \$\$

Visit a non-participating provider No referral required. Balance billing may apply.

Having a PCP who is familiar with your health can make it easier and faster to get the care you need. In addition, when you choose a PCP, you are one step closer to earning a financial reward!

With access to nearly 92 percent of all physicians in the United States, your doctor is likely in the network. To find regional and national providers, visit our *Find a Provider* tool (carefirst.com/doctor) and search by the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield or CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst) plan or by your doctor's name.

Your benefits

Step 1: Meet your deductible (if applicable)

If your plan requires you to meet a deductible, you will be responsible for the cost of your medical care up to the amount of your deductible. However, this deductible does not apply to all services.

Examples of in-network services not subject to deductible*:

- Adult preventive visits with PCP
- Well-child care and immunizations with PCP
- OB/GYN visits and pap tests
- Mammograms
- Prostate and colorectal screenings
- Routine prenatal maternity services



Step 2: Your plan will start to pay for services

Your full benefits will become available once your deductible is met. However, the level of those benefits will depend on whether you see in-network or out-of-network providers. Depending on your particular plan, you may also have to pay a copay or coinsurance when you receive care.

You will have a different deductible amount for in-network vs. out-of-network benefits and the in-and out-of-network medical deductibles contribute toward one another. For example, when you see in-network providers, your expenses will count towards both your in-network deductible and out-of-network deductible. Deductible requirements vary based on your coverage level (e.g. individual, family) therefore if more than one person is covered under your plan, please refer to your Evidence of Coverage for detailed deductible information.

In general, nonparticipating providers don't have an agreement with CareFirst to accept the allowed benefit as payment in full for their services. This means the provider could bill you based on the actual charge for the service and you would be responsible for paying the balance between what we allow for the benefit and the actual charge.

Remember, you may be required to pay a nonparticipating provider's total charges at the time of service and submit a claim for reimbursement.

Step 3: Your out-of-pocket maximum

Your out-of-pocket maximum is the maximum amount you will pay during your benefit period. Any amount you pay toward your deductible (if applicable) and most copays and/or coinsurance will count toward your out-of-pocket maximum.

Just like your deductible, the in- and out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum contributes toward one another. Once your out-of-pocket maximum is satisfied, copays or coinsurance amounts will not be required.

Please keep in mind that out-of-pocket requirements also differ if your coverage is either an individual or family plan. Detailed information on out-of-pocket maximum amounts can be found in your Evidence of Coverage.

^{*} This is not a complete list of all services. For a comprehensive explanation of your coverage, please check your Evidence of Coverage.

Out-of-area coverage

You have the freedom to take your health care benefits with you—across the country and around the world. BlueCard PPO, a program from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, allows you to receive the same health care benefits while traveling outside of the CareFirst service area (Maryland, Washington, D.C. and northern Virginia). The BlueCard program includes more than 6,100 hospitals and 600,000 other health care providers nationally.

Global coverage

If you travel outside of the U.S., access to quality medical coverage is essential to keeping you healthy and productive. With BlueCross BlueShield Global Core* solutions from CareFirst, you'll receive:

- Access to nearly 170,000 English-speaking providers and more than 11,500 hospitals in nearly 200 countries worldwide
- 24/7 telephone support
- Seamless claims processing/reimbursement designed for occasional or short-term travel, the Core plan connects members with their home plan benefits to provide basic medical coverage outside of the U.S.

For more information on Global Core, please call 800-810-BLUE (2583).

Important terms

ALLOWED BENEFIT: The maximum amount CareFirst approves for a covered service, regardless of what the doctor actually charges. Providers who participate in the PPO network cannot charge our members more than the allowed amount for any covered service.

COINSURANCE: The percentage of the allowed benefit you pay after you meet your deductible.

COPAY: A fixed-dollar amount you pay when you visit a doctor or other provider.

DEDUCTIBLE: The amount of money you must pay each year before your plan begins to pay its portion for the cost of care.

IN-NETWORK: Doctors, hospitals, labs and other providers or facilities that are part of the CareFirst's regional and national PPO network.

OUT-OF-NETWORK: Doctors, hospitals, labs and other providers or facilities that do not participate in CareFirst's regional and national PPO network.

^{*}BlueCross BlueShield Global is a brand owned by BlueCross BlueShield Association
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What's covered

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Services	In-Network You Pay ^{1,2}	Out-of-Network You Pay ^{1,3}		
	Visit www.carefirst.com/doctor to loca	te providers and facilities		
24-HOUR NURSE ADVICE LINE				
Free advice from a registered nurse. Visit www.carefirst.com/needcare to learn more about your options for care.	When your doctor is not available, call 800-535-9700 to speak with a registered nurse about your health questions and treatment options.			
WELLNESS PROGRAM & BLUE REWARDS				
Health Incentive Program. Visit www.carefirst.com/myaccount for more information.	You have access to a comprehensive wellness program as part of your medical plan. You also have Blue Rewards, an incentive program where you can get rewarded for completing certain activities.			
ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE (Benefit period) ⁴				
Individual	\$250	\$500		
Family	\$500	\$1000		
ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM (Bene	efit period)5			
Medical ⁶	\$1,500 Individual/\$3,000 Family	\$3,000 Individual/\$6,000 Family		
Prescription Drug ⁶	\$4,500 Individual/\$9,000 Family	All drug costs are subject to in-network out-of-pocket maximum		
LIFETIME MAXIMUM BENEFIT				
Lifetime Maximum	None	None		
PREVENTIVE SERVICES				
Well-Child Care (including exams & immunizations)	No charge*	CareFirst pays 100% of Allowed Benefit		
Adult Physical Examination (including routine GYN visit)	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Breast Cancer Screening	No charge*	CareFirst pays 100% of Allowed Benefit		
Pap Test	No charge*	30% of Allowed Benefit		
Prostate Cancer Screening	No charge*	CareFirst pays 100% of Allowed Benefit		
Colorectal Cancer Screening	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
OFFICE VISITS, LABS AND TESTING				
Office Visits for Illness	\$20 per visit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Imaging (MRA/MRS, MRI, PET & CAT scans)	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Lab	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
X-ray	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Allergy Testing	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Allergy Shots	\$5 per visit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy	\$20 per visit (limited to 30 visits/condition/benefit period)	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Chiropractic (limited to 20 visits/benefits period)	\$20 per visit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit		
Acupuncture	Not covered (except when approved or authorized by Plan for Anesthesia).	Not covered (except when approved or authorized by Plan for Anesthesia).		

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Services	In-Network You Pay ^{1,2}	Out-of-Network You Pay ^{1,3}	
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Urgent Care Center	\$20 per visit	\$20 per visit	
Emergency Room—Facility Services	\$100 per visit (waived if admitted)	\$100 per visit (waived if admitted)	
Emergency Room—Physician Services	No charge*	CareFirst pays 100% of Allowed Benefit	
Ambulance (if medically necessary)	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	In-network deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	
HOSPITALIZATION—(Members are respons	ible for applicable physician and facility	/ fees)	
Outpatient Facility Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Outpatient Physician Services	\$20 per visit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Surgical Treatment of Morbid Obesity	Paid the same as other surgical procedures	Paid the same as other surgical procedures	
Inpatient Facility Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Inpatient Physician Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
HOSPITAL ALTERNATIVES			
Home Health Care (limited to 90 visits per episode of care)	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Hospice (limited to maximum 180 day Hospice eligibility period; Outpatient-limited to 60 days per Hospice eligibility period)	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Skilled Nursing Facility (limited to 60 days/benefit period)	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
MATERNITY			
Preventive Prenatal and Postnatal Office Visits	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Delivery and Facility Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Nursery Care of Newborn	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Artificial and Intrauterine Insemination ⁷	Not covered	Not covered	
In Vitro Fertilization Procedures ⁷	Not covered	Not covered	
MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DIS	ORDER—(Members are responsible for	applicable physician and facility fees)	
Inpatient Facility Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Inpatient Physician Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Outpatient Facility Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Outpatient Physician Services	No charge*	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Office Visits	\$20 per visit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Medication Management	\$20 per visit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
MEDICAL DEVICES AND SUPPLIES			
Durable Medical Equipment	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
Hearing Aids for ages 0-18 (for ages 0-18)	Deductible, then 10% of Allowed Benefit	Deductible, then 30% of Allowed Benefit	
VISION			
Routine Exam (limited to 1 visit/benefit period)	\$10 per visit at participating vision provider	CareFirst pays \$33, you pay balance	
Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses	Discounts from participating Vision Centers	Not covered	

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Note: Allowed Benefit is the fee that participating providers in the network have agreed to accept for a particular service. The participating provider cannot charge the member more than this amount for any covered service. Example: Dr. Carson charges \$100 to see a sick patient. To be part of CareFirst's network, he has agreed to accept \$50 for the visit. The member will pay their copay/coinsurance and deductible (if applicable) and CareFirst will pay the remaining amount up to \$50.

- * No copayment or coinsurance.
- 1 When multiple services are rendered on the same day by more than one provider, Member payments are required for each provider.
- In-network: When covered services are rendered by a provider in the Preferred Provider network, care is reimbursed at the in-network level. In-network coinsurances are based on a percentage of the Allowed Benefit. The Allowed Benefit is generally the contracted rates or fee schedules that Preferred Providers have agreed to accept as payment for covered services. These payments are established by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst), however, in certain circumstances, the Allowed Benefit for a Preferred Provider may be established by law.
- Out-of-network: When covered services are rendered by a provider not in the Preferred Provider network, care is reimbursed as out-of-network. Out-of-network coinsurances are based on a percentage of the Allowed Benefit. The Allowed Benefit is generally the contracted rates or fee schedules that Preferred Providers have agreed to accept as payment of covered services. These payments are established by CareFirst, however, in certain circumstances, the Allowed Benefit for an out-of-network provider may be established by law. When services are rendered by Non-Preferred Providers, charges in excess of the Allowed Benefit are the member's responsibility.
- ⁴ For family coverage only: When one family member meets the individual deductible, they can start receiving benefits. Each family member cannot contribute more than the individual deductible amount. The family deductible must be met before the remaining family members can start receiving benefits.
- ⁵ For Family coverage only: When one family member meets the individual out-of-pocket maximum, their services will be covered at 100% up to the Allowed Benefit. Each family member cannot contribute more than the individual out-of-pocket maximum amount. The family out-of-pocket maximum must be met before the services for all remaining family members will be covered at 100% up to the Allowed Benefit.
- 6 Plan has a separate out-of-pocket maximum for medical and drug expenses which accumulate independently.
- Members who are unable to conceive have coverage for the evaluation of infertility services performed to confirm an infertility diagnosis, and some treatment options for infertility. Preauthorization required.

Not all services and procedures are covered by your benefits contract. This summary is for comparison purposes only and does not create rights not given through the benefit plan.

