2024 Summary of Benefits

BLUEADVANTAGE FREEDOM (PPO)SM

A Medicare Advantage plan that does not include Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage.



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SECTION I - INTRODUCTION TO SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

The benefit information provided is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It does not list every service that we cover or list every limitation or exclusion. To get a complete list of services we cover, go to **bcbstmedicare.com** or call us and ask for the "**Evidence of Coverage**."

Sections in this booklet

- Things to Know About BlueAdvantage Freedom
- Monthly Premium, Deductible, and Limits on How Much You Pay for Covered Services
- Covered Medical and Hospital Benefits

This document is available in other formats.

This document may be available in a non-English language. For additional information, call us at **1-800-831-2583**, TTY **711**.

Things to Know About BlueAdvantage Freedom

Hours of Operation & Contact Information

- From Oct. 1 to March 31, we're open 8 a.m. -9 p.m. ET, seven days a week.
- From April 1 to Sept. 30, we're open 8 a.m. 9 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.
- If you are a member of this plan, call us at 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711.
- If you are not a member of this plan, call us at 1-800-292-5146, TTY 711.
- Our website: bcbstmedicare.com

Who can join?

To join **BlueAdvantage Freedom**, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, and you must live in our service area. Our service area includes all Tennessee counties and Catoosa, Dade and Walker Counties in Northern Georgia.

What do we cover?

Like all Medicare Advantage health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers – and *more*. Some of the extra benefits are outlined in this booklet.

This plan does not include Part D drug coverage.

If you have any questions about this plan's benefits or costs, please contact BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee.

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	MONTHLY PREMIUM, DEDUCTIBLE AND LIMITS ON HOW MUCH YOU PAY FOR COVERED SERVICES	
Monthly Plan Premium	\$0 per month. You must keep paying your Medicare Part B premium.	
Part B Premium Reduction	This plan can reduce your monthly Part B premium by \$40 per month.	
Deductible	Medical Deductible: No Deductible	
Maximum Out-of- Pocket Responsibility	 Your yearly limit(s) in this plan: \$3,200 for services you receive from in-network providers \$5,750 for services you receive from in- and out-of-network providers combined If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you keep getting covered hospital and medical services and we will pay the full cost for the rest of the year. 	
COVERED MEDICAL	L AND HOSPITAL BENEFITS	
Inpatient Hospital and Inpatient Mental Health Hospitalization Prior authorization is required.	In-Network: Days 1-5: \$175 copay per day Days 6+: \$0 copay per day Out-of-Network: Days 1-5: \$225 copay per day Days 6+: \$0 copay per day The amounts above apply per benefit period. A benefit period begins the day you are admitted or transferred to a hospital and ends when you are discharged. If you are readmitted, a new benefit period begins. Our plan covers an unlimited number of days for an inpatient hospital stay. You may only receive 190 days in a psychiatric hospital in a lifetime. The 190-day limit does not apply to mental health services provided in a psychiatric unit of a general hospital.	

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Outpatient Surgical Services	In-Network: Ambulatory Surgical Center: \$125 copay Outpatient hospital facility: \$175 copay
Prior authorization may be required.	Out-of-Network: Ambulatory Surgical Center: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount Outpatient hospital facility: \$225 copay
Doctor's Office Visits	In-Network: Primary Care Provider visit: \$0 copay Specialist visit: \$25 copay Out-of-Network: Primary Care Provider visit: \$10 copay Specialist visit: \$30 copay
Preventive Care Our plan covers many preventive services, for example: Bone mass measurements (bone density) Cardiovascular disease screenings Cervical & vaginal cancer screening Colorectal cancer screenings Diabetes screenings Glaucoma tests Mammograms (screening) Prostate cancer screenings Vaccines: * COVID-19 * Flu * Hepatitis B * Pneumococcal For a detailed list, refer to the EOC.	Additional preventive services approved by Original Medicare will be covered for dates of service on or after approval by Original Medicare. In-Network: \$0 copay Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount

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	In-Network: Sleep Studies: \$0 copay for in-home \$30 copay at an Outpatient Facility Therapeutic Radiology Services: \$50 copay Advanced Imaging (such as MRI, CT scans): \$110 copay Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount	
Hearing Services Cost-sharing for hearing aids does not count toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount.	In-Network: Medicare-covered exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues: \$10 copay Routine hearing exam (1 per year): \$0 copay at TruHearing® provider Hearing Aid: \$199 (Standard), \$399 (Advanced) or \$699 (Premium) copay depending on model. Limited to one per ear per year. Benefit is limited to TruHearing Standard, Advanced and Premium hearing aids, which come in various styles and colors You must see a TruHearing provider to use this benefit. Out-of-Network: Medicare-covered exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues: \$10 copay Routine hearing exam: Not covered Hearing Aids: Not covered	
Dental Services Comprehensive and preventive dental benefits do not count toward the maximum out-of-pocket amount. (Service limits and other restrictions may apply to the comprehensive dental benefits.)	In-Network: Medicare-covered: \$25 copay Our plan pays up to \$2,500 per year for combined preventive and comprehensive dental services. If the total covered cost for dental services is more than \$2,500 or if you exceed a service limit, you are required to pay the difference. Out-of-Network: Medicare-covered: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount. Our plan pays up to 50% of billed charges up to \$2,500. You pay 100% of any charges over \$2,500.	

