

Patient Protection Act Disclosure Statement

This coverage is provided by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, an Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. This coverage provides preferred provider benefits.

I. Toll-free Telephone Number

You can call our Individual Products Business Unit Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time. The numbers are:

**1-800-531-4456 toll-free
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for additional information, write to:

**Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas
Individual Products Business Unit
P. O. Box 833922
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II. What Is the Difference Between a Network Provider and Out-of-Network Provider?

A Network Provider is:

- Any Provider who has executed a managed care agreement with BCBSTX; or
- Any other Provider located outside the state of Texas and with which any other Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan has executed such a written contract

to provide health care services to Participants covered under this Contract. Except as otherwise provided herein, a Network Provider must provide services in order to obtain Network Benefits.

An Out-of-Network Provider is:

- Any Provider who has not executed a managed care agreement with BCBSTX; or
- Any other Provider located outside the state of Texas and with which any other Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan has not executed a such a written contract

to provide health care services to Participants covered under this Contract. Except as otherwise provided herein, services provided by Out-of-Network Providers will receive Out-of-Network Benefits.

In addition, Providers who do not contract with BCBSTX or any other Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan may bill the patient for expenses above the Allowable Amount.

III. Covered Services and Supplies Provided by this Contract

Options	Deductibles		Copayment Amounts		Coinsurance Amounts	
	Network Individual/Family	Out-of-Network Individual/Family	Physician Office Visit*	Emergency Room (Facility) Visit**	Network Individual/Family	Out-of-Network Individual/Family
Plan I <input type="checkbox"/>	\$250/\$750	\$500/\$1,500				
Plan II <input type="checkbox"/>	\$500/\$1,500	\$1,000/\$3,000	\$25	\$100	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$6,000/\$12,000
Plan III <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000/\$3,000	\$2,000/\$6,000	\$25	\$100	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$6,000/\$12,000
Plan IV <input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,500/\$4,500	\$3,000/\$9,000				
Plan V <input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500/\$7,500	\$5,000/\$15,000	\$25	\$100	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$6,000/\$12,000
Plan VI <input type="checkbox"/>	\$3,500/\$10,500	\$7,000/\$21,000				
Plan VII <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000/\$15,000	\$10,000/\$30,000	\$25	\$100	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$6,000/\$12,000
Plan VIII <input type="checkbox"/>	\$10,000/\$30,000	\$20,000/\$60,000	\$25	\$100	\$3,000/\$6,000	\$6,000/\$12,000

*Includes same day laboratory and x-ray during Physician office visit – limited up to \$750 each Calendar Year. Remaining charges subject to Deductible and Coinsurance.

**Waived if admitted to Hospital immediately following the visit. *This Copayment Amount applies to facility visit only. The facility and Physician services and supplies are subject to the Deductible and Coinsurance Amount.*

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM				
Plan Features <i>Applicable to all Plans</i>	Copayment Amounts			Calendar Year Maximum*
	Generic	Preferred Brand Name Drugs	Non-Preferred Brand Name Drugs	
Retail Pharmacy				\$3,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 30-Day Supply on each occasion dispensed ▪ 90-Day Supply 	\$10 \$30	\$30 \$90	\$45 \$135	
Mail Service				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 90-Day Supply 	\$20	\$60	\$90	

*Combined Calendar Year Maximum applies to retail and mail service

Covered Services	Network Benefits	Out-of-Network Benefits
Lifetime Maximum each Participant	\$5,000,000	
Hospital Services All usual Hospital services and supplies, including semiprivate room, intensive care and coronary care units.	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Professional Services Services of Physicians or Professional Other Providers, a certified registered nurse-anesthetist (CRNA), diagnostic X-ray and lab, radiation therapy, dietary formulas necessary for the treatment of PKU or other heritable diseases, rental of durable medical equipment (DME), anesthetics, oxygen, blood, Prosthetic Appliances, orthopedic braces and crutches, Home Infusion Therapy services, Diabetic Equipment and Supplies, outpatient services and supplies, Telehealth Services and Telemedicine Medical Services, and outpatient contraceptive services and contraceptive devices. Note: Prescription oral contraception medications are covered under the Prescription Drug Program.	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Physical Medicine Services (Limited to \$1,000 each Calendar Year)	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Ground and Air Ambulance Services (Limited to \$1,500 each Calendar Year)	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	