The benefits described are issued under form numbers: DC/CF/GC (R. 1/19); DC/CF/BP/EOC (R. 11/09); DC/GHMSI/DOL APPEAL (R. 1/17); DC/CF/BP/DOCS (7/08); DC/CF/BP/SOB (7/08); DC/CF/SOB HDHP (R. 7/08); DC/CF/RX3 (R. 1/18); DC/CF/LG/INCENT (R. 1/19); DC/CF/ATTC (R. 1/10) and any amendments.



BlueVision

A plan for healthy eyes, healthy lives

Professional vision services including routine eye examinations, eyeglasses and contact lenses offered by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, through the Davis Vision, Inc. national network of providers.

How the plan works How do I find a provider?

To find a provider, go to **carefirst.com** and utilize the *Find a Provider* feature or call Davis Vision at **800-783-5602** for a list of network providers closest to you. Be sure to ask your provider if he or she participates with the Davis Vision network before you receive care.

How do I receive care from a network provider?

Simply call your provider and schedule an appointment. Identify yourself as a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield or CareFirst BlueChoice member and provide the doctor with your identification number, as well as your date of birth. Then go to the provider to receive your service. There are no claim forms to file.

What if I go out-of-network?

BlueVision offers an allowance for a routine eye exam, eyeglasses, and contact lenses at a non-Davis Vision provider. You will be responsible for paying the entire amount of the service fees upfront. Out-of-network benefits are limited to an allowed benefit. After the services, you can submit your claim to Davis Vision for reimbursement. You can find the claim form by going to carefirst.com, locate For Members, then click on Forms, Vision, Davis Vision.

Can I get contacts and eyeglasses in the same benefit period?

With BlueVision, the benefit covers one pair of eyeglasses or a supply of contact lenses per benefit period at a discounted price¹.

Mail order replacement contact lenses

DavisVisionContacts.com offers members the flexibility to shop for replacement contact lenses online after benefits are spent. This website offers a wide array of contact lenses, easy, convenient purchasing online and quick shipping direct to your door.



Need more information? Visit **carefirst.com** or call 800-783-5602.

Summary of Benefits

In-Network You Pay **EYE EXAMINATIONS** Routine Eye Examination with dilation (per benefit period) \$40 Priced up to \$70 retail Priced above \$70 retail \$40, plus 90% of the amount over \$70 SPECTACLE LENSES¹ Single Vision \$35 **Bifocal** \$55 Trifocal \$65 Lenticular \$110 **LENS OPTIONS**^{1,2} (add to spectacle lens prices above) Standard Progressive Lenses Premium Progressive Lenses \$125 (Varilux®, etc.) Ultra Progressive Lenses \$140 (digital) Polarized Lenses \$75 High Index Lenses \$55 Glass Lenses \$18 Polycarbonate Lenses \$30 Blended invisible bifocals \$20 Intermediate Vision Lenses \$30 Photochromic Lenses \$35 Scratch-Resistant Coating \$20 Standard Anti-Reflective (AR) \$45 Coating Ultraviolet (UV) Coating \$15 Solid Tint \$10 **Gradient Tint** Plastic Photosensitive Lenses \$65 CONTACT LENSES¹ Contact Lens Evaluation and 85% of retail price Fitting Conventional 80% of retail price Disposable/Planned 90% of retail price Replacement DavisVisionContacts.com Discounted prices Mail Order Contact Lens Replacement Online LASER VISION CORRECTION¹ Up to 25% off allowed amount or 5% off any

(12-month benefit period)

Out-of-Network	You Pay
Routine Eye Examination with dilation (per benefit period)	Plan pays \$33, you pay balance

- ¹ CareFirst BlueChoice does not underwrite lenses, frames and contact lenses in this program. This portion of the Plan is not an insurance product. As of 4/1/14, some providers in Maryland and Virginia may no longer provide these discounts.
- ² Special lens designs, materials, powers and frames may require additional cost.
- ³ Some providers have flat fees that are equivalent to these discounts.

Exclusions

The following services are excluded from coverage:

- 1. Diagnostic services, except as listed in What's Covered under the Evidence of Coverage.
- 2. Medical care or surgery. Covered services related to medical conditions of the eye may be covered under the Evidence of Coverage.
- 3. Prescription drugs obtained and self-administered by the Member for outpatient use unless the prescription drug is specifically covered under the Evidence of Coverage or a rider or endorsement purchased by your Group and attached to the Evidence of Coverage.
- 4. Services or supplies not specifically approved by the Vision Care Designee where required in What's Covered under the Evidence of Coverage.
- 5. Orthoptics, vision training and low vision aids.
- 6. Glasses, sunglasses or contact lenses.
- 7. Vision Care services for cosmetic use.

Exclusions apply to the Routine Eye Examination portion of your vision coverage. Discounts on materials such as glasses and contacts may still apply. Benefits issued under policy form numbers: MD/CF/VISION (R. 10/11) • DC/CF/VISION (R. 1/06) • VA/CF/VISION (R. 1/06) • CFMI/Vision Rider (10/11) • MD/BCOO/VISION (R. 10/11) • DC/BCOO/VISION (R. 1/06) • VA/BCOO/VISION (R. 1/06) and any amendments.



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Pharmacy Program Summary of Benefits

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Formulary 3 = 5-Tier = \$100 Deductible = \$10/30/55 = Specialty 50%/50%

Plan Feature	Amount You Pay	Description
Individual Deductible	\$100	If you meet your deductible, you will pay a different copay or coinsurance depending on the drug tier. Drugs not subject to any deductible are noted below.
Family Deductible	\$200	If your family has met the deductible maximum, all members will pay the copays associated with the drugs prescribed. No one family member may contribute more than the individual deductible amount to the family deductible.
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	See medical summary of benefits for annual out-of-pocket amount	If you reach your out-of-pocket maximum, CareFirst or CareFirst BlueChoice will pay 100% of the applicable allowed benefit for most covered services for the remainder of the year. All deductibles, copays, coinsurance and other eligible out-of-pocket costs count toward your out-of-pocket maximum, except balance billed amounts.
Preventive Drugs (up to a 34-day supply)	\$0 (not subject to deductible)	A preventive drug is a prescribed medication or item on CareFirst's Preventive Drug List.*
Oral Chemotherapy Drugs and Diabetic Supplies (up to a 34-day supply)	\$0 (not subject to deductible)	Diabetic supplies include needles, lancets, test strips and alcohol swabs.
Generic Drugs (Tier 1) (up to a 34-day supply)	\$10	Generic drugs are covered at this copay level.
Preferred Brand Drugs (Tier 2) (up to a 34-day supply)	\$30	All preferred brand drugs are covered at this copay level.
Non-preferred Brand Drugs (Tier 3) (up to a 34-day supply)	\$55	All non-preferred brand drugs on this copay level are not on the Preferred Drug List.* Discuss using alternatives with your physician or pharmacist.
Preferred Specialty Drugs (Tier 4) (up to a 34-day supply)	50% up to a \$75 maximum	You pay 50% coinsurance up to a maximum of \$75 for all preferred specialty drugs. Must be filled through Exclusive Specialty Pharmacy Network.
Non-preferred Specialty Drugs (Tier 5) (up to a 34-day supply)	50% up to a \$75 maximum	You pay 50% coinsurance up to a maximum of \$75 for all non-preferred specialty drugs. Must be filled through Exclusive Specialty Pharmacy Network.
Maintenance Drugs (up to a 90-day supply)	Generic: \$20 Preferred Brand: \$60 Non-preferred Brand: \$110 Preferred Specialty: 50% up to a \$150 maximum Non-preferred Specialty: 50% up to a \$150 maximum	Maintenance generic, preferred brand and non-preferred brand drugs up to a 90-day supply are available for twice the copay through Mail Service Pharmacy or a retail pharmacy. Maintenance preferred and non-preferred specialty drugs up to a 90-day supply must be filled through Exclusive Specialty Pharmacy Network and you pay 50% coinsurance up to a maximum copay.
Restricted Generic Substitution	non-preferred brand copay of brand drug up to the cost of t pay the copay or coinsurance	preferred brand drug when a generic is available, you will pay the reciprocard coinsurance PLUS the cost difference between the generic and he prescription. If a generic version is not available, you will only a Also, if your prescription is written for a brand-name drug and noted by your doctor, you will only pay the copay or coinsurance.



Visit carefirst.com/rx for the most up-to-date drug lists, including the prescription guidelines. Prescription guidelines indicate drugs that require your doctor to obtain prior authorization from CareFirst before they can be filled and drugs that can be filled in limited quantities.

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Ways to Save with Generic Drugs Take control & save on your drug costs

You can save money on prescription drugs by switching to generics. Generic drugs are proven to be just as safe and effective as their brand-name counterparts. The difference? Name and price.

What are generics?

- Generics work the same as brand-name drugs, but cost much less.
- A generic drug is essentially a copy of a brand-name drug. It contains the same active ingredients and is identical in dosage, safety, strength, how it's taken, quality, performance and intended use.
- Generic drugs are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Generic drugs are manufactured in facilities that are required to meet the same FDA standards of good manufacturing practices as brand-name products.¹

Save by using generic drugs

- Generic drugs are less expensive than brandname medications.
- A study by the FDA concluded that consumers who are able to replace all their branded prescriptions with generics can save up to 52% on their daily drug costs.²

FDA-approved generic drugs account for 90% of the prescriptions dispensed in the U.S. Having more generic drugs available reduces health care costs which increases access to medications and helps prevent shortages.

Here's an example of how much you could save by switching to a generic alternative.

Brand name	Generic name	Average monthly cost* of brand	Average monthly cost* of generic	Monthly savings if using generic
Ambien (10mg)	Zolpidem Tartrate	\$474	\$1	\$473
Coumadin (2mg)	Warfarin Sodium	\$169	\$8	\$161
Singulair (10mg)	Montelukast Sodium	\$200	\$6	\$194

*Costs based on CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield November 2018–April 2019 claims at CVS pharmacies and rounded to the nearest dollar.

¹ FDA, Safety, Efficacy, and Quality Remain Top Priorities as We Continue Our Work to Expand Access to Cost-Saving Generic Drugs for the American Public, https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices-perspectives-fda-leadership-and-experts/safety-efficacy-and-quality-remain-top-priorities-we-continue-our-work-expand-access-cost-saving, accessed September 16, 2019.

² FDA, Savings from Generic Drugs Purchased at Retail Pharmacies, https://www.fda.gov/drugs/resourcesforyou/ucm134205.htm, accessed September 16, 2019.



How do I switch to a generic drug?

