



Summary of Benefits

North Coast Schools Medical  
Insurance Group  
Effective July 1, 2025  
PPO Plan

ASO PPO 500 - 80/60 - Spruce PLUS+ Plan

This Summary of Benefits shows the amount you will pay for Covered Services under this Claims Administrator benefit plan. It is only a summary and it is included as part of the Benefit Booklet.<sup>1</sup> Please read both documents carefully for details.

Provider Network: Full PPO Network

This Plan uses a specific network of Health Care Providers, called the Full PPO provider network. Providers in this network are called Participating Providers. You pay less for Covered Services when you use a Participating Provider than when you use a Non-Participating Provider. You can find Participating Providers in this network at [blueshieldca.com](https://blueshieldca.com).

Calendar Year Deductibles (CYD)<sup>2</sup>

A Calendar Year Deductible (CYD) is the amount a Member pays each Calendar Year before the Claims Administrator pays for Covered Services under the Plan. The Claims Administrator pays for some Covered Services before the Calendar Year Deductible is met, as noted in the Benefits chart below.

When using a Participating <sup>3</sup> or Non-Participating <sup>4</sup> Provider		
Calendar Year medical Deductible	Individual coverage	\$500
	Family coverage	\$500: individual
		\$1,500: Family

Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum<sup>5</sup>

An Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most a Member will pay for Covered Services each Calendar Year. Any exceptions are listed in the Notes section at the end of this Summary of Benefits.

No Annual or Lifetime Dollar Limit

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	When using any combination of Participating <sup>3</sup> or Non-Participating <sup>4</sup> Providers
Individual coverage	\$3,000	\$10,000
Family coverage	\$3,000: individual \$6,000: Family	\$10,000: individual \$20,000: Family

Under this Plan there is no annual or lifetime dollar limit on the amount Claims Administrator will pay for Covered Services.

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies	When using a Non-Participating Provider <sup>4</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Preventive Health Services<sup>7</sup></b>				
Preventive Health Services	\$0		40%	✓
<b>Physician services</b>				
Virtual Blue program primary care visit	\$20/visit		Not covered	
Virtual Blue program Specialist care visit	\$20/visit		Not covered	
Primary care office visit	\$20/visit		40%	✓
Specialist care office visit	\$30/visit		40%	✓
Physician home visit	\$20/visit		40%	✓
Physician or surgeon services in an Outpatient Facility	20%	✓	40%	✓
Physician or surgeon services in an inpatient facility	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Other professional services</b>				
Other practitioner office visit <i>Includes nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and therapists.</i>	\$20/visit		40%	✓
Acupuncture services  <i>Up to 24 visits per Member, per Calendar Year.</i>	20%	✓	20% (Plan payment limited to \$25/visit)	✓
Chiropractic services  <i>Up to 24 visits per Member, per Calendar Year.</i>	20%	✓	20% (Plan payment limited to \$25/visit)	✓
Family planning				
• Counseling, consulting, and education	\$0		40%	✓
• Injectable contraceptive	\$0		40%	✓
• Diaphragm fitting	\$0		40%	✓
• Intrauterine device (IUD)	\$0		40%	✓
• Insertion and/or removal of intrauterine device (IUD)	\$0		40%	✓
• Implantable contraceptive	\$0		40%	✓
• Tubal ligation	\$0		40%	✓
• Vasectomy	20%	✓	40%	✓
• Diagnosis and Treatment of the Cause of Infertility	Not covered		Not covered	

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	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies	When using a Non-Participating Provider <sup>4</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
Podiatric services	\$30/visit		40%	✓
Medical nutrition therapy, not related to diabetes	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Pregnancy and maternity care</b>				
Physician office visits: prenatal and postnatal	\$20/visit		40%	✓
Physician services for pregnancy termination	20%	✓	40%	✓
Certified nurse midwives or licensed midwives	20%	✓	20%	✓
<b>Emergency Services</b>				
Emergency room services	\$100/visit plus 20%	✓	\$100/visit plus 20%	✓
<i>If admitted to the Hospital, this payment for emergency room services does not apply. Instead, you pay the Participating Provider payment under Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay.</i>				
Emergency room Physician services	20%	✓	20%	✓
<b>Urgent care center services</b>				
	\$20/visit		40%	✓
<b>Ambulance services</b>				
	20%	✓	20%	✓
<i>This payment is for emergency or authorized transport.</i>				
<b>Outpatient Facility services</b>				
Ambulatory Surgery Center	20%	✓	40%	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital: surgery	20%	✓	40%	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital: treatment of illness or injury, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and necessary supplies	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Inpatient facility services</b>				
Hospital services and stay	20%	✓	\$500/admission plus 40%	✓

