

Blue MedicareRxSM

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**BlueCross BlueShield
of Texas**

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Introduction to the Summary of Benefits for Blue MedicareRx January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Thank you for your interest in Blue MedicareRx. Our plan is offered by HCSC INSURANCE SERVICES COMPANY (“HISC”), a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan that contracts with the Federal government. This Summary of Benefits tells you some features of our plan. It doesn’t list every drug we cover, every limitation, or exclusion. To get a complete list of our benefits, please call HISC - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and ask for the “Evidence of Coverage.”

You have choices in your Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

As a Medicare beneficiary, you can choose from different Medicare prescription drug coverage options. One option is to get prescription drug coverage through a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan, like Blue MedicareRx. Another option is to get your prescription drug coverage through a Medicare Advantage Plan that offers prescription drug coverage. You make the choice.

How can I compare my options?

The charts in this booklet list some important drug benefits. You can use this Summary of Benefits to compare the benefits offered by Blue MedicareRx to the benefits offered by other Medicare Prescription Drug Plans or Medicare Advantage Plans with prescription drug coverage.

Where is Blue MedicareRx Available?

The service area for this plan includes: Texas. You must live in one of these areas to join this plan.

Who is eligible to join?

You can join this plan if you are enrolled in Medicare Part B and/or entitled to Medicare Part A and live in the service area. Eligible individuals may only enroll in one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan at a time and may not be enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO), unless they are enrolled in a Medicare Private-Fee-For-Services plan or are enrolled in an 1876 Cost Plan. You may join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan during certain times of the year.

Does my plan cover Medicare Part B or Part D Drugs?

Blue MedicareRx does not cover drugs that are covered under Medicare Part B as prescribed and dispensed. Generally, we only cover drugs, vaccines, biological products and medical supplies that are covered under the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit (Part D) and that are on our formulary.

Where can I get my prescriptions?

Blue MedicareRx has formed a network of pharmacies. You must use a network pharmacy to receive plan benefits. We will not pay for your prescriptions if you use an out-of-network pharmacy, except in certain cases.

HISC - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas has a list of preferred pharmacies. At these pharmacies, you may get your drugs at a lower co-pay or co-insurance. A non-preferred pharmacy is still a network pharmacy, but you may have to pay more for your prescriptions.

The pharmacies in our network can change at any time. You can ask for a Pharmacy Directory or call Customer Service for an up-to-date list.

What is a prescription drug formulary?

Blue MedicareRx uses a formulary. A formulary is a list of drugs covered by your plan to meet patient needs. We may periodically add, remove, or make changes to coverage limitations on certain drugs or change how much you pay for a drug. If we make any formulary change that limits our enrollees’ ability to fill their prescriptions, we will notify the affected enrollees before the change is made. We will send a formulary to you and you can see our complete formulary on our Web site at www.hisc.net.

If you are currently taking a drug that is not on our formulary or subject to additional requirements or limits, you may be able to get a temporary supply of the drug. You can contact us to request an exception or switch to an alternative drug listed on our formulary with your physician's help. Call us to see if you can get a temporary supply of the drug or for more details about our drug transition policy.

What should I do if I have other insurance in addition to Medicare?

If you have a Medigap (Medicare Supplement) policy that includes prescription drug coverage, you must contact your Medigap Issuer to let them know that you have joined a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. If you decide to keep your current Medigap supplement policy, your Medigap Issuer will remove the prescription drug coverage portion of your policy. This will occur as of the effective date of your coverage in the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan and they will adjust your premium. Call your Medigap Issuer for details.

If you or your spouse has, or is able to get, employer group coverage, you should talk to your employer to find out how your benefits will be affected if you join Blue MedicareRx. Get this information before you decide to enroll in this plan.

How can I get help with my drug plan costs?

If you qualify for extra help with your Medicare prescription drug plan costs, your premium and costs at the pharmacy may be lower. When you join Blue MedicareRx, Medicare will tell us how much extra help you are currently getting. Then we will let you know the amount you will pay. If you are not getting this extra help, you can see if you qualify by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048.

What are my protections in this plan?

All Medicare Prescription Drug Plans agree to stay in the program for a full year at a time. Each year, the plans decide whether to continue for another year. Even if a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan leaves the program, you will not lose Medicare prescription drug coverage. If a plan decides not to continue, it must send you a letter at least 90 days before your coverage will end. The letter will explain your options for Medicare coverage in your area.