You can ask your doctor or pharmacist if any of the prescription medications you are currently taking can be filled with a generic alternative. To find out if there are lower cost drugs available, including generics, which can be used to treat your condition:

- Visit the Drug Search section on carefirst.com/rx and review the Preferred Drug List for your formulary.
- Print the list and take it with you to your doctor.
- Ask your doctor if a generic drug could work for you.

How we help you save

To help you get the most savings, our pharmacy benefit manager, CVS Caremark* notifies members by mail about opportunities to save with generic drugs.

- If you fill a prescription for a nonpreferred brand drug you will receive a personalized letter from CVS Caremark with available lower-cost generic alternative options plus steps for changing to a generic alternative.
- Plus, a letter will be enclosed that you can take to your doctor on your next visit.

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Prescription Drug Program A total prescription for health

Prescription drugs are an integral part of high-quality health care. The prescription benefits your employer is offering give you an affordable and convenient way to make the best decisions when it comes to your prescriptions.

Your prescription benefits

As a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield or CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst) member, you'll have access to:

- A nationwide network of 69,000 participating pharmacies
- Access to thousands of covered prescription drugs
- Mail Service Pharmacy, a convenient and fast option to refill your prescriptions through home delivery
- Coordinated medical and pharmacy programs to help improve your overall health and reduce costs

Keeping you informed

Together with our pharmacy benefit manager, CVS Caremark®,* we keep you informed about your prescription drug coverage and provide you with periodic updates about your plan through targeted mailings and phone calls. Take the call and/or review your mailed notices to learn about lower-cost drug alternatives, possible safety concerns, drug tier changes and more.

Online tools and resources

To get the most from your prescription drug plan, you need to stay informed. Our easy-to-use, interactive tools and resources are available 24/7. Visit **carefirst.com/rx** to see if a drug is covered, find a pharmacy, learn how drugs interact with each other and get more information about medications. You can access even more tools and resources once you're a member through *My Account* (**carefirst.com/myaccount**) by selecting *Drug and Pharmacy Resources* under *Coverage*.



 $[\]hbox{$\star$ CVS Caremark is an independent company that provides pharmacy benefit management services to Care First members.}$

Understanding your formulary

A formulary is a list of covered prescription drugs. Our drug list is reviewed and approved by an independent national committee comprised of physicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals who make sure the drugs on the formulary are safe and clinically effective. The prescription drugs found on the CareFirst Formulary (drug list) are divided into tiers. These tiers include zero-dollar cost share, generics, preferred brand, non-preferred brand, preferred brand specialty, and non-preferred brand specialty drugs. Your cost share is determined by the tier the drug falls into.

Drug tier	Description
Tier 0: \$0 Drugs	 Preventive drugs (e.g. statins, aspirin, folic acid, fluoride, iron supplements, smoking cessation products and FDA-approved contraceptives for women) are available at a zero-dollar cost share if prescribed under certain medical criteria by your doctor. Oral chemotherapy drugs and diabetic supplies (e.g. insulin syringes, pen needles, lancets, test strips, and alcohol swabs) are also available at a zero-dollar cost share.
Tier 1: Generic Drugs \$	 Generic drugs are the same as brand-name drugs in dosage form, safety, strength, route of administration, quality, performance characteristics and intended use. Generic drugs generally cost less than brand-name drugs.
Tier 2: Preferred Brand Drugs \$\$	■ Preferred brand drugs are brand-name drugs that may not be available in generic form, but are chosen for their cost effectiveness compared to alternatives. Your cost-share will be more than generics but less than non-preferred brand drugs. If a generic drug becomes available, the preferred brand drug may be moved to the non-preferred brand category.
Tier 3: Non-Preferred Brand Drugs \$\$\$	Non-preferred brand drugs often have a generic or preferred brand drug option where your cost share will be lower.
Tier 4: Preferred Specialty Drugs \$\$\$\$	Preferred specialty drugs are medications that may be used to treat complex and/or rare health conditions. These drugs may have a lower cost-share than non-preferred specialty drugs.
Tier 5: Non-Preferred Specialty Drugs \$\$\$\$\$	Non-preferred specialty drugs often have a specialty drug option where your cost-share will be lower.

Note: If the cost of your drug is less than your copay or coinsurance, you only pay the cost of the drug. Once you meet your deductible (if applicable to your plan), you may pay a different copay or coinsurance for drugs depending on the drug tier. Some drugs may not be covered based on your plan. There is an exception process if you need an excluded drug to be covered for medical necessity reasons. Check your benefit summary or enrollment materials for specific plan information. Once you are a member, you can view specific cost-share information in My Account.

Preferred Drug List

CareFirst's Preferred Drug List includes generic and preferred brand drugs selected for their quality, effectiveness and safety by the CVS Caremark national Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) committee. By using the Preferred Drug List, you can work with your doctor or pharmacist to make safe and cost-effective decisions to better manage your health care and out-of-pocket costs.

Non-preferred drugs aren't included on the Preferred Drug List; they are still covered but at the highest cost share. Also, some drugs on the Preferred Drug List may not be covered based on your plan. To see your formulary and Preferred Drug List, go to carefirst.com/rx.

Prescription guidelines

Some medications are only intended to be used in limited quantities; others require that your doctor obtain prior authorization through CareFirst before they can be filled. These drug guidelines are indicated on the formulary found at carefirst.com/rx.

- Quantity limits are placed on selected drugs for safety, quality or utilization reasons. Limits may be placed on the amount of the drug covered per prescription or for a defined period of time. If your doctor decides that a different quantity of medication is right for you, your doctor can request prior authorization for coverage.
- Prior authorization is required before you fill prescriptions for certain drugs. Your doctor must obtain prior authorization before they can be filled. Without prior authorization approval, your drugs may not be covered.
- Step therapy ensures you receive a lower-cost drug option as the first step in treating certain health conditions. When similar drugs are available, step therapy guides your doctor to prescribe the lower-cost option first. You may then move up the cost levels until you find the drug that works best for you. Higher step drugs may require prior authorization by your doctor before they can be covered.

Two ways to fill

Retail pharmacies

With access to 69,000 pharmacies across the country, you can visit **carefirst.com/rx** and use our *Find a Pharmacy* tool to locate a convenient participating pharmacy. Be sure to take your prescription and member ID card with you when filling prescriptions.

Mail Service Pharmacy

Mail order is a convenient way to fill your prescriptions, especially for refilling drugs taken frequently. You can register three ways—online through *My Account*, by phone or by mail. Once you register you'll be able to:

- Refill prescriptions online, by phone or by email
- Choose your delivery location
- Consult with pharmacists by phone 24/7
- Schedule automatic refills
- Receive email notification of order status
- Choose from multiple payment options

Ways to save

Here are some ways to help you save on your prescription drug costs.

- **Use generic drugs**—generic drugs can cost up to 80% less than their brand-name counterparts. Made with the same active ingredients as their brand-name counterparts, generics are also equivalent in dosage, safety, strength, quality, performance and intended use.
- Use drugs on the Preferred Drug List—the Preferred Drug List identifies generic and preferred brand drugs that may save you money.
- Use the Drug Pricing Tool—this tool allows you to compare the cost of a drug purchased at a pharmacy versus purchasing the same drug through mail order, as well as view generic drugs available at a lower cost.
- **Use mail order**—by using our Mail Service Pharmacy you get the added convenience of having your prescriptions delivered right to your home. Plus, if you pay a coinsurance for your maintenance drugs, the overall cost of the drug may be less expensive through mail order, reducing your out-of-pocket costs.

Care management programs

We offer care management programs and tools designed to improve your health while lowering your overall health care costs.

Specialty Pharmacy Coordination Program

This program addresses the unique clinical needs of members taking high-cost specialty drugs for certain complex health conditions like multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and hemophilia. Members receive enhanced one-on-one support with a registered nurse and dedicated clinical team who will coordinate care with your doctor.

The program provides:

- 24-hour pharmacist assistance
- Injection training coordination
- Educational materials for your specific condition
- A one-month supply of your specialty drug interaction monitoring and review
- Drugs mailed to your home or office, or available for pick up at any CVS retail pharmacy

Comprehensive Medication Review

When you are taking multiple drugs to treat a medical condition, it can be overwhelming. The Comprehensive Medication Review program can connect you with a CVS Caremark pharmacist who will review your drugs and talk to your doctor about dosages, duration and any other pertinent issues. The pharmacist will work with your doctor to evaluate opportunities to:

- Identify possible drug interactions
- Improve drug adherence
- Reduce gaps in care
- Eliminate duplications in drug therapy

The program works with your doctor to ensure that you are not only taking the best drugs to manage your conditions, but you are also able to take your drugs as prescribed.

Medication Therapy Management Program

Taking medications as prescribed not only helps improve your health but can also reduce your health care costs. CareFirst's Medication Therapy Management program is designed to help you get the best results from your drug therapy.

We review pharmacy claims for opportunities to:

- Save you money
- Support compliance with medications
- Improve your care
- Ensure safe use of high-risk medications

When opportunities are identified, "Drug Advisories" will be communicated to either you and/or your doctor regarding your drug therapy. Through our Pharmacy Advisor program, you may also have the opportunity to speak one-to-one with a pharmacist, who can answer questions and help you manage your prescription drugs.

Should you have any questions about your prescription benefits, please contact CareFirst Pharmacy Services at 800-241-3371.

CareFirst Specialty Pharmacy Coordination Program

Personalized care for managing your chronic medical condition

Do you have a chronic condition that requires specialty medications? Our CareFirst Specialty Pharmacy Coordination Program can help you achieve better results from your medication therapy through personalized care, support and services designed to help manage your condition.

Through this program CareFirst addresses the unique clinical needs of members who take high-cost specialty drugs for certain conditions like multiple sclerosis, hepatitis C and hemophilia. We recognize that members taking specialty drugs require high-touch, high-quality care coordination and support to assure the best possible outcomes. With this program you have access to the following services:

- Comprehensive assessment of the patient at program initiation
- Coordination between the specialty care coordination team and the patient's primary care provider (PCP)
- Drug interaction review
- Drug and condition-specific education and counseling on medication adherence, side effects and safety
- Refill reminders and inventory coordination to reduce drug waste
- On call pharmacists 24 hours a day, seven days a week for assistance
- Specialty drug care coordination with a registered nurse specializing in select disease states (multiple sclerosis, hemophilia, hepatitis C and select intravenous immunoglobulin conditions)

In order to maximize the effectiveness of the Specialty Pharmacy Coordination Program, your specialty medications must be filled through CVS/caremark Specialty Pharmacy.

By using the CareFirst Exclusive Specialty Pharmacy network, you get specialty medications and personalized pharmacy care management services from a team of clinical experts specially trained in your health condition as well as access to:

- Drug and condition-specific education and counseling
- Confidential, professional and personal care
- On-call pharmacist 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Insurance and financial coordination assistance
- Online support and resources

Our Specialty Customer Care Team addresses your unique clinical needs, and helps improve adherence, persistency to prescribed therapies and safety, thereby improving your overall health and costs.