Covered Services	Network Benefits	Out-of-Network Benefits
Organ and Tissue Transplants (Liver, Heart, Heart/Lung heart and one lung or heart and two lungs Cornea, Lung. Limited to \$300,000 lifetime maximum each Participant)	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Extended Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skilled Nursing Facility (Limited to \$5,000 each Calendar Year) ▪ Home Health Care (Limited to \$5,000 each Calendar Year) ▪ Hospice Care (Limited to \$10,000 lifetime maximum) 	100% of Allowable Amount No Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount No Deductible
Routine Mammography Screening (For female Participants 35 years of age or older, limited to one each Calendar Year)	100% of Allowable Amount No Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Non-Routine Diagnostic Mammography	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Breast Reconstruction (Services or supplies necessary to rebuild the breast and achieve reasonable breast symmetry as a result of a mastectomy)	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Tests for Detection of Prostate Cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A physical examination for detection of prostate cancer ▪ A prostate-specific antigen test used for the detection of prostate cancer for each male Participant who is at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 50 years of age and asymptomatic, or – 40 years of age with a family history of prostate cancer or another prostate cancer risk factor 	100% of Allowable Amount No Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Tests for Detection of Colorectal Cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual fecal occult blood test and flexible sigmoidoscopy every five years, or ▪ Colonoscopy every ten years 	85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
Hearing Screening (When offered by Hospital during a birth admission) Screening tests for Dependent children from birth to the date the child is 30 days old, and necessary diagnostic follow-up care related to the screening tests from birth through the date the child is 24 months old.	85% of Allowable Amount No Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount No Deductible
Childhood Immunizations (Does not include allergy injections) (From birth to age 8) Immunizations includes but are not limited to, diphtheria, hemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis, polio, rubella, tetanus, and varicella, and any other immunization required by law.	100% of Allowable Amount No Deductible	
Preventive Care (Routine physical examinations, well child care, hemocult tests, immunizations 8 years & over, routine lab, x-ray, vision and hearing exams) <i>Mammography screening, colorectal cancer screening, prostate cancer screening, and HPV/cervical cancer screening are not considered for benefits under this preventive care benefit.</i>	100% of Allowable Amount subject to Physician office visit Copayment	75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible
	\$300 Calendar Year maximum	

Covered Services	Network Benefits	Out-of-Network Benefits
<p>Tests for Detection of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Cervical Cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A conventional Pap smear screening or a screening using liquid-based cytology methods, as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), alone or in combination with a test approved by the FDA for the detection of human Papillomavirus. ▪ Such screening test must be performed in accordance with the guidelines adopted by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The American College of obstetricians and Gynecologists; or (b) Another similar national organization of medical professionals. 	<p>100% of Allowable Amount No Calendar Year Deductible</p>	<p>75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible</p>
<p>Certain Therapies for Children with Developmental Delays <i>(up to age 3 as defined in the individualized family service plan as issued by the Texas Interagency Council on Early Childhood Intervention. After the age of 3, when services under the individualized family service plan are completed, Eligible Expenses, as otherwise covered under this Contract, will be available. All contractual provisions of this Contract will apply, including but not limited to, defined terms, limitations and exclusions, and benefit maximums.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Occupational therapy evaluations ▪ Physical therapy evaluations and services ▪ Speech therapy evaluations and services; and ▪ Dietary or nutritional evaluations 	<p>85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible</p>	<p>75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible</p>

IV. Emergency Care Services

Emergency Care means health care services provided in a Hospital emergency facility or comparable facility to evaluate and stabilize medical conditions of a recent onset and severity, including but not limited to severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that the person’s condition, sickness, or injury is of such a nature that failure to get immediate medical care could result in:

