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Northeastern University Student Health Plan

2023 – 2024 Academic Year

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This health plan meets Minimum Creditable Coverage Standards for Massachusetts residents that went into effect January 1, 2014, as part of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law.

YOUR CHOICE

When You Choose Preferred Providers

You receive the highest level of benefits under your health care plan when you obtain covered services from preferred providers. These are called your “in-network” benefits. See the charts for your cost share.

Note: If a preferred provider refers you to another provider for covered services (such as a lab or specialist), make sure the provider is a preferred provider in order to receive benefits at the in-network level. If the provider you are referred to is not a preferred provider, you're still covered, but your benefits, in most situations, will be covered at the out-of-network level, even if the preferred provider refers you.

How to Find a Preferred Provider

To find a preferred provider:

- Look up a provider on Find a Doctor at bluecrossma.com/findadoctor. If you need a copy of your directory or help choosing a provider, call the Member Service number on your ID card.
- Visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at bluecrossma.org/studentbluema

When You Choose Non-Preferred Providers

You can also obtain covered services from non-preferred providers, but your out-of-pocket costs are higher. These are called your “out-of-network” benefits. See the charts for your cost share.

You must pay a plan-year deductible before you can receive coverage for certain out-of-network benefits under this plan. Your plan year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 of each year. Your deductible is **\$250** per member.

Payments for out-of-network benefits are based on the Blue Cross Blue Shield allowed charge as defined in your benefit description. You may be responsible for any difference between the allowed charge and the provider's actual billed charge (this is in addition to your deductible and/or your coinsurance).

Your Out-of-Pocket Maximum

Your out-of-pocket maximum is the most that you could pay during a plan year for deductible, copayments, and coinsurance for covered services. Your out-of-pocket maximums for medical benefits are **\$3,500** per member (or **\$7,000** per family) for in-network services and **\$7,000** per member (or **\$14,000** per family) for out-of-network services. Any amount applied toward the in-network medical out-of-pocket maximum will also be applied toward the out-of-network medical out-of-pocket maximum (and vice versa). Your out-of-pocket maximum for prescription drug benefits is **\$1,000** per member (or **\$2,000** per family).

Emergency Room Services

In an emergency, such as a suspected heart attack, stroke, or poisoning, you should go directly to the nearest medical facility or call **911** (or the local emergency phone number). You pay a copayment per visit, then coinsurance for in-network or out-of-network emergency room services. The copayment is waived if you are admitted to the hospital or for an observation stay. See the chart for your cost share.

Telehealth Services

Telehealth services are covered when the same in-person service would be covered by the health plan and the use of telehealth is appropriate. Your health care provider will work with you to determine if a telehealth visit is medically appropriate for your health care needs or if an in-person visit is required. For a list of telehealth providers, visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at bluecrossma.org/studentbluema, consult Find a Doctor, or call the Member Service number on your ID card.

Your Virtual Care Team

Your health plan includes the option for a tech-enabled delivery model where virtual care team covered providers furnish certain covered services, including primary care with integrated mental health and/or substance use care within the patient care team, via traditional and/or digital platforms (such as: mobile app; web portal; telephone; and/or text message). This care delivery model offers a comprehensive and coordinated primary care experience with virtual engagement and seamless navigation to in-person care with network providers when applicable. **For in-network outpatient covered services furnished by a designated virtual care team primary care or mental health care provider type, you will pay nothing (any deductible, copayment, and/or coinsurance does not apply).** **For in-network outpatient covered services furnished by a virtual care team covered provider that is not a virtual care team primary care or mental health care provider type, you will pay your applicable cost share (deductible, copayment, and/or coinsurance).** To find a virtual care team covered provider or to learn more about this care delivery model, visit MyBlue online or see “When You Need Help to Find a Health Care Provider” in your benefit description, or call the Member Service number on your ID card.

Utilization Review Requirements

Certain services require **pre-approval/prior authorization** through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for you to have benefit coverage; this includes non-emergency and non-maternity hospitalization and may include certain outpatient services, therapies, procedures, and drugs. You should work with your health care provider to determine if pre-approval is required for any service your provider is suggesting. If your provider, or you, don't get pre-approval when it's required, your benefits will be denied, and you may be fully responsible for payment to the provider of the service. Refer to your benefit description for requirements and the process you should follow for Utilization Review, including Pre-Admission Review, Pre-Service Approval, Concurrent Review and Discharge Planning, and Individual Case Management.