Mail Service Pharmacy Reliable, Fast, Convenient.

Take advantage of CVS Caremark Mail Service Pharmacy, a fast and accurate home delivery service that offers a way for you to save both time and money on your long-term (maintenance) prescriptions.*

As a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield or CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst) member, once you register for Mail Service Pharmacy you'll be able to:

- Refill prescriptions online, by phone or by email
- Schedule automatic refills
- Choose your delivery location
- Consult a pharmacist by phone 24/7
- Receive email notification of order status
- Choose from multiple payment options

It's easy to register for mail service

Choose one of the following three ways:



Online

Go to carefirst.com/myaccount and log in. Under the *Coverage* tab, select *Drug and Pharmacy Resources*, and select *Request a New Mail Order Prescription*. Once you've entered your prescription information, we will contact your doctor to request up to a 90-day supply of your medication.



By phone

Call the toll-free phone number on the back of your member ID card. Our Customer Care representatives can walk you through the process.



By mail

If you already have your prescription, you can send it to us with a completed Mail Service Pharmacy Order Form.

Log in to My Account and select the Coverage tab, then choose Drug and Pharmacy Resources. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on My Drug Forms. Mailing instructions are included on the form.

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^{*} Maintenance medications are used to treat chronic, long-term conditions, such as high blood pressure or diabetes, and are taken on a regular, recurring basis.



Getting the most from your plan

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There's more to your health plan than you might think

Whether you need to find a doctor or hospital, plan your health care expenses, manage your claims and benefits or search for information to help maintain your health, CareFirst offers the services and resources you need...right at your fingertips.

This section outlines the added features you receive as a CareFirst member. Feel free to visit us at **carefirst.com** to learn more about the following member benefits.



Find a doctor

Quickly search for the type of doctor you need in your area.

Check claims and benefits

Manage many aspects of your CareFirst plan online, day or night.

Compare plans

Make an informed decision if you have more than one health plan to choose from with our Coverage Advisor tool.

Get discounts

Access wellness discounts on fitness gear, gym memberships, healthy eating options, and more.

Read up about your health

Find a variety of health education articles, nutritious recipes, interactive health tools and more on the *Health and Wellness* section of our website. Or, download the latest issue of our *Vitality* magazine to learn more about your plan and staying healthy.





Blue Rewards

Earning your rewards has never been easier! With our Blue Rewards incentive program, you can decide which healthy activities interest you and be rewarded for completing them.

How it works

Blue Rewards offers you incentives for taking steps to get and stay healthy. Both you and your spouse/domestic partner can earn rewards for completing one, or all, of the following activities:



Consent to receive wellness emails and take the RealAge® test

The RealAge test is a simple questionnaire that will help you determine the physical age of your body compared to your calendar age.

Must complete within 120 days of your effective date.



Earn \$100

Select a primary care provider (PCP) and complete a health screening

You can visit your PCP or a CVS MinuteClinic® to complete your screening.

Must complete within 120 days of your effective date.



Earn \$25

Retake the RealAge test

If you earned the reward for taking the test initially, you can earn an additional reward for retaking it after six months.

Must complete before the end of your benefit period.

Learn more about the activities Choosing a PCP

Even if you are young and healthy, or don't visit the doctor often, choosing a PCP is key to maintaining good health. PCPs play a huge role in keeping you healthy for the long run by:

- Helping you keep on top of preventive care like annual exams
- Coordinating the care you receive from other providers
- Providing quick and easy access to the care you need
- Getting to know you, your medical history, your habits and any concerns

RealAge

Developed by our trusted partner, Sharecare, Inc., the RealAge test is a confidential, online health assessment that helps determine the physical age of your body compared to your calendar age. RealAge identifies the habits impacting your body's age so you can improve your well-being.

Health screening

Health screenings help you understand your current health status, so you can take steps to improve it. You can complete a health screening with your PCP or at a CVS MinuteClinic.

Your CareFirst Blue Rewards Visa® Incentive Card

After you complete one or more of the activities, you'll receive your incentive card in about 10-14 days. The incentive card can be used toward your annual deductible or other out-of-pocket costs like copays or coinsurance related to eligible expenses (medical, prescription drug, dental and vision) under your CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) health plan. Make sure to always save your receipts as proof of your expense.

Keep the card as long as you are a CareFirst member as any future incentives you earn will be automatically added to the same card.

You have until the end of your benefit period to use your reward, plus an additional 90 days to reimburse yourself for any eligible expense that occurred within that benefit period.

Note: only one card is issued to the policyholder, but it can be used by everyone covered under your policy (including dependent children).

Log in today. If you don't already have a Sharecare account, visit carefirst.com/sharecare. You'll need to enter your CareFirst *My Account* username and password and complete the one-time registration with Sharecare to link your CareFirst account information. This will help personalize your experience.



Note: If you don't have a CareFirst *My Account*, follow the screen prompts to register, using your CareFirst member ID or alternate ID.

This wellness program is administered by Sharecare, Inc., an independent company that provides health improvement management services to CareFirst members. Sharecare, Inc. does not provide CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield products or services and is solely responsible for the health improvement management services it provides.

CVS MinuteClinic is an independent company that provides medical services to CareFirst members. CVS MinuteClinic does not provide CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield products or services and is solely responsible for the medical services it provides.

The CareFirst Blue Rewards Visa Incentive Card is issued by The Bancorp Bank, Member FDIC, pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. Cards may be used only at merchants in the U.S. and District of Columbia wherever Visa debit cards are accepted for eligible expenses. See Cardholder Agreement for details.

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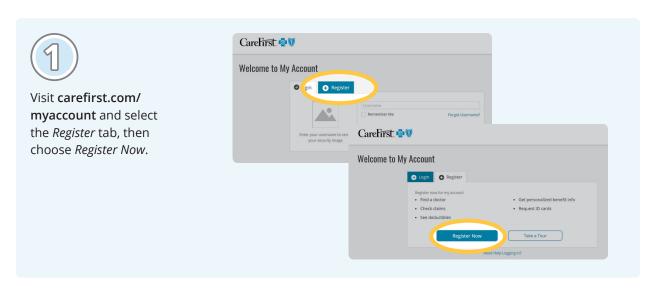


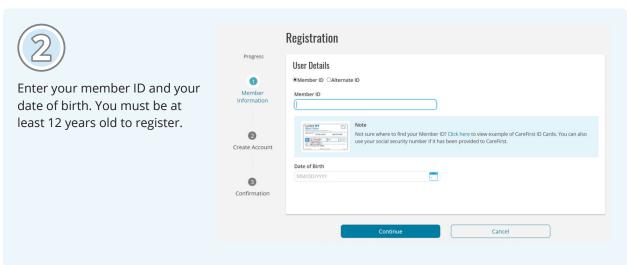
How to Register for My Account

As a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield member, you have secure online access to information and tools personalized just for you. By setting up a password-protected account, you can do all this and more:

- Find in-network doctors and facilities nationwide
- Check your plan's benefits, copays, deductibles and out-of-pocket costs
- View, order or print your member ID card
- Review your claims status and Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)
- Download plan documents, such as authorization and claim forms
- Sign up for electronic communications

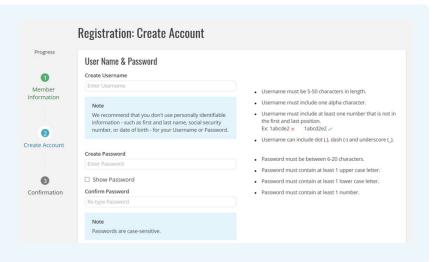
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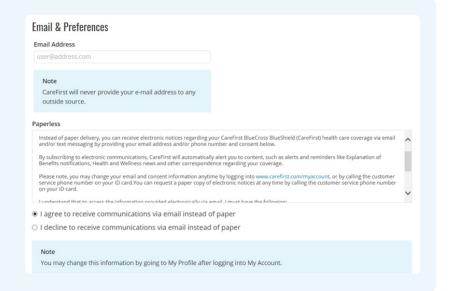


Create a username and password following the requirements listed.



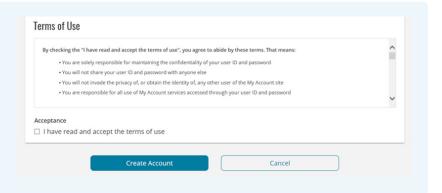


Provide an email address for *My Account* notifications. You can also opt to go green by receiving emails instead of paper notices in the mail.





Read and accept the Terms of Use. Then select *Create Account* to confirm your registration.





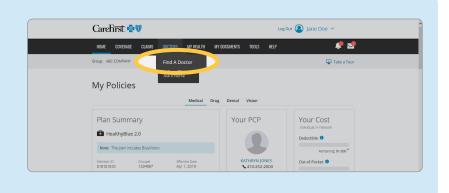
Find a Doctor Online Tool

Easily locate convenient care and even estimate your costs

Quickly find a doctor or other healthcare provider, read reviews and estimate your costs—all in one place! Get started by logging in to *My Account* at **carefirst.com/myaccount**. If you haven't set up your account yet, it just takes your member ID card and a few minutes to register.

To find a doctor or other healthcare provider

Step 1: Log in to *My Account* and select the *Doctors* tab, then *Find A Doctor*.



Step 2: The tool automatically populates with your health plan and home address; however, you can type in a new location to search for care in other areas. You can also browse by category or search by the doctor's name, type of provider, name of a facility or specific procedure.



Step 3: Once you've entered your search information, choose an option from the list of suggestions or hit enter and your results will display.



Did you know?

From the same Find a Doctor home page, you can also estimate your costs for a specific treatment or procedure. Simply select *Browse a Category*, then *Procedure Costs* to locate your treatment by category or alphabetically.



It's Easy to Manage Your Health Care with My Account

As a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) member, your personalized benefit information is available 24/7. Register for *My Account* for secure online access to your coverage details, ID cards and more. Plus, you'll also be able to quickly locate innetwork providers and facilities nationwide.

Go to carefirst.com/myaccount to register.