SECTION II - SUMMARY OF BENEFITS BlueAdvantage Freedom Included as covered benefits with service limits in this plan, but not limited to: • Standard diagnostic exam (limited to 2 per year) • Problem-focused oral evaluations • Cleaning (limited to 2 per year) • Bitewing x-ray (limited to 1 per year) • Panoramic x-ray (limited to 1 per 36 months) • Fillings (limited to 1 per tooth surface per year) • Crowns (limited to 1 per tooth per 5 years) • Extractions • Bridges (limited to 1 per 5 years) • Removable dentures; complete, immediate, and partial (limited to 1 in any 5 year period)

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Vision Services	In- and Out-of-Network:
Members are encouraged to use the defined vision care network to obtain routine eye exam and eyewear benefit coverage. Routine eye exam and eyewear copays and coinsurance do not apply to the maximum out-of-pocket.	Medicare-covered exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye: \$0 copay Routine eye exam (1 per year): \$0 copay Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery: \$0 copay Our plan pays up to \$225 per year for routine eyewear (in- and out-of-network). There is no copay for contact lenses or eyeglasses (frames and lenses). But if your total eyewear cost is more than \$225, you will be required to pay the difference. For example: If your total cost for eyewear is \$300, your plan will pay \$225 and you will pay \$75.
Mental Health Services Prior authorization is required.	In-Network: Individual therapy visit: \$25 copay Outpatient group therapy visit: \$15 copay Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prior authorization is required.	In-Network: Days 1-20: \$0 copay per day Days 21-100: \$203 copay per day Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount per stay The amounts above apply per benefit period. Our plan covers up to 100 days in a SNF per benefit period. A benefit period begins the day you go into a SNF. The benefit period will accumulate one day for each day you are inpatient at a SNF. The benefit period ends when you haven't received any inpatient hospital care or skilled care in a SNF for 60 days in a row. If you go into a SNF after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. There is no limit to the number of benefit periods.

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Physical Therapy	<u>In-Network:</u>
	Occupational therapy visit: \$25 copay
Prior authorization	Physical therapy, speech and language therapy visit: \$25 copay
is required.	Out-of-Network:
	50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Ambulance	<u>Domestic:</u>
	Ground Ambulance: \$250 copay per one-way trip
Prior authorization is required for all non-	Air Ambulance: 20% of the Medicare-allowed amount per one-way trip
emergency	Worldwide:
ambulance transport.	Ground Ambulance: \$250 copay per one-way trip
See the EOC for details regarding	Air Ambulance: 20% of the plan-allowed amount per one-way trip
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transportation.	
Transportation	Not covered
Medicare Part B	<u>In-Network:</u>
Drugs	Part B chemotherapy drugs: 20% of the plan-allowed amount
Prior authorization may be required.	Other Part B drugs: 20% of the plan-allowed amount
	Part B insulin: 20% of the plan-allowed amount, with a \$35 maximum copay for a one-month supply of each covered insulin product
	Out-of-Network:
	Part B chemotherapy drugs: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
	Other Part B drugs: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
	Part B insulin: 20% of the plan-allowed amount, with a \$35 maximum copay for a one-month supply of each covered insulin product
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ADDITIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS	
24/7 Nurseline	In-Network: You can speak with a Registered Nurse (RN) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. \$0 copay Out-of-Network: Not covered
Acupuncture Prior authorization is required.	In-Network: \$20 copay Out-of-Network:
Chiropractic Care	50% of the Medicare-allowed amount Manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when 1 or more of the bones of your spine move out of position).
Prior authorization is required.	In-Network: \$20 copay Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Diabetic Supplies and Services	Diabetes self-management training In-Network: \$0 copay
Prior authorization may be required. Diabetic supplies are only available	Out-of-Network: 20% of the Medicare-allowed amount Diabetes monitoring supplies In-Network: Preferred: \$0 copay
through a Durable Medical Equipment provider.	Non-Preferred: 20% of the plan-allowed amount Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
	Therapeutic shoes/inserts In-Network: \$10 copay Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount

ADDITIONAL HEALTH BENEFITS	
Durable Medical	<u>In-Network:</u>
Equipment	20% of the plan-allowed amount
Prior authorization	Out-of-Network:
may be required.	50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Home Health Care	<u>In-Network:</u>
	\$0 copay
Prior authorization	Out-of-Network:
is required.	50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Meal Benefit	In-Network:
	\$0 copay
	Meal benefit includes 14 meals following an acute inpatient, SNF discharge, or observation stay to a home setting. There is not a limit to the number of discharges for meals. Must use designated vendor.
	Out-of-Network:
	Not covered
Outpatient	Cardiac (heart) rehab services
Rehabilitation	<u>In-Network:</u>
Prior authorization	\$0 copay
is required.	Out-of-Network:
-	50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
	Pulmonary (lung) rehab services
	In-Network:
	\$15 copay
	Out-of-Network:
	50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Over-the-Counter	<u>In-Network:</u>
(OTC) items	The plan pays \$100 per quarter (no roll-over) for certain OTC items such as vitamins, cough/cold/allergy medicines, dental products and skin care items.
	Must use designated vendor.
	Out-of-Network:
	Not covered