- Placing the patient’s health in serious jeopardy,
- Serious impairment to bodily functions,
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part,
- Serious disfigurement, or
- In the case of a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the fetus

In the event of an emergency, You should do one of the following:

- If reasonably possible, contact Your Network Provider before going to the Hospital emergency room. He can help You determine if You need Emergency Care and recommend that care.
- If not reasonably possible to contact Your Network Provider, go to the nearest emergency facility, whether or not the facility is a Network Provider.
- Whether You require hospitalization or not, You should contact Your Network Provider within 48 hours, or as soon as reasonably possible, of any emergency medical treatment so he can recommend the continuation of any necessary medical services.
- If hospitalization for Emergency Care is necessary, the admission must be authorized within two working days, or as soon as reasonably possible, following the admission.

Covered Service	Network Benefits	Out of Network Benefits
Emergency Care ▪ Accident & Medical Emergency within 48 hours – Facility Charges – Physician Charges	85% of Allowable Amount after \$100* Copayment Amount and Calendar Year Deductible 85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	
▪ Non-Emergency Situations – Facility Charges – Physician Charges	85% of Allowable Amount after \$100* Copayment Amount and Calendar Year Deductible 85% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible	75% of Allowable Amount after \$100* Copayment Amount and Calendar Year Deductible 75% of Allowable Amount after Calendar Year Deductible

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V. Out-of-Area Services and Benefits

Except for Emergency Care treatment or covered services that are not available from a Network Provider within the Plan Service Area, benefits will be provided at the Out-of-Network Benefits level. Please see Section II of this Disclosure Statement for definition of a Network Provider.

VI. What Are My Financial Responsibilities?

You are entitled to coverage under the Contract provided the required premium is paid to BCBSTX. In addition to the payment of premiums, You are also responsible for the following:

- If You choose Network Providers, Your payment obligation will be any Deductibles, Copayment and Coinsurance Amounts, and any limited or non-covered services as described in the Contract.
- If You choose Out-of-Network Providers, You will be responsible for billed charges above BCBSTX payment amount, preauthorization penalties, Deductibles, Coinsurance Amounts and any limited or non-covered services

VII. Limitations and Exclusions

The benefits provided under the medical portion of the Contract are not available for:

- Preexisting Condition Limitation — Benefits of the Contract are not available for Care rendered during the first 18 months for conditions existing within 18 months before the Effective Date of coverage. This exclusion does not apply to a Participant who was continuously covered for an aggregate period of 18 months under Creditable Coverage if the previous coverage was in effect up to a date not more than 63 days before the Effective Date of the Participant’s coverage under this Contract, excluding any waiting periods.

If a Participant does not have aggregate Creditable Coverage totaling 18 months, We will credit the time the Participant was previously covered under Creditable Coverage if the previous coverage was in effect at any time during the 18 months preceding (a) the first day coverage is effective under this Contract, if there is not a waiting period; or (b) the day the applicant files a substantially complete application for coverage, if there is a waiting period.

- Maternity Care.
- Services or supplies not Medically Necessary for the treatment of a sickness, injury, condition, disease, or bodily malfunction; any Experimental/Investigational services and supplies.
- Any charges more than the Allowable Amount as determined by Us.
- Any services or supplies for which benefits are, or upon proper claim would be, provided under Workers' Compensation Law.