My Account at a glance:

1 Home

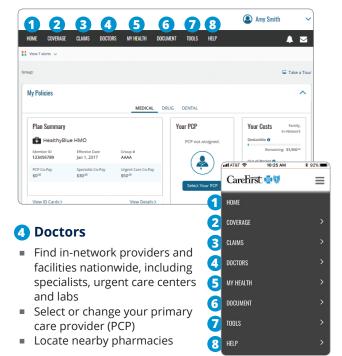
- Quickly view plan information including effective date, copays, deductible, out-of-pocket status and recent claims activity
- Manage your personal profile details (2) including password, username and email, or choose to receive materials electronically
- Send a secure message via the Message Center ■
- Check *Alerts* **♠** for important notifications

2 Coverage

- Access your plan information—plus, see who is covered
- Update your other health insurance information, if applicable
- View, order or print member ID cards
- Review the status of your health expense account (HSA)

Claims

- Check your claims activity, status and history
- Review your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)
- Track your remaining deductible and out-of-pocket total
- Submit out-of-network claims
- Review your year-end claims summary



5 My Health

- Access health and wellness discounts through Blue365
- Learn about your wellness program options¹

6 Documents

- Look up plan forms and documentation²
- Download Vitality, your annual member resource guide

7 Tools

 Access the Treatment Cost Estimator to calculate costs for services and procedures³

8 Help

- Find answers to many frequently asked questions
- Send a secure message or locate important phone numbers

¹ Only if offered by your plan.

² Only available when using a computer.

³ The doctors accessed via this website are independent providers making their own medical determinations and are not employed by CareFirst. CareFirst does not direct the action of participating providers or provide medical advice.



Know Before You Go Your money, your health, your decision

Choosing the right setting for your care—from allergies to X-rays—is key to getting the best treatment with the lowest out-of-pocket costs. It's important to understand your options so you can make the best decision when you or your family members need care.*

Primary care provider (PCP)

The best place to get consistent, quality health care is your primary care provider (PCP). If you have a medical issue, having a doctor who knows your health history often makes it easier to get the care you need.

24-Hour Nurse Advice Line

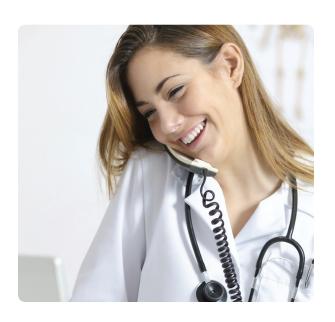
Registered nurses are available 24/7 to discuss your symptoms with you and recommend the most appropriate care. Call 800-535-9700 anytime to speak with a nurse.

CareFirst Video Visit

When your PCP isn't available and you need urgent care services, CareFirst Video Visit securely connects you with a doctor, day or night, through your smartphone, tablet or computer. In addition, you can schedule visits for other needs such as behavioral health support from a therapist or psychiatrist, guidance from a certified nutritionist or breastfeeding support from a lactation consultant. It's a convenient and easy way to get the care you need, wherever you are. Visit carefirstvideovisit.com to get started.

Convenience care centers (retail health clinics)

These are typically located inside a pharmacy or retail store (like CVS MinuteClinic or Walgreens Healthcare Clinic) and offer care for non-emergency situations like colds, pink eye, strep tests and vaccinations. These centers usually have evening and weekend hours.



Urgent care centers

Urgent care centers (such as Patient First or ExpressCare) provide treatment for injuries and illnesses that require prompt medical attention but are not life-threatening (sprains, minor cuts, flu, rashes, minor burns). These centers have doctors on staff and offer weekend/after-hours care.

Emergency room (ER)

Emergency rooms treat acute illnesses and trauma. Go to the ER right away if you or a family member have sudden symptoms that need emergency care, including (but not limited to): chest pain, trouble breathing or head trauma. Prior authorization is not needed for emergency room services.

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When you need care

When your PCP is not available, being familiar with your options will help you locate the most appropriate and cost-effective medical care. The chart below shows how costs* may vary for a sample health plan depending on where you choose to get care.

	Sample cost	Sample symptoms	24/7	Rx
Video Visit (urgent care services)	\$15	Cough, cold and fluPink eyeEar pain	/	~
Convenience Care (e.g., CVS MinuteClinic or Walgreens Healthcare Clinic)	\$20	Cough, cold and fluPink eyeEar pain	x	~
Urgent Care (e.g., Patient First or ExpressCare)	\$20	SprainsCut requiring stitchesMinor burns	×	~
Emergency Room	\$100	Chest painDifficulty breathingAbdominal pain	V	~
24-Hour Nurse Advice Line	\$0	If you are unsure about your symptoms or where to go for care, call 800-535-9700, anytime day or night to speak to a registered nurse.		

To determine your specific benefits and associated costs:

- Log in to My Account at carefirst.com/myaccount;
- Check your Evidence of Coverage or benefit summary;
- Ask your benefit administrator; or
- Call Member Services at the telephone number on the back of your member ID card.

For more information and frequently asked questions, visit carefirst.com/needcare.

PLEASE READ: The information provided in this document regarding various care options is meant to be helpful when you are seeking care and is not intended as medical advice. Only a medical provider can offer medical advice. The choice of provider or place to seek medical treatment belongs entirely to you.



Did you know that where you choose to get lab work, X-rays and surgical procedures can have a big impact on your wallet? Typically, services performed in a hospital cost more than non-hospital settings like LabCorp, Advanced Radiology or ambulatory surgery centers.

The costs in this chart are for illustrative purposes only and may not represent your specific benefits or costs.



Talking to Your Doctor

Address your concerns and understand treatment options

Taking an active role in your healthcare and working with your doctor is an important part of achieving the best level of health for you. Research shows that active, assertive patients are more likely to follow a doctor's advice and recover more completely, when they understand their treatment and have a part in planning it. And it starts with good communication. Here are some tips to help you get the most out of your relationship with your doctor.

Be prepared—have your answers ready

If you're going to discuss a new problem with your doctor, you'll need to give some information. Jotting down some notes before your visit can help the doctor narrow down the diagnosis and develop a treatment plan.

To start, write down the answers to the following questions:

- What is your main problem?
- What are the key symptoms?
- When did your problem begin? Try to give the exact time.
- Have you had this problem before? If so, when? And what happened?
- What have you done to try and relieve the problem?
 - ☐ Have you used any medications? If yes, what kind? What happened?
- What makes this problem worse?
 - ☐ List activities, medications, foods or other situations.
- Are you allergic to any medications or have you recently taken a new medication?



- What may have caused the problem?
 - ☐ Does anyone around you have similar symptoms?
 - □ Did you eat some unusual food?
- What is your family history?
 - ☐ Is there a history of heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, breast cancer, etc. among your parents, grandparents, brothers or sisters?

Ask questions during your visit

You'll feel more prepared if you jot down a few questions to ask your doctor. Make sure you have the answers you need before you leave your doctor's office.

About my condition or disease

- What's my diagnosis?
- What caused my condition?
- Can it be treated?
- How will this affect me now and in the future?
- Should I watch for specific symptoms and notify you if they occur?
- Should I make any lifestyle changes?

About my treatment

- What treatment is available for my condition?
- When will treatment start? And how long will it last?
- What are the risks and side effects associated with this treatment?
- What are the benefits of this treatment? How successful is it?
- If my treatment includes taking medication, what should I do if I miss a dose?
- Are there foods, medications or activities I should avoid while I'm on this treatment?
- Are other treatments available?

About my tests

- What kinds of tests will I have?
- What do you expect to find out from these tests?
- When will I know the results?
- Do I have to do anything special to prepare for the tests?
- Do these tests have side effects or risks?
- Will I need more tests later?

Remembering what you've discussed with your doctor

Understanding and remembering what happened during your visit is essential to achieving the best possible care. So, here are a few more tips:

- Either you, a friend or family member should take notes.
- Ask your doctor to write down their instructions to you.
- Get printed material about your condition from your doctor.
- Want more information? Ask your doctor or your health care team—such as your nurse and pharmacist—for additional resources.

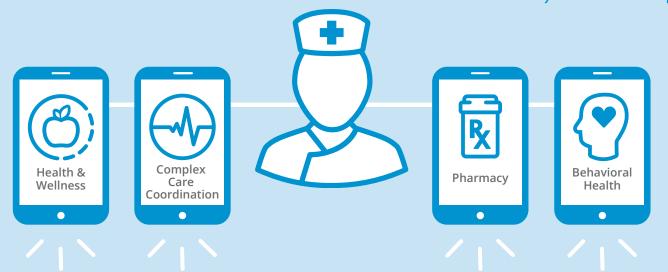
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

National Institutes of Health nih.gov

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services health.gov

Source: National Institutes of Health







Take the Call

You know that CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) provides your health benefits and processes claims, but that's not all we do. We're there for you at every step of care—and every stage, even when life throws you a curveball.

Whether you are faced with an unexpected medical emergency, managing a chronic condition like diabetes, or looking for help with a health goal such as losing weight, we offer one-on-one coaching and support programs. You may receive a letter

or postcard in the mail, or a call from a nurse, health coach or pharmacy technician explaining the programs and inviting you to participate.

These programs are confidential and part of your medical benefit. They can also play a huge role in helping you through an illness or keeping you healthy. Once you decide to participate, you can choose how involved you want to be. We encourage you to connect with the CareFirst team so you can take advantage of this personal support.

Here are a few examples of when we may contact you about these programs. Visit **carefirst.com/takethecall** to learn more.

	Program name	Overview	Why it's important	Communication
	Health & Wellness	Personal coaching support to help you achieve your health goals	Health coaching can help you manage stress, eat healthier, quit smoking, lose weight and much more	Letter or phone call from a Sharecare coach
	Complex Care Coordination	Support for a variety of critical health concerns or chronic conditions	Connecting you with a nurse who works closely with your primary care provider (PCP) to help you understand your doctor's recommendations, medications and treatment plans	Introduction by your PCP or a phone call from a <i>CareFirst care coordinator</i> (nurse)
H	Hospital Transition of Care	Supporting transition from hospital to home	Help plan for your recovery after you leave the hospital, answer your questions and, based on your needs, connect you to additional services	Onsite visit or phone call from a <i>CareFirst nurse</i>
R	Pharmacy Advisor	Managing medications for specific conditions	Understanding your condition and staying on track with appropriate medications is crucial to successfully managing your health	Letter or a phone call from a <i>CVS Caremark</i> <i>pharmacy specialist</i>
	Comprehensive Medication Review	Managing multiple medications	Talking to a pharmacist who understands your medication history can help identify any possible side effects or harmful interactions	Phone call from a CVS Caremark pharmacist
	Specialty Pharmacy Coordination	Managing specialty medications for chronic conditions	Connecting with a nurse who specializes in your condition provides additional support so you can adhere to your treatment plan for better health	Letter or phone call from a CVS Caremark specialty nurse
?	Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorder	Support for mental health and/or addiction issues	Confidential, one-on-one support to help schedule appointments, explain treatment options, collaborate with doctors and identify additional resources	Phone call from a CareFirst behavioral health care coordinator

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CareFirst Video Visit

When your primary care provider (PCP) isn't available and you need urgent care services, Video Visit securely connects you with a doctor*, day or night, through your smartphone, tablet or computer. In addition, you can get care for other needs such as behavioral health support from a therapist or psychiatrist, guidance from a certified nutritionist or breastfeeding support from a lactation consultant. It's a convenient and easy way to get the care you need, wherever you are.