Dependent Benefits

You may purchase this health care plan for your spouse and/or unmarried dependent children until age 26. Please visit www.northeastern.edu/nushp or e-mail NUSHP@northeastern.edu for additional information. Enrollment forms are available on our website.

Northeastern University Health and Counseling Services (UHCS)–Forsyth Building

Eligible* students have full use of the services offered at Northeastern University's Health and Counseling Services (UHCS) whether they waive or enroll in NUSHP. There is no charge for office visits at UHCS for eligible students.

- For more information about UHCS, visit the website at www.northeastern.edu/uhcs or call **617-373-2772**. For benefit questions regarding NUSHP, please email NUSHP@neu.edu.
- For more information about enrollment in or waiver of NUSHP, visit the website at www.northeastern.edu/nushp.
- For more information about BCBSMA coverage, call **1-888-648-0825** or visit the website at www.northeastern.edu/nushp.

UHCS is not affiliated with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Information regarding UHCS was provided by Northeastern University for UHCS.

* Undergraduate day and law students (with no additional fee); eligible graduate and College of Professional Studies students who pay the annual UHCS fee of \$225.

Covered Services	Your Cost In-Network	Your Cost Out-of-Network
Preventive Care		
Well-child care exams, including routine tests, according to age-based schedule as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six visits during the first year of life Three visits during the second year of life (age 1 to age 2) Two visits for age 2 One visit per plan year for age 3 and older 	Nothing	20% coinsurance after deductible
Routine adult physical exams, including related tests (one per plan year)	Nothing	20% coinsurance after deductible
Routine GYN exams, including related lab tests (one per plan year)	Nothing	20% coinsurance after deductible
Routine hearing exams, including routine tests	Nothing	20% coinsurance after deductible
Vision supplies (one set of prescription lenses and/or frames or contact lenses per plan year until the end of the month a member turns age 19)	35% coinsurance	55% coinsurance after deductible
Family planning services—office visits	Nothing	20% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient Care		
Emergency room visits	\$50 per visit (waived if admitted or for observation stay), then 10% coinsurance	\$50 per visit (waived if admitted or for observation stay), then 10% coinsurance
Clinic visits, physicians', podiatrists', and office visits for medical care services	\$25 per visit*	20% coinsurance after deductible
Medical care visits for infertility services	\$25 per visit*	20% coinsurance after deductible
Limited services clinic	Nothing	20% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient telehealth services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a covered provider With the in-network designated telehealth vendor 	Same as in-person visit Nothing	Same as in-person visit Only applicable in-network
Chiropractic medical care services	\$25 per visit	20% coinsurance after deductible
Acupuncture visits (up to 12 visits per plan year)	\$25 per visit	20% coinsurance after deductible
Allergy injections	\$25 per visit	20% coinsurance after deductible
Short-term rehabilitation therapy—physical and occupational (up to 60 visits for rehabilitation services and 60 visits for habilitation services per plan year**)	\$25 per visit	20% coinsurance after deductible
Speech, hearing, and language disorder treatment—speech therapy (see below for benefits for diagnostic X-rays and lab tests)	\$25 per visit	20% coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic X-rays and lab tests, including CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, and nuclear cardiac imaging tests	10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Home health care and hospice services	10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Oxygen and equipment for its administration	10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Durable medical equipment—such as wheelchairs, crutches, hospital beds	10% coinsurance***	20% coinsurance after deductible
Prosthetic devices	10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Surgery and related anesthesia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office or health center services Ambulatory surgical facility, hospital outpatient department, or surgical day care unit 	10% coinsurance† \$50 per admission, then 10% coinsurance†	20% coinsurance after deductible 20% coinsurance after deductible
Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment		
Biologically based conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient visits Inpatient admissions in a general or mental hospital or substance use facility 	\$25 per visit* \$250 per admission, then 10% coinsurance†	20% coinsurance after deductible 20% coinsurance after deductible
Non-biologically based conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient visits Inpatient admissions in a general or mental hospital or substance use facility 	\$25 per visit* \$250 per admission, then 10% coinsurance†	20% coinsurance after deductible 20% coinsurance after deductible
Vision Care Benefits at Fenway Health††		
Routine vision exams (one per plan year)	Nothing	Not covered
Contact lens fitting (one per plan year)	\$40 per visit	Not covered

* You pay \$20 per visit when this service is performed at Fenway Health.

