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A Company You Know.

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# When It's Time to Get Health Care Coverage, We're Here for You.

Choosing the right health care coverage to protect you and your family starts with a company you know. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX), a Division of Health Care Service Corporation, has been serving the people of Texas since 1929. As a customer-owned health insurer, our focus is on our members, not shareholders. We work hard to make sure you have choices for your health care coverage.

As health care in America changes, our dedication to our community will stay strong. BCBSTX will be here serving the people of Texas, just as we have for more than 90 years.



## Your BCBSTX plan includes the following:

- ✓ Choice of many doctors and hospitals
- ✓ Prescription drug coverage, with mail-order program<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Coverage for many preventive care services<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Mental health and substance use disorder benefits and services
- ✓ Choice of deductibles
- ✓ Health and wellness programs
- ✓ Member account with tools to help you manage your coverage

<sup>1</sup> Learn more about prescription drug coverage on page 4.

<sup>2</sup> Many in-network preventive services are covered at 100%. Refer to the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for benefit details.



Visit us online at [bcbstx.com](https://www.bcbstx.com).



Contact your independent, authorized Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas agent.



Call us toll-free at 800-531-4456.

## Signing Up for Health Care Coverage

Getting your health care coverage with BCBSTX is an important decision. Here are a few things to consider.



### When do you sign up?

You can enroll or change plans during the Open Enrollment period, from **November 1 to December 15, 2020**.

### What if you need to change outside that time period?

If you have a major life event (got married or divorced, added to your family, lost your group coverage, and so forth), you may qualify for Special Enrollment. Visit [bcbstx.com/sep](https://bcbstx.com/sep) to learn more.



### Can you get help paying for your coverage?<sup>3</sup>

Based on your income, family size and the type of plan you choose, you may be able to get financial help when you buy through the Texas Health Insurance Marketplace.

<sup>3</sup> If you are Native American, the cost-sharing amounts and income levels may be different. Please call 800-531-4456 or contact an independent, authorized BCBSTX agent for details.



### How can you sign up?

Start at [bcbstx.com](https://bcbstx.com). You can compare your options, see different benefit levels and get an online quote. You can even see if you qualify for help paying for your plan.

You may also learn more and sign up when you contact an independent, authorized BCBSTX agent.



## What are Essential Health Benefits?

Our health care plans cover in-network, basic services that are considered essential to good health. These include:

- Ambulatory patient services
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Maternity and newborn care
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment
- Prescription drugs
- Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices
- Laboratory services
- Preventive services and chronic disease management
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care