As an enrollee of Blue MedicareRx, you have the right to request a coverage determination, which includes the right to request an exception, the right to file an appeal if we deny coverage for a prescription drug, and the right to file a grievance. You have the right to request a coverage determination if you want us to cover a Part D drug that you believe should be covered. An exception is a type of coverage determination. You may ask us for an exception if you believe you need a drug that is not on our list of covered drugs or believe you should get a non-preferred drug at a lower out-of-pocket cost. You can also ask for an exception to cost utilization rules, such as a limit on the quantity of a drug. If you think you need an exception, you should contact us before you try to fill your prescription at a pharmacy. Your doctor must provide a statement to support your exception request. If we deny coverage for your prescription drug(s), you have the right to appeal and ask us to review our decision. Finally, you have the right to file a grievance if you have any type of problem with us or one of our network pharmacies that does not involve coverage for a prescription drug.

What is a Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program?

A Medication Therapy Management (MTM) Program is a free service we may offer. You may be invited to participate in a program designed for your specific health and pharmacy needs. You may decide not to participate but it is recommended that you take full advantage of this covered service if you are selected.

Please call HISC - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas for more information about this plan.

Visit us at www.hisc.net or call us:

1-888-579-9373

Customer Service Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday,
8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. CST

Current and Prospective Enrollees should call:

1-888-579-9373

TTY/TDD users should call: 1-888-579-9375

For more information about Medicare, please call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

TTY/TDD users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Or, visit www.medicare.gov on the web.

If you have special needs, this document may be available in other formats.

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Prescription Drugs	You pay 100% for most prescription drugs, unless you enroll in the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug program.			
Drugs Covered under Medicare Part D		<p>This plan uses a formulary. The plan will send you the formulary. You can also see the formulary at https://qa.myrxassistant.com on the web.</p> <p>Different out-of-pocket costs may apply for people who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – have limited incomes, – live in long term care facilities, or – have access to Indian/Tribal/Urban (Indian Health Service). <p>The plan offers national in-network prescription coverage. This means that you will pay the same amount for your prescription drugs if you get them at an in-network pharmacy outside of the plan’s service area (for instance when you travel).</p> <p>Total yearly drug costs are the total drug costs paid by both you and the plan.</p> <p>The plan may require you to first try one drug to treat your condition before it will cover another drug for that condition.</p>	<p>This plan uses a formulary. The plan will send you the formulary. You can also see the formulary at https://qa.myrxassistant.com on the web.</p> <p>Different out-of-pocket costs may apply for people who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – have limited incomes, – live in long term care facilities, or – have access to Indian/Tribal/Urban (Indian Health Service). <p>The plan offers national in-network prescription coverage. This means that you will pay the same amount for your prescription drugs if you get them at an in-network pharmacy outside of the plan’s service area (for instance when you travel).</p> <p>Total yearly drug costs are the total drug costs paid by both you and the plan.</p> <p>The plan may require you to first try one drug to treat your condition before it will cover another drug for that condition.</p>	<p>This plan uses a formulary. The plan will send you the formulary. You can also see the formulary at https://qa.myrxassistant.com on the web.</p> <p>Different out-of-pocket costs may apply for people who</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – have limited incomes, – live in long term care facilities, or – have access to Indian/Tribal/Urban (Indian Health Service). <p>The plan offers national in-network prescription coverage. This means that you will pay the same amount for your prescription drugs if you get them at an in-network pharmacy outside of the plan’s service area (for instance when you travel).</p> <p>Total yearly drug costs are the total drug costs paid by both you and the plan.</p> <p>The plan may require you to first try one drug to treat your condition before it will cover another drug for that condition.</p>

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Drugs Covered under Medicare Part D (cont'd)		<p>Some drugs have quantity limits.</p> <p>Your provider must get prior authorization from Blue MedicareRx – Standard for certain drugs.</p> <p>You must go to certain pharmacies for a very limited number of drugs, due to the special handling requirements of these drugs. These drugs are listed on the plan's website, formulary, and printed materials, as well as on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder on Medicare.gov.</p> <p>If the actual cost of a drug is less than the normal copay amount for that drug, you will pay the actual cost, not the higher copay amount.</p> <p>You pay \$25.80 each month for your Medicare Part D prescription benefits.</p>	<p>Some drugs have quantity limits.</p> <p>Your provider must get prior authorization from Blue MedicareRx – Value for certain drugs.</p> <p>You must go to certain pharmacies for a very limited number of drugs, due to the special handling requirements of these drugs. These drugs are listed on the plan's website, formulary, and printed materials, as well as on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder on Medicare.gov.</p> <p>If the actual cost of a drug is less than the normal copay amount for that drug, you will pay the actual cost, not the higher copay amount.</p> <p>You pay \$31.40 each month for your Medicare Part D prescription benefits.</p>	<p>Some drugs have quantity limits.</p> <p>Your provider must get prior authorization from Blue MedicareRx – Plus for certain drugs.</p> <p>You must go to certain pharmacies for a very limited number of drugs, due to the special handling requirements of these drugs. These drugs are listed on the plan's website, formulary, and printed materials, as well as on the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder on Medicare.gov.</p> <p>If the actual cost of a drug is less than the normal copay amount for that drug, you will pay the actual cost, not the higher copay amount.</p> <p>You pay \$68.20 each month for your Medicare Part D prescription benefits.</p>
In-Network		\$275 yearly deductible.	\$0 deductible.	\$0 deductible.
Initial Coverage		After you pay your yearly deductible, you pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2510:	You pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2510:	You pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2510:
Retail Pharmacy		Generic – \$0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy	Generic – \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy	Generic – \$5 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy

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Retail Pharmacy (cont'd)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$0 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – \$0 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Preferred Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$38 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$95 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$38 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – \$114 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$68 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$170 copay or a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$68 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$17.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – \$21 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Preferred Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$45 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$112.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$45 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – \$135 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$76 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$190 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$76 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$12.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$5 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – \$15 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Preferred Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$38 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$95 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$38 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – \$114 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$60 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$150 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – \$60 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy

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Retail Pharmacy (cont'd)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$204 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 25% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – 25% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – 25% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – 25% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$228 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – 30% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – 30% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$180 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy <p>Specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – 30% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a preferred pharmacy – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy – 30% coinsurance for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs from a non-preferred pharmacy
Long Term Care Pharmacy		<p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$0 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Preferred Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$38 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$68 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 25% coinsurance for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs 	<p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$7 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Preferred Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$45 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$76 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs 	<p>Generic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$5 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Preferred Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$38 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Brand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$60 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs <p>Specialty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs

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Mail Order (cont'd)		<p>Generic – \$0 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Preferred Brand – \$95 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Brand – \$170 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p>	<p>Generic – \$17.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Preferred Brand – \$112.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Brand – \$190 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p>	<p>Generic – \$12.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Preferred Brand – \$95 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Brand – \$150 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p>
Coverage Gap		After your total yearly drug costs reach \$2510, you pay 100% until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050.	After your total yearly drug costs reach \$2510, you pay 100% until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050.	<p>You pay the following: The plan covers all Generics through the gap.</p> <p>Retail Pharmacy</p> <p>Generic – \$5 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs you get at a preferred pharmacy – \$12.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs you get at a preferred pharmacy – \$5 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs you get at a non-preferred pharmacy – \$15 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs you get at a non-preferred pharmacy</p> <p>Long Term Care Pharmacy</p> <p>Generic – \$5 copay for a one-month (31-day) supply of drugs</p>

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Coverage Gap (cont'd)				<p>Mail Order Generic – \$12.50 copay for a three-month (90-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>For all other covered drugs, after your total yearly drug costs reach \$2510, you pay 100% until your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050.</p>
Catastrophic Coverage		<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$2.25 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and \$5.60 copay for all other drugs, or – 5% coinsurance. 	<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$2.25 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and \$5.60 copay for all other drugs, or – 5% coinsurance. 	<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$2.25 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and \$5.60 copay for all other drugs, or – 5% coinsurance.
Out-of-Network		<p>Plan drugs may be covered in special circumstances, for instance, illness while traveling outside of the plan's service area where there is no network pharmacy. You may pay more than the copay if you get your drugs at an out-of-network pharmacy.</p>	<p>Plan drugs may be covered in special circumstances, for instance, illness while traveling outside of the plan's service area where there is no network pharmacy. You may pay more than the copay if you get your drugs at an out-of-network pharmacy.</p>	<p>Plan drugs may be covered in special circumstances, for instance, illness while traveling outside of the plan's service area where there is no network pharmacy. You may pay more than the copay if you get your drugs at an out-of-network pharmacy.</p>
Out-of-Network Initial Coverage		<p>After you pay your yearly deductible, you pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2510:</p>	<p>You pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2510:</p>	<p>You pay the following until total yearly drug costs reach \$2510:</p>

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Out-of-Network Initial Coverage (cont'd)		<p>Generic – \$0 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Preferred Brand – \$38 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Brand – \$68 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Specialty – 25% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p>	<p>Generic – \$7 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Preferred Brand – \$45 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Brand – \$76 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Specialty – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p>	<p>Generic – \$5 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Preferred Brand – \$38 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Brand – \$60 copay for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p> <p>Specialty – 30% coinsurance for a one-month (30-day) supply of drugs</p>
Out-of-Network Catastrophic Coverage		<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$2.25 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and \$5.60 copay for all other drugs, or – 5% coinsurance. 	<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$2.25 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and \$5.60 copay for all other drugs, or – 5% coinsurance. 	<p>After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs reach \$4050, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – \$2.25 copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and \$5.60 copay for all other drugs, or – 5% coinsurance.

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