Get treatment for common health issues 24/7

Use Video Visit when you're facing uncomplicated, non-emergency issues such as allergies, a sinus infection, a cold or the flu and more. Video Visit doctors will provide you a consultation, diagnosis and even prescriptions (when available and appropriate). They are all U.S. board-certified, licensed and credentialed medical professionals.

Schedule visits for additional services

- Therapy/Psychiatry—Talk with a therapist or psychiatrist for help managing mental health issues including anxiety, depression and grief.
- Diet/Nutrition—Connect with a registered dietitian to get support with dietary and nutrition needs, from weight loss to food allergies and more.
- Breastfeeding Support—Speak with a lactation consultant who can advise you on breastfeeding topics like latching issues, milk supply and others.

The cost for Video Visit varies based on your benefits, but your specific cost information will be shown to you before your visit begins. Take advantage of this great benefit and register today!

Register today so you'll be ready when you need care! Visit **carefirstvideovisit.com** or download the CareFirst Video Visit app from your favorite app store.

In the case of a life-threatening emergency, you should always call 911 or your local emergency services. CareFirst Video Visit does not replace these services.

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^{*} The doctors accessed via this website are independent providers making their own medical determinations and are not employed by CareFirst. CareFirst does not direct the action of participating providers or provide medical advice.



Your Wellness Program Personalized solutions for a healthier you

Ready to take charge of your health? CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst), in partnership with Sharecare, Inc.*, delivers a wellness experience that puts the power of health in your hands.

Your wellness program provides a wealth of tools and resources, as well as easy-to-understand recommendations and insights that reflect your individual interests and needs—all tailored to help you live your healthiest life.



Once registered, download the mobile app to access wellness tools and resources whenever and wherever you want.

Access these exclusive features whenever, wherever you want, online or via the mobile app:



RealAge® test: In just a few minutes, the RealAge online health assessment will help you determine the physical age of your body, compared to your calendar age.



Personalized timeline: Receive content based on your health and well-being goals, along with your motivation and interests.



Trackers: Connect your wearable devices or enter your own data to monitor daily habits like stress, sleep, steps, nutrition and more.



Challenges: Stay motivated to achieve your health goals by joining a challenge.



Health Profile: Access your health data like biometric and lab results, vaccine information and medications, all in one place.



Blue Rewards: Earn financial incentives for participating in activities like taking the RealAge test, consenting to receive wellness emails, selecting a primary care provider and completing a health screening.

Specialized programs

The additional support provided by these focused programs can help you take charge of your wellness goals with confidence:

- Health coaching: If you are contacted to participate, we encourage you to take advantage of this voluntary and confidential program that can help you achieve your best possible health.
- Weight management: A personalized solution to reach a healthier weight through gradual lifestyle changes that become lifelong habits.
- Tobacco cessation: Quitting tobacco can lower your risk for many serious health conditions. Expert guidance, support and online tools make quitting easier than you might think.
- Financial well-being: Learn how to take small steps toward big improvements in your financial situation.



Log in today to start earning. If you don't already have a Sharecare account, visit **carefirst.com/sharecare**. You'll need to enter your CareFirst *My Account* username and password and complete the one-time registration with Sharecare to link your CareFirst account information. This will help personalize your experience.

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Mental Health Support Well-being for mind and body

Living your best life involves good physical and mental health. Emotional well-being is important at every stage in life, from adolescence through adulthood.

It's common to face some form of mental health challenge during your life. CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (CareFirst) are here to help. Our support team is made up of specially trained service representatives, registered nurses and licensed behavioral health clinicians, ready to:

- Help you find the right mental health provider(s) and schedule appointments
- Connect you with a care coordinator who will work with your doctor to create a tailored action plan
- Find support groups and resources to help you stay on track

When mental health difficulties arise for you or a loved one, remember you are not alone. Help is available and feeling better is possible.

CareFirst members have access to specialized services and programs for depression, anxiety, drug or alcohol dependence, eating disorders and other mental health conditions.



If you are in crisis, help is available 24/7 at 800-245-7013.

If you or someone close to you needs support or help making an appointment, call our support team at 800-245-7013, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ET. Or for more information, visit carefirst.com/mentalhealth.

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Getting Started with the CareFirst Behavioral Health Digital Resource

We're committed to supporting your behavioral health needs and helping you access appropriate care. Our new Behavioral Health Digital Resource is designed to provide a confidential environment for you to:

- Talk with someone who understands
- Learn new coping skills
- Join a support forum
- Connect with a licensed therapist¹

CareFirst is working with 7 Cups of Tea² (7 Cups), the world's largest behavioral health support system, to provide this digital resource at no cost to you.

Getting started

All members 13 years and older covered by CareFirst medical insurance can set up their own, private account.

Getting started is as easy as 1-2-3!

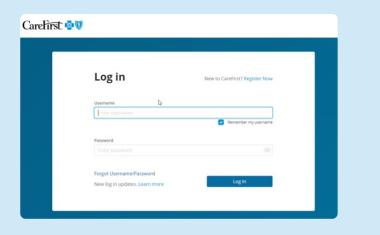
Follow the steps on the following page to begin.

¹ Standard medical benefits apply.

² 7 Cups is an independent company that does not provide Blue Cross Blue Shield products or services.

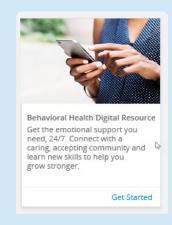
Step 1:

To set up your account, visit carefirst.com/myaccount and enter your CareFirst *My Account* username and password.



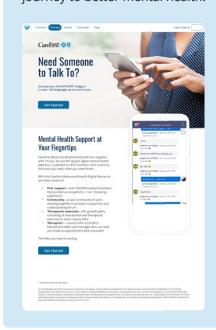
Step 2:

Once logged in to *My Account*, scroll to the bottom of the page to *Featured Resources* and select the *Behavioral Health Digital Resource* tile.



Step 3:

Click on *Get Started* to begin your journey to better mental health.



BlueCard® & Global Core

Wherever you go, your health care coverage goes with you

With your Blue Cross and Blue Shield member ID card, you have access to doctors and hospitals almost anywhere. BlueCard gives you the peace of mind that you'll always have the care you need when you're away from home, from coast to coast. And with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core (Global Core) you have access to care outside of the U.S.



As always, go directly to the nearest hospital in an emergency. Your membership gives you a world of choices. More than 93% of all doctors and hospitals throughout the U.S. contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans. Whether you need care here in the United States or abroad, you'll have access to health care in more than 190 countries.

When you're outside of the CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. service area (Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia), you'll have access to the local Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan and their negotiated rates with doctors and hospitals in that area. You shouldn't have to pay any amount above these negotiated rates. Also, you shouldn't have to complete a claim form or pay up front for your health care services, except for those out-of-pocket expenses (like non-covered services, deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance) that you'd pay anyway.

Within the U.S.

- 1. Always carry your current member ID card for easy reference and access to service.
- 2. To find names and addresses of nearby doctors and hospitals, visit the National Doctor and Hospital Finder at www.bcbs.com, or call BlueCard Access at 800-810-BLUE (2583).
- Call Member Services for pre-certification or prior authorization, if necessary. Refer to the phone number on your ID card because it's different from the BlueCard Access number listed in Step 2.
- 4. When you arrive at the participating doctor's office or hospital, simply present your ID card.
- 5. After you receive care, you shouldn't have to complete any claim forms or have to pay up front for medical services other than the usual out-of-pocket expenses. CareFirst will send you a complete explanation of benefits.

BlueCard & Global Core

Around the world

Like your passport, you should always carry your ID card when you travel or live outside the U.S. The BlueCard Worldwide program provides medical assistance services and access to doctors, hospitals and other health care professionals around the world. Follow the same process as if you were in the U.S. with the following exceptions:

- At hospitals in the Global Core Network, you shouldn't have to pay up front for inpatient care, in most cases. You're responsible for the usual out-of-pocket expenses. And, the hospital should submit your claim.
- At hospitals outside the Global Core Network, you pay the doctor or hospital for inpatient care, outpatient hospital care, and other medical services. Then, complete an international claim form and send it to the Global Core Service Center. The claim form is available online at bcbs.globalcore.com.
- To find a BlueCard provider outside of the U.S. visit bcbs.com, select Find a Doctor or Hospital.

Members of Maryland Small Group Reform (MSGR) groups have access to emergency coverage only outside of the U.S.

Medical assistance when outside the U.S.

Call 800-810-BLUE (2583) toll-free or 804-673-1177, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for information on doctors, hospitals, other health care professionals or to receive medical assistance services. A medical assistance coordinator, in conjunction with a medical professional, will make an appointment with a doctor or arrange hospitalization if necessary.



Visit **bcbs.com** to find providers within the U.S. and around the world.



Coordination of Benefits

If you're covered by more than one health plan

As a valued CareFirst member, we want to help you maximize your benefits and lower your out-of-pocket costs. If you're insured by more than one health insurance plan, our Coordination of Benefits program can help manage your benefit payments for you, so that you get the maximum benefits.

What is Coordination of Benefits (COB)?

It's a way of organizing or managing benefits when you're covered by more than one health insurance plan. For example:

- You and your spouse have coverage under your employer's plan.
- Your spouse also has coverage with another health insurance plan through his or her employer.

When you're covered by more than one plan, we coordinate benefit payments with the other health care plan to make sure you receive the maximum benefits entitled to you under both plans.

How does COB work?

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (collectively, CareFirst) and most commercial insurance carriers follow the primary-secondary rule. This rule states when a person has double coverage, one carrier is determined to be the primary plan and the other plan becomes the secondary plan.

The **primary plan** has the initial responsibility to consider benefits for payment of covered services and pays the same amount of benefits it would normally pay, as if you didn't have another plan.

The **secondary plan** then considers the balances after the primary plan has made their payment. This additional payment may be subject to applicable deductibles, copay amounts, and contractual limitations of the secondary plan.

With the COB between your primary and secondary plans, your out-of-pocket costs may be lower than they would've been if you only had one insurance carrier.



Covered by more than one health plan? Contact Member Services at the number listed on your ID card.

Coordination of Benefits

What if I have other coverage?

Contact Member Services at the number listed on your ID card, so we can update your records and pay your claims as quickly and accurately as possible. Let us know when:

- You're covered under another plan.
- Your other coverage cancels.
- Your other coverage is changing to another company.

We may send you a routine questionnaire asking if you have double coverage and requesting information regarding that coverage, if applicable. Complete and return the form promptly, so we can continue to process your claims.

How do I submit claims?

When CareFirst is the primary plan

You or your doctor should submit your claims first to CareFirst, as if you had no other coverage. The remaining balance, if any, should be submitted to your secondary plan. Contact your secondary plan for more information on how to submit the claims for the remaining balance.