Prosthetic Devices Prior authorization may be required.	In-Network: Prosthetic devices: 20% of the plan-allowed amount Related medical supplies: 20% of the plan-allowed amount Out-of-Network: 50% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Renal Dialysis	In-Network: 20% of the plan-allowed amount Out-of-Network: 20% of the Medicare-allowed amount
Fitness Program	In-Network: You pay nothing This plan includes a free standard fitness center membership, tools and online resources. Out-of-Network: Not covered

For more details, refer to the Evidence of Coverage (EOC) online at bcbstmedicare.com/documents.

DISCLAIMERS

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BlueAdvantage is a PPO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in BlueAdvantage depends on contract renewal.

Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee members, except in emergency situations. Please call Member Service or see the "Evidence of Coverage" for more information, including the cost-sharing that applies to out-of-network services.

This is a summary of drugs and health services covered by BlueAdvantage Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Sapphire East & Southeast health plans January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.



Pre-Enrollment Checklist



Before making an enrollment decision, it is important that you fully understand our benefits and rules. If you have any questions, you can call and speak to our representative at **1-800-292-5146**, TTY **711**.

Understanding the Benefits

- ☐ The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) provides a complete list of all coverage and services. It is important to review plan coverage, costs, and benefits before you enroll. Visit bcbstmedicare.com or call 1-800-292-5146, TTY 711, to view a copy of the EOC.
- □ Review the provider directory (or ask your doctor) to make sure the doctors you see now are in the network. If they are not listed, it means you will likely have to select a new doctor.
- □ Review the pharmacy directory to make sure the pharmacy you use for any prescription medicine is in the network. If the pharmacy is not listed, you will likely have to select a new pharmacy for your prescriptions.
- Review the formulary to make sure your drugs are covered.

Understanding Important Rules

- ☐ You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium. This premium is normally taken out of your Social Security check each month.
- ☐ Benefits, premiums and/or copayments/ coinsurance may change on January 1, 2025.
- ☐ Our plan allows you to see providers outside of our network (non-contracted providers). However, while we will pay for covered services, the provider must agree to treat you. Except in an emergency or urgent situation, non-contracted providers may deny care. In addition, you will pay a higher copay for services received by non-contracted providers.
- ☐ Effect on Current Coverage: If you are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, your current Medicare Advantage healthcare coverage will end once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. If you have Tricare, your coverage may be affected once your new Medicare Advantage coverage starts. Please contact Tricare for more information. If you have a Medigap plan, once your Medicare Advantage coverage starts, you may want to drop your Medigap policy because you will be paying for coverage you cannot use.



Nondiscrimination Notice

BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee (BlueCross), including its subsidiaries SecurityCare of Tennessee, Inc. and Volunteer State Health Plan, Inc. also doing business as BlueCare Tennessee, complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. BlueCross does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

BlueCross:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as: (1) qualified interpreters and (2) written information in other formats, such as large print, audio and accessible electronic formats.
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as: (1) qualified interpreters and (2) written information in other languages.

If you need these services, contact Member Service at the number on the back of your Member ID card or call **1-800-831-2583**, TTY **711**. From **Oct. 1 to March 31**, you can call us 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. From **April 1 to Sept. 30**, you can call us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET. Our automated phone system may answer your call outside of these hours and during holidays.

If you believe that BlueCross has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance ("Nondiscrimination Grievance"). For help with preparing and submitting your Nondiscrimination Grievance, contact Member Service at the number on the back of your Member ID card or call **1-800-831-2583**, TTY **711**. They can provide you with the appropriate form to use in submitting a Nondiscrimination Grievance. You can file a Nondiscrimination Grievance in person or by mail, fax or email. Address your Nondiscrimination Grievance to: Nondiscrimination Compliance Coordinator; c/o Manager, Operations, Member Benefits Administration; 1 Cameron Hill Circle, Suite 0019, Chattanooga, TN 37402-0019; (423) 591-9208 (fax); Nondiscrimination_OfficeGM@bcbst.com (email).

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD), 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET. Complaint forms are available at hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html.

Multi-language Interpreter Services

English: We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

Spanish: Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

Chinese Mandarin: 我们提供免费的翻译服务,帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务,请致电1-800-831-2583, TTY 711。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。 这是一项免费服务。

Chinese Cantonese: 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問,為此我們提供免費的翻譯 服務。如需翻譯服務,請致電 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這 是一項免費服務。

Tagalog: Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

French: Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

Vietnamese: Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quí vi cần thông dịch viên xin gọi 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711 sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quí vi. Đây là dịch vu miễn phí.

German: Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

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Russian: Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

Arabic:

Hindi: हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध है. एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711 पर फोन करें. कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है. यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है.

Italian: È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

Portugués: Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número 1-800-831-2583, TTY 711. Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

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