- Any services or supplies covered in whole or in part by any laws of the United States (including Medicare), a foreign country, state or political subdivision, except for Medicaid.
- Charges for services and supplies provided which require Our approval when approval is not given.
- Services or supplies for which You are not required to make payment or for which You are not legally required to pay without this or any similar coverage, (**except** treatment of mental illness or mental retardation by a tax supported institution).
- Any services or supplies provided by a person who is related to You by blood or marriage.
- Treatment of injury or sickness because of war, acts of war, or while on active or reserve military duty.
- Any charges because of suicide or attempted suicide.
- Charges resulting from failure to keep a scheduled visit with a Physician or Professional Other Provider, for completion of any insurance forms, or for acquisition of medical records unless requested and received by Us.
- Room and board charges during a Hospital Admission for diagnostic or evaluation procedures unless the tests could not have been done on an outpatient basis.
- Services or supplies provided during a Hospital Admission or an admission in a Facility Other Provider beginning before the patient's Effective Date, or services or supplies provided after the termination of the Participant's coverage, except as provided in the Contract.
- Dietary and nutritional services, except for (1) a nutritional assessment program provided in and by a Hospital and approved in advance by Us; (2) ***Treatment of Diabetes***; and (3) dietary and nutritional evaluations as provided in ***Certain Therapies for Children with Developmental Delay***.
- Custodial Care.
- Routine physical examinations , diagnostic screening, or immunizations, **except** as provided in the Contract (1) ***Mammography Screening***, (2) ***Preventive Care*** up to the Calendar Year benefit maximum, (3) ***Childhood Immunizations***, (4) ***Certain Tests for the Detection of Prostate Cancer***, (5) ***Newborn Screening Tests for Hearing Impairment***, (6) ***Certain Tests for the Detection of Colorectal Cancer***; (7) ***Certain Therapies for Children with Developmental Delay***, and (8) ***Certain Tests for Detection of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Cervical Cancer***.
- Services or supplies (except Medically Necessary diagnostic and/or surgical procedures) for treatment of the jaw bone joints, muscles, or their related structures with appliances or splints, physical therapy, or alteration to eliminate pain or dysfunction.
- Services or supplies provided to correct congenital, developmental or acquired deformities of the jaw bone after a Participant's 19th birthday.
- Any items of ***Medical-Surgical Expense*** provided for dental care and treatments, dental surgery, or dental appliances, except (1) Oral Surgery as defined in the Contract, (2) congenital defects of a dependent child, or (3) services made necessary by Accidental Injury.
- Cosmetic, Reconstructive or Plastic Surgery unless caused by injury, congenital defects of a dependent child; reconstructive surgery following cancer surgery; reconstructive surgery following mastectomy; surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to achieve symmetrical appearance; and prostheses and treatment of physical complications, including lymphedemas, at all stages of the mastectomy.
- Refractive surgery, or eyeglasses, contact lenses or, hearing aids, or examinations for the prescription of them; or examinations for detecting visual sharpness or level of hearing, except as provided under preventive care.
- Mental and nervous disorders except Organic Brain Disease as defined in the Contract.
- Except as specifically provided in the Contract, any Social Services; any outpatient family counseling and/or therapy, bereavement counseling, vocational counseling, or Marriage and Family Therapy and/or counseling; any services or supplies provided by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Professional Counselor, or a Marriage and Family Therapist.
- Treatment of adolescent behavior disorders, including conduct disorders and oppositional disorders.
- Occupational therapy services that do not consist of traditional physical therapy modalities and is not part of a physical rehabilitation program.
- Travel, whether recommended by a Physician or Professional Other Provider, except ambulance services as provided in the Contract.
- Treatment of obesity or weight, including surgical procedures, even if other health conditions might be helped by the reduction.
- Any services or supplies for inpatient allergy testing, or any testing or treatment for environmental sensitivity or clinical ecology, or any treatment not recognized as safe and effective.
- Any services or supplies provided with chelation therapy, except treatment of acute metal poisoning.