** No visit limit applies when short-term rehabilitation therapy is furnished as part of covered home health care or for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

*** Cost share waived for one breast pump per birth.

† You pay a \$100 copayment for surgeon fees plus 10% coinsurance for removal of impacted teeth (except in an office setting you pay only the 10% coinsurance). There is a \$2,500 plan-year benefit maximum for removal of impacted teeth (inpatient and outpatient combined).

†† No coverage is provided when these services are performed at a facility other than Fenway Health.

Covered Services	Your Cost In-Network	Your Cost Out-of-Network
Inpatient Care (including maternity care)		
General or chronic disease hospital care (as many days as medically necessary)	\$250 per admission, then 10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Surgical services	\$250 per admission, then 10% coinsurance*	20% coinsurance after deductible
Rehabilitation hospital care (up to 60 days per plan year)	\$250 per admission, then 10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Skilled nursing facility care (up to 100 days per plan year)	\$250 per admission, then 10% coinsurance	20% coinsurance after deductible
Prescription Drug Benefits**		
At designated retail pharmacies (up to a 30-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)***	\$10 for Tier 1 \$20 for Tier 2 \$30 for Tier 3	Not covered
At Fenway Health retail pharmacy (up to a 30-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)***	\$5 for Tier 1 \$10 for Tier 2 \$15 for Tier 3	Not covered
Through the designated mail service or designated retail pharmacy (up to a 90-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)***	\$30 for Tier 1 \$60 for Tier 2 \$90 for Tier 3	Not covered
<p>* You pay a \$100 copayment for surgeon fees plus 10% coinsurance for removal of impacted teeth (except in an office setting you pay only the 10% coinsurance). There is a \$2,500 plan-year benefit maximum for removal of impacted teeth (inpatient and outpatient combined).</p> <p>** Generally, Tier 1 refers to generic drugs; Tier 2 refers to preferred brand-name drugs; Tier 3 refers to non-preferred brand-name drugs.</p> <p>*** Cost share may be waived for certain covered drugs and supplies.</p>		
<p>Get the Most from Your Plan: Visit us at bluecrossma.org/studentbluema or call 1-888-648-0825 to learn about discounts, savings, resources, and special programs available to you, like those listed below.</p>		
Wellness Participation Program		
Fitness Reimbursement: a program that rewards participation in qualified fitness programs or equipment (See your benefit description for details.)	\$150 per calendar year per policy	
Weight Loss Reimbursement: a program that rewards participation in a qualified weight loss program (See your benefit description for details.)	\$150 per calendar year per policy	



24/7 Nurse Line: Speak to a registered nurse, day or night, to get immediate guidance and advice. Call 1-888-247-BLUE (2583). No additional charge.

QUESTIONS?

For questions about Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, call 1-888-648-0825, or visit us online at bluecrossma.org/studentbluema.

Limitations and Exclusions. These pages summarize the benefits of your health care plan. Your benefit description and riders define the full terms and conditions in greater detail. Should any questions arise concerning benefits, the benefit description and riders will govern. Some of the services not covered are: cosmetic surgery; custodial care; hearing aids; most dental care; and any services covered by workers' compensation. For a complete list of limitations and exclusions, refer to your benefit description and riders. **Note:** Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. administers claims payment only and does not assume financial risk for claims.



Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts complies with applicable federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. It does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MASSACHUSETTS PROVIDES:

- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print or other formats).
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

If you need these services, call Member Service at the number on your ID card.

If you believe that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by mail at Civil Rights Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, One Enterprise Drive, Quincy, MA 02171-2126; phone at **1-800-472-2689 (TTY: 711)**; fax at **1-617-246-3616**; or email at **civilrightscoordinator@bcbsma.com**.

If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, online at **ocrportal.hhs.gov**; by mail at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201; by phone at **1-800-368-1019** or **1-800-537-7697 (TDD)**.

Complaint forms are available at **hhs.gov**.

PROFICIENCY OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Spanish/Español: ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma. Llame al número de Servicio al Cliente que figura en su tarjeta de identificación (TTY: 711).

Portuguese/Português: ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, são-lhe disponibilizados gratuitamente serviços de assistência de idiomas. Telefone para os Serviços aos Membros, através do número no seu cartão ID (TTY: 711).

Chinese/简体中文: 注意: 如果您讲中文, 我们可向您免费提供语言协助服务。请拨打您 ID 卡上的号码联系会员服务部 (TTY 号码: 711)。

Haitian Creole/Kreyòl Ayisyen: ATANSYON: Si ou pale kreyòl ayisyen, sèvis asistans nan lang disponib pou ou gratis. Rele nimewo Sèvis Manm nan ki sou kat Idantifikasyon w lan (Sèvis pou Malantandan TTY: 711).