When CareFirst is the secondary plan

Submit your claim to the primary plan first. Once the claim has been processed and you receive an Explanation of Benefits detailing the amount paid or denial reasons, the claim can be submitted to CareFirst for consideration of the balances. Mail a copy of the Explanation of Benefits from the primary carrier and a copy of the original claim to the address on the back of your CareFirst ID card.

When CareFirst is the primary and secondary plan

You don't need to submit two claims. When a claim form is submitted, write the CareFirst ID number of the primary plan in the subscriber ID number space. Then complete the form by indicating the CareFirst secondary plan ID number under *Other Health Insurance*. In most cases, we'll automatically process a second claim to consider any balances.

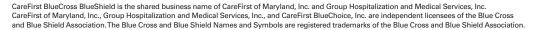
Which health plan is primary?

There are standard rules throughout the insurance industry to determine which plan is primary and secondary. It's important to know these rules because your claims will be paid more quickly and accurately if you submit them in the right order. Keep in mind that the primary-secondary rule may be different for different family members.

Here are the rules we use to determine which plan is primary:

- If a health plan doesn't have a COB provision, that plan is primary.
- If one person holds more than one health insurance policy in their name, the plan that has been in effect the longest is primary.
- If you're the subscriber under one plan and a covered dependent under another, the plan that covers you as the subscriber is primary for you.
- If your child(ren) are covered under your plan and your spouse's plan, the Birthday Rule applies. This rule states the health plan of the parent whose birthday occurs earlier in the year is the primary plan for the children.
 - ☐ For example, if your birthday is May 3 and your spouse's is October 15, your plan is primary for your children. But, if the other insurer does not follow the Birthday Rule, then its rules will be followed.
 - When parents are separated or divorced, the family plan in the name of the parent with custody is primary unless this is contrary to a court determination.
 - ☐ For dependent coverage only, if none of the above rules apply, the plan that's covered the dependent longer is primary.





Rights & Responsibilities

Notice of privacy practices

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield and CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. (collectively, CareFirst) are committed to keeping the confidential information of members private. Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), we are required to send our Notice of Privacy Practices to members of fully insured groups only. The notice outlines the uses and disclosures of protected health information, the individual's rights and CareFirst's responsibility for protecting the member's health information.

To obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, go to www.carefirst.com and click on *Privacy Statement* at the bottom of the page, click on *Health Information* then click on *Notice of Privacy Practices*. Or call the Member Services telephone number on your member ID card. Members of self-insured groups should contact their Human Resources department for a copy of their Notice of Privacy Practices. If you don't know whether your employer is self-insured, please contact your Human Resources department.

Member satisfaction

CareFirst wants to hear your concerns and/or complaints so that they may be resolved. We have procedures that address medical and non-medical issues. If a situation should occur for which there is any question or difficulty, here's what you can do:

■ If your comment or concern is regarding the quality of service received from a CareFirst representative or related to administrative problems (e.g., enrollment, claims, bills, etc.) you should contact Member Services. If you send your comments to us in writing, please include your member ID number and provide us with as much detail as possible regarding any events. Please include your daytime telephone number so that we may contact you directly if we need additional information.

CareFirst appreciates the opportunity to improve the level of quality of care and services available for you. As a member, you will not be subject to disenrollment or otherwise penalized as a result of filing a complaint or appeal.

- If your concern or complaint is about the quality of care or quality of service received from a specific provider, contact Member Services. A representative will record your concerns and may request a written summary of the issues. To write to us directly with a quality of care or service concern, you can:
 - □ Send an email to:
 quality.care.complaints@carefirst.com
 - □ Fax a written complaint to: **301-470-5866**
 - □ Write to:

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield Quality of Care Department P.O. Box 17636 Baltimore, MD 21297

If you send your comments to us in writing, please include your identification number and provide us with as much detail as possible regarding the event or incident. Please include your daytime telephone number so that we may contact you directly if we need additional information. Our Quality of Care Department will investigate your concerns, share those issues with the provider involved and request a response. We will then provide you with a summary of our findings. CareFirst member complaints are retained in our provider files and are reviewed when providers are considered for continuing participation with CareFirst.

These procedures are also outlined in your Evidence of Coverage.

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If you wish, you may also contact the appropriate jurisdiction's regulatory department regarding your concern:

VIRGINIA:

Complaint Intake, Office of Licensure and Certification, Virginia Department of Health, 9960 Maryland Drive, Suite 401, Richmond, VA 23233-1463

Phone #: 800-955-1819 or 804-367-2106

Fax #: 804-527-4503

Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman, Bureau of Insurance, P.O. Box 1157, Richmond, VA 23218

Phone #: 1-877-310-6560 or 804-371-9032

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, 801 1st Street, NE, Suite 701,

Washington, DC 20002 Phone #: 202-727-8000

Hearing impaired

To contact a Member Services representative, please choose the appropriate hearing impaired assistance number below, based on the region in which your coverage originates.

Maryland Relay Program: 800-735-2258 National Capital Area TTY: 202-479-3546 Please have your Member Services number ready.

Language assistance

Interpreter services are available through Member Services. When calling Member Services, inform the representative that you need language assistance.

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Confidentiality of subscriber/ member information

All health plans and providers must provide information to members and patients regarding how their information is protected. You will receive a Notice of Privacy Practices from CareFirst or your

health plan, and from your providers as well, when you visit their office.

CareFirst has policies and procedures in place to protect the confidentiality of member information. Your confidential information includes Protected Health Information (PHI), whether oral, written or electronic, and other nonpublic financial information. Because we are responsible for your insurance coverage, making sure your claims are paid, and that you can obtain any important services related to your health care, we are permitted to use and disclose (give out) your information for these purposes. Sometimes we are even required by law to disclose your information in certain situations. You also have certain rights to your own protected health information on your behalf.

Our responsibilities

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your PHI, and to have appropriate procedures in place to do so. In accordance with the federal and state Privacy laws, we have the right to use and disclose your PHI for treatment, payment activities and health care operations as explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices. We may disclose your protected health information to the plan sponsor/employer to perform plan administration function. The Notice is sent to all policy holders upon enrollment.

Your rights

You have the following rights regarding your own Protected Health Information. You have the right to:

- Request that we restrict the PHI we use or disclose about you for payment or health care operations.
- Request that we communicate with you regarding your information in an alternative manner or at an alternative location if you believe that a disclosure of all or part of your PHI may endanger you.
- Inspect and copy your PHI that is contained in a designated record set including your medical record.
- Request that we amend your information if you believe that your PHI is incorrect or incomplete.

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- An accounting of certain disclosures of your PHI that are for some reasons other than treatment, payment, or health care operations.
- Give us written authorization to use your protected health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose not listed in this notice.

Inquiries and complaints

If you have a privacy-related inquiry, please contact the CareFirst Privacy Office at 800-853-9236 or send an email to privacy.office@carefirst.com.

Members' rights and responsibilities statement

Members have the right to:

- Be treated with respect and recognition of their dignity and right to privacy.
- Receive information about the health plan, its services, its practitioners and providers, and members' rights and responsibilities.
- Participate with practitioners in decision-making regarding their health care.
- Participate in a candid discussion of appropriate or medically necessary treatment options for their conditions, regardless of cost or benefit coverage.
- Make recommendations regarding the organization's members' rights and responsibilities.
- Voice complaints or appeals about the health plan or the care provided.

Members have a responsibility to:

- Provide, to the extent possible, information that the health plan and its practitioners and providers need in order to care for them.
- Understand their health problems and participate in developing mutually agreed upon treatment goals to the degree possible.
- Follow the plans and instructions for care that they have agreed on with their practitioners.
- Pay copayments or coinsurance at the time of service.
- Be on time for appointments and to notify practitioners/providers when an appointment must be canceled.

Eligible individuals' rights statement wellness and health promotion services Eligible individuals have a right to:

- Receive information about the organization, including wellness and health promotion services provided on behalf of the employer or plan sponsors; organization staff and staff qualifications; and any contractual relationships.
- Decline participation or disenroll from wellness and health promotion services offered by the organization.
- Be treated courteously and respectfully by the organization's staff.
- Communicate complaints to the organization and receive instructions on how to use the complaint process that includes the organization's standards of timeliness for responding to and resolving complaints and quality issues.







Notice of Nondiscrimination and Availability of Language Assistance Services

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Civil Rights Coordinator, Corporate Office of Civil Rights

Mailing Address P.O. Box 8894

Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Email Address civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com

Telephone Number 410-528-7820 Fax Number 410-505-2011

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

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Foreign Language Assistance

Attention (English): This notice contains information about your insurance coverage. It may contain key dates and you may need to take action by certain deadlines. You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language at no cost. Members should call the phone number on the back of their member identification card. All others may call 855-258-6518 and wait through the dialogue until prompted to push 0. When an agent answers, state the language you need and you will be connected to an interpreter.

አማርኛ (Amharic) ማሳሰቢያ፦ ይህ ማስታወቂያ ስለ መድን ሽፋንዎ መረጃ ይዟል። ከተወሰኑ ቀነ-ገደቦች በፊት ሊሬጽጧቸው የሚገቡ ነገሮች ሲኖሩ ስለሚችሉ እነዚህን ወሳኝ ቀናት ሲይዝ ይችላል። ይኽን መረጃ የማግኘት እና ያለምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ እገዛ የማግኘት ሙበት አለዎት። አባል ከሆኑ ከመታወቂያ ካርድዎ በስተጀርባ ላይ ወደተጠቀሰው የስልክ ቁጥር መደወል ይችላሉ። አባል ካልሆኑ ደግሞ ወደ ስልክ ቁጥር 855-258-6518 ደውለው 0ን እንዲጫኑ እስኪነገርዎ ድረስ ንግግሩን መጠበቅ አለብዎ። አንድ ወኪል መልስ ሲሰጥዎ፣ የሚፈልጉትን ቋንቋ ያሳውቁ፣ ከዚያም ከተርጓሚ ጋር ይገናኛሉ።

Èdè Yorùbá (Yoruba) Ìtétíléko: Àkíyèsí yìí ní ìwífún nípa işé adójútòfò rẹ. Ó le ní àwọn déètì pàtó o sì le ní láti gbé ìgbésè ní àwọn ojó gbèdéke kan. O ni ètó láti gba ìwífún yìí àti ìrànlówó ní èdè rẹ lófèé. Àwọn omo-egbé gbódò pe nómbà fóònù tó wà léyìn káàdì ìdánimò wọn. Àwọn míràn le pe 855-258-6518 kí o sì dúró nípasè ìjíròrò títí a ó fi so fún o láti te 0. Nígbàtí asojú kan bá dáhùn, so èdè tí o fé a ó sì so ó pò mó ògbufò kan.

Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) Chú ý: Thông báo này chứa thông tin về phạm vi bảo hiểm của quý vị. Thông báo có thể chứa những ngày quan trọng và quý vị cần hành động trước một số thời hạn nhất định. Quý vị có quyền nhận được thông tin này và hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoàn toàn miễn phí. Các thành viên nên gọi số điện thoại ở mặt sau của thẻ nhận dạng. Tất cả những người khác có thể gọi số 855-258-6518 và chờ hết cuộc đối thoại cho đến khi được nhắc nhấn phím 0. Khi một tổng đài viên trả lời, hãy nêu rõ ngôn ngữ quý vị cần và quý vị sẽ được kết nối với một thông dịch viên.

Tagalog (Tagalog) Atensyon: Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng impormasyon tungkol sa nasasaklawan ng iyong insurance. Maaari itong maglaman ng mga pinakamahalagang petsa at maaaring kailangan mong gumawa ng aksyon ayon sa ilang deadline. May karapatan ka na makuha ang impormasyong ito at tulong sa iyong sariling wika nang walang gastos. Dapat tawagan ng mga Miyembro ang numero ng telepono na nasa likuran ng kanilang identification card. Ang lahat ng iba ay maaaring tumawag sa 855-258-6518 at maghintay hanggang sa dulo ng diyalogo hanggang sa diktahan na pindutin ang 0. Kapag sumagot ang ahente, sabihin ang wika na kailangan mo at ikokonekta ka sa isang interpreter.

Español (Spanish) Atención: Este aviso contiene información sobre su cobertura de seguro. Es posible que incluya fechas clave y que usted tenga que realizar alguna acción antes de ciertas fechas límite. Usted tiene derecho a obtener esta información y asistencia en su idioma sin ningún costo. Los asegurados deben llamar al número de teléfono que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Todos los demás pueden llamar al 855-258-6518 y esperar la grabación hasta que se les indique que deben presionar 0. Cuando un agente de seguros responda, indique el idioma que necesita y se le comunicará con un intérprete.

Русский (Russian) Внимание! Настоящее уведомление содержит информацию о вашем страховом обеспечении. В нем могут указываться важные даты, и от вас может потребоваться выполнить некоторые действия до определенного срока. Вы имеете право бесплатно получить настоящие сведения и сопутствующую помощь на удобном вам языке. Участникам следует обращаться по номеру телефона, указанному на тыльной стороне идентификационной карты. Все прочие абоненты могут звонить по номеру 855-258-6518 и ожидать, пока в голосовом меню не будет предложено нажать цифру «0». При ответе агента укажите желаемый язык общения, и вас свяжут с переводчиком.

हिन्दी (Hindi) ध्यान दें: इस सूचना में आपकी बीमा कवरेज के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। हो सकता है कि इसमें मुख्य तिथियों का उल्लेख हो और आपके लिए किसी नियत समय-सीमा के भीतर काम करना ज़रूरी हो। आपको यह जानकारी और संबंधित सहायता अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क पाने का अधिकार है। सदस्यों को अपने पहचान पत्र के पीछे दिए गए फ़ोन नंबर पर कॉल करना चाहिए। अन्य सभी लोग 855-258-6518 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं और जब तक 0 दबाने के लिए न कहा जाए, तब तक संवाद की प्रतीक्षा करें। जब कोई एजेंट उत्तर दे तो उसे अपनी भाषा बताएँ और आपको व्याख्याकार से कनेक्ट कर दिया जाएगा।

Bắsóɔ̂-wùdù (*Bassa*) Tò Đùǔ Cáo! Bỗ nìà ke bá nyɔ bẽ ké m̀ gbo kpá bố nì fùà-fũá-tuǐn nyɛɛ jè dyí. Bỗ nìà ke bédé wé jéɛ bẽ bɛ m̀ ké dɛ wa mɔ́ m̀ ké nyuɛɛ nyu hwɛ bɛ́ wé bĕa ké zi. O mɔ̀ nì kpé bɛ́ m̀ ké bɔ̃ nìà kɛ kè gbo-kpá-kpá m̀ mɔ́ɛɛ dyé dé nì bídí-wudu mú bɛ́ m̀ ké se wídí dò pɛ́ɛ. Kpooò nyɔ bĕ mɛ dá fũun-nɔ̇bà nìà dé waa I.D. káaò deín nyɛ. Nyɔ tòò seín mɛ dá nɔ̀bà nìà kɛ: 855-258-6518, ké m̀ mɛ fò tee bɛ́ wa kéɛ m̀ gbo cɛ̃ bɛ́ m̀ ké nɔ̀bà mòà 0 kɛɛ dyi pàdàìn hwɛ̀. O juˇ ké nyɔ dò dyi m̀ gɔ̃ juˇin, po wudu m̀ mɔ́ poɛ dyiɛ, ké nyɔ dò mu bố niìn bɛ́ ɔ ké nì wuduò mú zà.

বাংলা (Bengali) লক্ষ্য করুল: এই নোটিশে আগনার বিমা কভারেজ সম্পর্কে তথ্য রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তারিথ থাকতে পারে এবং নির্দিষ্ট তারিথের মধ্যে আগনাকে পদক্ষেপ নিতে হতে পারে। বিনা থরচে নিজের ভাষায় এই তথ্য পাওয়ার এবং সহায়তা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সদস্যদেরকে তাদের পরিচয়পত্রের পিছনে থাকা নম্বরে কল করতে হবে। অন্যেরা ৪55-258-651৪ নম্বরে কল করে 0 টিগতে না বলা পর্যন্ত অপেক্ষা করতে পারেন। যথন কোনো এজেন্ট উত্তর দেবেন তথন আপনার নিজের ভাষার নাম বলুন এবং আপনাকে দোভাষীর সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করা হবে।

ار دو (Urdu) توجہ :یہ نوٹس آپ کے انشورینس کوریج سے متعلق معلومات پر مشتمل ہے۔ اس میں کلیدی تاریخیں ہو سکتی ہیں اور ممکن ہے کہ آپ کو مخصوص آخری تاریخوں تک کارروائی کرنے کی ضرورت پڑے۔ آپ کے پاس یہ معلومات حاصل کرنے اور بغیر خرچہ کیے اپنی زبان میں مدد حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ ممبران کو اپنے شناختی کارڈ کی پشت پر موجود فون نمبر پر کال کرنی چاہیے۔ سبھی دیگر لوگ 855-258پر کال کر سکتے ہیں اور 0 دبانے کو کہے جانے تک انتظار کریں۔ ایجنٹ کے جواب دینے پر اپنی مطلوبہ زبان بتائیں اور مترجم سے مربوط ہو جائیں گے۔

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中文繁体 (Traditional Chinese) 注意:本聲明包含關於您的保險給付相關資訊。本聲明可能包含重要日期及您在特定期限之前需要採取的行動。您有權利免費獲得這份資訊,以及透過您的母語提供的協助服務。會員請撥打印在身分識別卡背面的電話號碼。其他所有人士可撥打電話 855-258-6518, 並等候直到對話提示按下按鍵 0。當接線生回答時,請說出您需要使用的語言,這樣您就能與口譯人員連線。

Igbo (Igbo) Nrubama: Okwa a nwere ozi gbasara mkpuchi nchekwa onwe gi. O nwere ike inwe ubochi ndi di mkpa, i nwere ike ime ihe tupu ufodu ubochi njedebe. I nwere ikike inweta ozi na enyemaka a n'asusu gi na akwughi ugwo o bula. Ndi otu kwesiri ikpo akara ekwenti di n'azu nke kaadi njirimara ha. Ndi ozo niile nwere ike ikpo 855-258-6518 wee chere ububo ahu ruo mgbe amanyere ipi 0. Mgbe onye nnochite anya zara, kwuo asusu i choro, a ga-ejiko gi na onye okowa okwu.

Deutsch (German) Achtung: Diese Mitteilung enthält Informationen über Ihren Versicherungsschutz. Sie kann wichtige Termine beinhalten, und Sie müssen gegebenenfalls innerhalb bestimmter Fristen reagieren. Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und weitere Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Als Mitglied verwenden Sie bitte die auf der Rückseite Ihrer Karte angegebene Telefonnummer. Alle anderen Personen rufen bitte die Nummer 855-258-6518 an und warten auf die Aufforderung, die Taste 0 zu drücken. Geben Sie dem Mitarbeiter die gewünschte Sprache an, damit er Sie mit einem Dolmetscher verbinden kann.

Français (French) Attention: cet avis contient des informations sur votre couverture d'assurance. Des dates importantes peuvent y figurer et il se peut que vous deviez entreprendre des démarches avant certaines échéances. Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement ces informations et de l'aide dans votre langue. Les membres doivent appeler le numéro de téléphone figurant à l'arrière de leur carte d'identification. Tous les autres peuvent appeler le 855-258-6518 et, après avoir écouté le message, appuyer sur le 0 lorsqu'ils seront invités à le faire. Lorsqu'un(e) employé(e) répondra, indiquez la langue que vous souhaitez et vous serez mis(e) en relation avec un interprète.

한국어(Korean) 주의: 이 통지서에는 보험 커버리지에 대한 정보가 포함되어 있습니다. 주요 날짜 및 조치를 취해야 하는 특정 기한이 포함될 수 있습니다. 귀하에게는 사용 언어로 해당 정보와 지원을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 회원이신 경우 ID 카드의 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해 주십시오. 회원이 아니신 경우 855-258-6518 번으로 전화하여 0을 누르라는 메시지가 들릴 때까지 기다리십시오. 연결된 상담원에게 필요한 언어를 말씀하시면 통역 서비스에 연결해 드립니다.

Diné Bizaad (Navajo) Ge': Díí bee ił hane'ígíí bii' dahóló bee éédahózin béeso ách'ááh naanil ník'ist'i'ígíí bá. Bii' dahólóó doo íiyisíí yoolkáálígíí dóó t'áádoo le'é ádadoolyí(lígíí da yókeedgo t'áá doo bee e'e'aahí ájiil'í(h. Bee ná ahóót'i' díí bee ił hane' dóó niká'ádoowoł t'áá nínizaad bee t'áá jiik'é. Atah danilínígíí béésh bee hane'é bee wółta'ígíí nitl'izgo bee nee hódolzinígíí bikéédéé' bikáá' bich'í' hodoonihjí'. Aadóó náánála' éí koji' dahódoolnih 855-258-6518 dóó yii diilts'íli yaltí'ígíí t'áá níléíjí áádóó éí bikéé'dóó naasbąąs bił adidiilchił. Áká'ánidaalwó'ígíí neidiitáágo, saad bee yánilt'i'ígíí yii diikił dóó ata' halne'é lá níká'ádoolwoł.



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