- Any services or supplies for sterilization reversal (male or female), transsexual surgery, sexual dysfunction, in vitro fertilization services, or artificial insemination.
- Routine footcare as described in the Contract.
- Any Speech and Hearing Services except as provided in the Contract for (1) *Extended Care Expense*, (2) **Preventive Care** up to the Calendar Year maximum; and (3) **Newborn Screening Tests for Hearing Impairment**; and (4) **Certain Therapies for Children with Developmental Delay**.
- Any services or supplies for reduction mammoplasty.
- Services or supplies for acupuncture, videofluoroscopy, intersegmental traction, surface EMGs, manipulation under anesthesia, and muscle testing through computerized kinesiology machines such as Isostation, Digital Myograph and Dynatron.
- Services or supplies for treatment of Chemical Dependency; services or supplies provided by a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor; or a Licensed Psychological Associate.
- Any drugs and medicines except as may be provided under the Prescription Drug Program that are: (1) dispensed by a Pharmacy and received by the Participant while covered under this Contract; (2) dispensed in a Provider's office or during confinement in a Hospital or other acute care institution of facility and received by the Participant for use on an outpatient basis; (3) over-the-counter drugs and medicines or for which no charge is made, (4) prescription antiseptic or fluoride mouthwashes, mouth rinses, or topical oral solutions or preparations, (5) Retin-A or pharmacological similar topical drugs, or (6) smoking cessation prescription drug products requiring a Prescription Order.
- Orthodontic or other dental appliances; splints or bandages provided by a Physician in a non-hospital setting or purchased "over-the-counter" for support of strains and sprains; orthopedic shoes, which are a separable part of a covered brace, specially ordered, custom-made or built-up shoes, cast shoes, shoe inserts designed to support the arch or affect changes in the foot or foot alignment, arch supports, elastic stockings and garter belts **except** for podiatric appliances when used in conjunction with treatment of diabetes.
- Services or supplies provided for or in conjunction with a condition, which has been specifically excluded for a Participant.
- Any services or supplies not specifically defined as Eligible Expenses in the Contract.

The benefits provided under the Prescription Drug Program are not available for:

- Drugs which do not by law require a Prescription Order from a Provider (except injectable insulin); and drugs, or covered devices for which no valid Prescription Order is obtained.
- Devices or durable medical equipment of any type (even though such devices may require a Prescription Order), such as, but not limited to, contraceptive devices, therapeutic devices, artificial appliances, or similar devices (except disposable hypodermic needles and syringes for self-administered injections). However, coverage for prescription contraceptive devices is provided under the medical portion of the Contract.
- Administration or injection of any drugs.
- Vitamins (except those vitamins which by law require a Prescription Order and for which there is no non-prescription alternative).
- Drugs dispensed in a Physician's office or during confinement while a patient in a Hospital, or other acute care institution or facility, including take-home drugs; and drugs dispensed by a nursing home or custodial or chronic care institution or facility.
- Covered Drugs, devices, or other Pharmacy services or supplies for which benefits are, or could upon proper claim be, provided under the Workers' Compensation law.
- Covered Drugs, devices, or other Pharmacy services or supplies covered in whole or in part by any laws of the United States (including Medicare), a foreign country, state or political subdivision except for Medicaid.
- Any services provided or items furnished for which the Pharmacy normally does not charge.
- Drugs for which the Pharmacy's usual and customary charge to the general public is less than or equal to the Copayment Amount provided under the Contract.
- Infertility medications and fertility medication; prescription contraceptive devices, non-prescriptive contraceptive materials (except prescription oral contraceptive medications which are Legend Drugs). However, coverage for prescription contraceptive devices is provided under the medical portion of the Contract.
- Any prescription antiseptic or fluoride mouthwashes, mouth rinses, or topical oral solutions or preparations.
- Drugs required by law to be labeled: "Caution—Limited by Federal Law to Investigational Use," or experimental drugs, even though a charge is made for the drugs.