Vietnamese/Tiếng Việt: LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ được cung cấp cho quý vị miễn phí. Gọi cho Dịch vụ Hội viên theo số trên thẻ ID của quý vị (TTY: 711).

Russian/Русский: ВНИМАНИЕ: если Вы говорите по-русски, Вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами переводчика. Позвоните в отдел обслуживания клиентов по номеру, указанному в Вашей идентификационной карте (телетайп: 711).

Arabic/العربية:

انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فتتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجاناً بالنسبة لك. اتصل بخدمات الأعضاء على الرقم الموجود على بطاقة هويتك (جهاز الهاتف النصي للصم والبكم "TTY": 711).

Mon-Khmer, Cambodian/ខ្មែរ: ការជូនដំណឹង: ប្រសិនបើអ្នកនិយាយភាសា ខ្មែរ សេវាជំនួយភាសាឥតគិតថ្លៃ គឺអាចរកបានសម្រាប់អ្នក។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅផ្នែកសេវាសមាជិកតាមលេខ នៅលើប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់ខ្លួនរបស់អ្នក (TTY: 711)។

French/Français: ATTENTION : si vous parlez français, des services d'assistance linguistique sont disponibles gratuitement. Appelez le Service adhérents au numéro indiqué sur votre carte d'assuré (TTY : 711).

Italian/Italiano: ATTENZIONE: se parlate italiano, sono disponibili per voi servizi gratuiti di assistenza linguistica. Chiamate il Servizio per i membri al numero riportato sulla vostra scheda identificativa (TTY: 711).

Korean/한국어: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 전화번호(TTY: 711)를 사용하여 회원 서비스에 전화하십시오.

Greek/Ελληνικά: ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε Ελληνικά, διατίθενται για σας υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας, δωρεάν. Καλέστε την Υπηρεσία Εξυπηρέτησης Μελών στον αριθμό της κάρτας μέλους σας (ID Card) (TTY: 711).

Polish/Polski: UWAGA: Osoby posługujące się językiem polskim mogą bezpłatnie skorzystać z pomocy językowej. Należy zadzwonić do Działu obsługi ubezpieczonych pod numer podany na identyfikatorze (TTY: 711).

Hindi/हिंदी: ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिन्दी बोलते हैं, तो भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ, आप के लिए निःशुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। सदस्य सेवाओं को आपके आई.डी. कार्ड पर दिए गए नंबर पर कॉल करें (टी.टी.वाई.: 711).

Gujarati/ગુજરાતી: ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો, તો તમને ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ વિના મૂલ્યે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ પર આપેલા નંબર પર Member Service ને કોલ કરો (TTY: 711).

Tagalog/Tagalog: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng wikang Tagalog, mayroon kang magagamit na mga libreng serbisyo para sa tulong sa wika. Tawagan ang Mga Serbisyo sa Miyembro sa numerong nasa iyong ID Card (TTY: 711).

Japanese/日本語: お知らせ:日本語をお話しになる方は無料の言語アシスタンスサービスをご利用いただけます。IDカードに記載の電話番号を使用してメンバーサービスまでお電話ください (TTY: 711)。

German/Deutsch: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsche sprechen, steht Ihnen kostenlos fremdsprachliche Unterstützung zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie den Mitgliederdienst unter der Nummer auf Ihrer ID-Karte an (TTY: 711).

Persian/پارسیان:

توج: اگر زبان شما فارسی است، خدمات کمک زبانی ب صورت رایگان در اختیار شما قرار می گیرد. با شماره تلفن مندرج بروی کارت شناسایی خود با بخش «خدمات اعضا» تماس بگیرید (TTY: 711).

Lao/ພາສາລາວ: ຂໍ້ຄວນໃສ່ໃຈ: ຖ້າເຈົ້າເວົ້າພາສາລາວໄດ້, ມີການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໃຫ້ທ່ານໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ. ໂທຫາຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກທີ່ໝາຍເລກໂທລະສັບຢູ່ໃນບັດຂອງທ່ານ (TTY: 711).

Navajo/Diné Bizaad: BAA ÁKOHWIINDZIN DOOÍGÍ: Diné k'ehjí yáníłt'i'go saad bee yát'i' éí t'áájíík'e bee níká'a'doowłgo éí ná'ahoot'i'. Díí bee anítahígí ninaaltsoos bine'déé' nóomba biká'ígíjij' béésh bee hodíílnih (TTY: 711).