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	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies	When using a Non-Participating Provider <sup>4</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Transplant services</b>  <i>This payment is for all covered transplants except tissue and kidney. For tissue and kidney transplant services, the payment for Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay applies.</i>  <i>Transplant Travel Expenses - Pre-authorized reimbursement for travel expenses for recipient and companion to &amp; from transplant center on an approved flight, train or current IRS mileage for auto travel. Hotel not to exceed \$100/day for one room double occupancy, Meals not to exceed \$75/day per person. Limited up to 6 round trips per transplant. There is a \$5,000 one time maximum amount for recipient and companion expenses in total. Donor costs to be included.</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special transplant facility inpatient services</li> </ul>	20%	✓	Not covered	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physician inpatient services</li> </ul>	20%	✓	Not covered	
<b>Bariatric surgery services</b>				
Inpatient facility services	20%	✓	\$500/admission plus 40%	✓
Outpatient Facility services	20%	✓	40%	✓
Physician services	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Diagnostic x-ray, imaging, pathology, and laboratory services</b>  <i>This payment is for Covered Services that are diagnostic, non-Preventive Health Services, and diagnostic radiological procedures. For the payments for Covered Services that are considered Preventive Health Services, see Preventive Health Services.</i>  <b>Laboratory and pathology services</b>  <i>Includes diagnostic Papanicolaou (Pap) test.</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory center</li> </ul>	20%	✓	40%	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient Department of a Hospital</li> </ul>	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Basic imaging services</b>  <i>Includes plain film X-rays, ultrasounds, and diagnostic mammography.</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient radiology center</li> </ul>	20%	✓	40%	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient Department of a Hospital</li> </ul>	20%	✓	40%	✓

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Other outpatient non-invasive diagnostic testing				
<i>Testing to diagnose illness or injury such as vestibular function tests, EKG, cardiac monitoring, non-invasive vascular studies, sleep medicine testing, muscle and range of motion tests, EEG, and EMG.</i>				
• Office location	20%	✓	40%	✓
• Outpatient Department of a Hospital	20%	✓	40%	✓
Advanced imaging services				
<i>Includes diagnostic radiological and nuclear imaging such as CT scans, MRIs, MRAs, and PET scans.</i>				
• Outpatient radiology center	20%	✓	40%	✓
• Outpatient Department of a Hospital	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services</b>				
<i>Includes physical therapy and occupational therapy.</i>				
Office location	20%	✓	40% (Plan payment limited to \$25/visit)	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital	20%	✓	40% (Plan payment limited to \$25/visit)	✓
<b>Speech Therapy and Respiratory Therapy services</b>				
Office location	20%	✓	40%	✓
Outpatient Department of a Hospital	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Durable medical equipment (DME)</b>				
DME	20%	✓	40%	✓
Breast pump	\$0		Not covered	
Orthotic equipment and devices	20%	✓	40%	✓
Prosthetic equipment and devices	20%	✓	40%	✓

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies	When using a Non-Participating Provider <sup>4</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Home health care services</b> <i>Up to 120 visits per Member, per Calendar Year, by a home health care agency. All visits count towards the limit, including visits during any applicable Deductible period. Includes home visits by a nurse, Home Health Aide, medical social worker, physical therapist, speech therapist, or occupational therapist, and medical supplies.</i>	20%	✓	Not covered	
<b>Home infusion and home injectable therapy services</b> Home infusion agency services <i>Includes home infusion drugs, medical supplies, and visits by a nurse.</i>	20%	✓	Not covered	
Hemophilia home infusion services <i>Includes blood factor products.</i>	20%	✓	Not covered	
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services</b> <i>Up to 120 days per Member, per benefit period, except when provided as part of a Hospice program. All days count towards the limit, including days during any applicable Deductible period and days in different SNFs during the Calendar Year.</i>				
Freestanding SNF	20%	✓	20% (with prior authorization)	✓
Hospital-based SNF	20%	✓	\$500/admission plus 40%	✓
<b>Hospice program services</b> Pre-Hospice consultation Routine home care 24-hour continuous home care Short-term inpatient care for pain and symptom management Inpatient respite care	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	Not covered Not covered Not covered Not covered Not covered	
<b>Other services and supplies</b> Diabetes care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devices, equipment, and supplies</li> <li>Self-management training</li> <li>Medical nutrition therapy</li> </ul> Dialysis services	20% \$20/visit \$20/visit 20%	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	40% 40% 40% 40%	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

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PKU product formulas and special food products	20%	✓	Not covered	
Allergy serum billed separately from an office visit	20%	✓	40%	✓
Hearing aid services				
• Hearing aids and equipment	20%	✓	20%	✓
Up to \$5,000 combined maximum per Member, per 24-month period.				
• Audiological evaluations	20%	✓	20%	✓

## Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

## Your payment

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies	When using a Non-Participating Provider <sup>4</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Outpatient services</b>				
Virtual Blue program mental health visit	\$20/visit		Not covered	
Office visit, including Physician office visit	\$20/visit		40%	✓
Intensive outpatient care	20%	✓	40%	✓
Behavioral Health Treatment in an office setting	20%	✓	40%	✓
Behavioral Health Treatment in home or other non-institutional setting	20%	✓	40%	✓
Office-based opioid treatment	20%	✓	40%	✓
Partial Hospitalization Program	20%	✓	40%	✓
Psychological Testing	20%	✓	40%	✓
<b>Inpatient services</b>				
Physician inpatient services	20%	✓	40%	✓
Hospital services	20%	✓	\$500/admission plus 40%	✓
Residential Care	20%	✓	\$500/admission plus 40%	✓

## Prior Authorization

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The following are some frequently-utilized Benefits that require prior authorization:

- Advanced imaging services
- Outpatient mental health services, except office visits and office-based opioid treatment
- Inpatient facility services
- Hospice program services

Please review the Benefit Booklet for more about Benefits that require prior authorization.

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## Notes

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### 1 Benefit Booklet:

The Benefit Booklet describes the Benefits, limitations, and exclusions that apply to coverage under this Plan. Please review the Benefit Booklet for more details of coverage outlined in this Summary of Benefits. You can request a copy of the Benefit Booklet at any time.

Capitalized terms are defined in the Benefit Booklet. Refer to the Benefit Booklet for an explanation of the terms used in this Summary of Benefits.

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### 2 Calendar Year Deductible (CYD):

Calendar Year Deductible explained. A Calendar Year Deductible is the amount you pay each Calendar Year before the Claims Administrator pays for Covered Services under the Plan.

If this Plan has any Calendar Year Deductible(s), Covered Services subject to that Deductible are identified with a check mark (✓) in the Benefits chart above.

Covered Services not subject to the Calendar Year medical Deductible. Some Covered Services received from Participating Providers are paid by the Claims Administrator before you meet any Calendar Year medical Deductible. These Covered Services do not have a check mark (✓) next to them in the "CYD applies" column in the Benefits chart above.

This Plan has a combined Participating Provider and Non-Participating Provider Calendar Year Deductible.

Family coverage has an individual Deductible within the Family Deductible. This means that the Deductible will be met for an individual with Family coverage who meets the individual Deductible prior to the Family meeting the Family Deductible within a Calendar Year.

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### 3 Using Participating Providers:

Participating Providers have a contract to provide health care services to Members. When you receive Covered Services from a Participating Provider, you are only responsible for the Copayment or Coinsurance, once any Calendar Year Deductible has been met.

Virtual Blue program. Virtual Blue program Benefits are provided through Accolade and TeleMed2U. These mental health services are not administered by Blue Shield's Mental Health Service Administrator (MHSA).

"Allowable Amount" is defined in the Benefit Booklet. In addition:

- Coinsurance is calculated from the Allowable Amount.
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### 4 Using Non-Participating Providers:

Non-Participating Providers do not have a contract to provide health care services to Members. When you receive Covered Services from a Non-Participating Provider, you are responsible for:

- the Copayment or Coinsurance (once any Calendar Year Deductible has been met), and
- any charges above the Allowable Amount.

"Allowable Amount" is defined in the Benefit Booklet. In addition:

- Coinsurance is calculated from the Allowable Amount, which is subject to any stated Benefit maximum.
- Charges above the Allowable Amount do not count towards the Out-of-Pocket Maximum, and are your responsibility for payment to the provider. This out-of-pocket expense can be significant.

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### 5 Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum (OOPM):

Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum explained. The Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most you are required to pay for Covered Services in a Calendar Year. Once you reach your Out-of-Pocket Maximum, the Claims Administrator will pay 100% of the Allowable Amount for Covered Services for the rest of the Calendar Year.

Your payment after you reach the Calendar Year OOPM. You will continue to pay all charges for services that are not covered and charges above the Allowable Amount.

Any Deductibles count towards the OOPM. Any amounts you pay that count towards the medical Calendar Year Deductible also count towards the Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

This Plan has a Participating Provider OOPM as well as a combined Participating Provider and Non-Participating Provider OOPM. This means that any amounts you pay towards your Participating Provider OOPM also count towards your combined Participating and Non-Participating Provider OOPM.

Family coverage has an individual OOPM within the Family OOPM. This means that the OOPM will be met for an individual with Family coverage who meets the individual OOPM prior to the Family meeting the Family OOPM within a Calendar Year.

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### 6 Separate Member Payments When Multiple Covered Services are Received:

Each time you receive multiple Covered Services, you might have separate payments (Copayment or Coinsurance) for each service. When this happens, you may be responsible for multiple Copayments or Coinsurance. For example, you may owe an office visit payment in addition to an allergy serum payment when you visit the doctor for an allergy shot.

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### 7 Preventive Health Services:

If you only receive Preventive Health Services during a Physician office visit, there is no Copayment or Coinsurance for the visit by a Participating Provider. If you receive both Preventive Health Services and other Covered Services during the Physician office visit, you may have a Copayment or Coinsurance for the visit.

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Plans may be modified to ensure compliance with Federal requirements.

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