- Covered Drugs dispensed in quantities in excess of the amounts stipulated or refills of any prescriptions in excess of the number of refills specified by the Physician or by law, or any drugs or medicines dispensed more than one year following the Prescription Order date.
- Legend Drugs which are not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- Fluids, solutions, nutrients, or medications (including all additives and chemotherapy) used or intended to be used by intravenous or gastrointestinal (enteral) infusion or by intravenous injection in the home setting; drugs given through routes other than subcutaneously in the home setting. This exception does not apply to dietary formulas necessary for the treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU) or other heritable diseases.
- Drugs prescribed and dispensed for the treatment of obesity or for use in any program of weight reduction, weight loss, or dietary control.
- Drugs, the use or intended use of, which would be illegal, unethical, imprudent, abusive, not Medically Necessary, or otherwise improper.
- Drugs obtained by unauthorized, fraudulent, abusive, or improper use of the Identification Card.
- Drugs used or intended to be used in the treatment of a condition, sickness, disease, injury, or bodily malfunction which is not covered under the Program, or for which benefits have been exhausted.
- Rogaine, minoxidil or any other drugs, medications, solutions or preparations used or intended for use in the treatment of hair loss, hair thinning or any related condition, whether to facilitate or promote hair growth, to replace lost hair, or otherwise.
- Any smoking cessation products requiring a Prescription Order.
- Prescription Orders for which there is an over-the-counter product available with the same active ingredient(s).
- Athletic performance enhancement drugs.
- Drugs to treat sexual dysfunction, including, but not limited to, sildenafil citrate (Viagra), phentolamine (Regitine), alprostadil (Prostin, Edex, Caverject), and apomorphine in oral and topical form.
- Compounded drugs that do not meet the definition of Compound Drugs as defined in the Contract.
- BCBSTX has an unrestricted formulary.

VIII. What Happens If I Don't Preauthorize Hospital Admissions, Extended Care or Home Infusion Therapy?

Preauthorization is required for all Hospital Admissions, *Extended Care Expense* and Home Infusion Therapy. Network Providers will preauthorize services for you when required. If You choose Out-of-Network Providers, You, Your Physician or Professional Other Provider or a family member must call the toll-free telephone number shown on the back of the Identification Card.

When a Hospital Admission is preauthorized, a length-of-stay is assigned. This Contract provides a minimum length of stay in a Hospital for treatment of breast cancer (1) 48 hours following a mastectomy, and (2) 24 hours following a lymph node dissection. If preauthorization is not obtained:

- BCBSTX will review the medical necessity of the treatment prior to final benefit determination
- Benefits may be reduced or denied if it is determined that the treatment is not Medically Necessary.
- You will be responsible for a:
 - \$250 penalty for Hospital Admissions.
 - Penalty in the amount of 50% of the Allowable Amount up to a maximum of \$500 for Skilled Nursing Facility services, Home Health Care, Hospice Care or Home Infusion Therapy.

IX. What If My Network Provider's Contract Terminates?

If Your Network Provider terminates his contract with BCBSTX and if You are currently being treated for a *special circumstance*, such as a disability, acute condition, or life-threatening illness or is past 24th week pregnancy, if reasonably requested by the Provider in question, You may continue to receive benefits from such Provider at the Network Provider benefit level for up to 90 days. *Special circumstance* means a condition that the treating Provider reasonably believes that discontinuing care by the treating Provider could cause harm to the patient. *Special circumstance* is identified by the treating Provider who must request continuation and agree not to balance bill the patient.

X. What If I Have a Complaint?

BCBSTX has established policies and procedures for You to express Your dissatisfaction regarding partial or total denial of a claim. You have the opportunity through the complaint, appeal, and grievance processes to request a review of the reimbursement. This process is considered Your right. Thus, any retaliatory actions are prohibited by BCBSTX against You or a Provider.

XI. How Do I Locate Network Providers?

A current list of Network Providers and a complete description of the preferred provider network, including names and locations of Physicians and health care Providers, and a disclosure of which Network Providers will not accept new patients is included in the attached Preferred Provider Directory. An updated directory will be available at least annually.

You may also call the BCBSTX Customer Service Helpline at: **1-888-697-0683 toll free** or you may visit Our at web site www.bcbstx.com to:

- Identify Your Plan Service Area
- Receive information about Network Providers
- Assist You in identifying a Preferred Provider (but specific Network Providers will not be recommended).

XII. Plan Service Area

Your Plan Service Area is statewide.