## How does an HMO work?

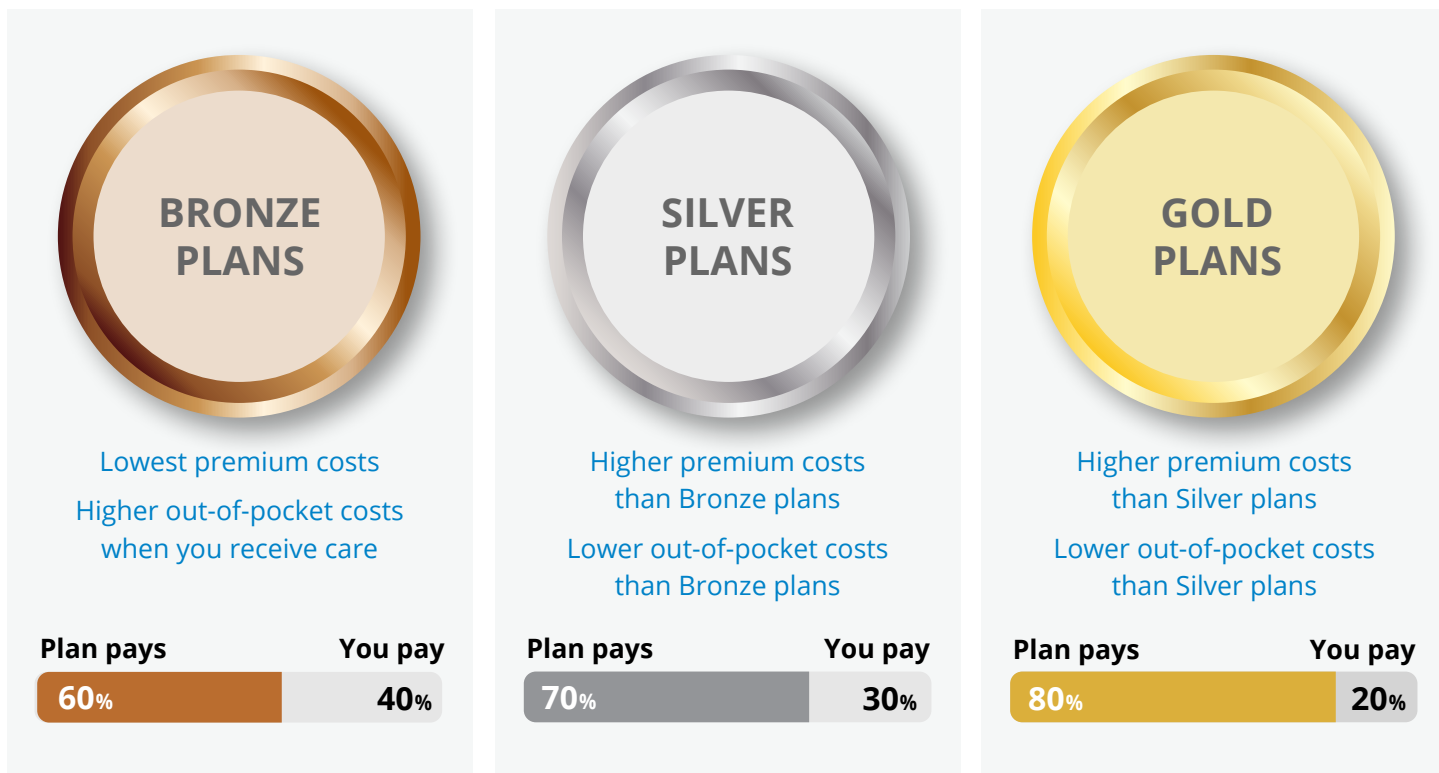
An HMO, also known as a health maintenance organization, is a health plan that may provide individuals with more affordable options to access care.

- **An HMO may mean lower out-of-pocket costs** than other types of health care coverage.
- **With an HMO, you choose a primary care provider (PCP)** who will be your main contact for all your health care needs. Whether you are making an appointment for an annual exam or need a referral, your PCP is the person to call.
- **HMOs do not typically cover out-of-network expenses other than emergencies.**<sup>4</sup> It is important that you make sure your doctor, hospital or other health care provider is in the network so you can avoid unnecessary charges.
- Blue Advantage Plus<sup>SM</sup> plans may offer out-of-network benefits as well. Please see your benefit book for more information.
- If you need more details, you can visit [bcbstx.com/insurance-basics](http://bcbstx.com/insurance-basics).

<sup>4</sup> Emergency care benefits are available out of network for HMO plans. Medically Necessary covered services not available in network may be referred to an out-of-network provider and be reimbursed at the in-network rate. After you enroll, you will get a Benefit Book with more information about Medically Necessary covered services.

## Health Plans to Fit Every Budget

We have three levels of health care plans available — bronze, silver and gold. Each plan has different benefits and costs, so be sure to choose the one that fits your needs best. All plans include the same essential health benefits.



The percentages shown reflect the average total cost for members, including all deductibles, copays and coinsurance. Your actual costs and ratios may vary based on your specific plan and how you use your benefits. Please refer to the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for more information.

## Our Security and Dental Plan Options

Visit [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com) or contact your independent, authorized agent to find out more about these options.



### Blue Advantage Security HMO<sup>SM</sup>

This is a special catastrophic health care plan for certain people under age 30 and some people with low incomes. This plan has lower premiums than other health plans, but has higher deductibles.



### BlueCare Dental<sup>SM</sup>

BCBSTX has options to provide you and your family with dental coverage. Our dental plans provide coverage for cleanings, preventive services and much more.

## Prescription Drug Coverage is Included in All Our Plans

Your health plan's prescription drug list has many levels of coverage, called payment level tiers.

Our plans have six payment level tiers. Most often, the lower the tier, the lower your out-of-pocket costs will be for the drug.

Tier	Drug Type	Your Cost
6	Non-Preferred Specialty	\$\$\$
5	Preferred Specialty	↑
4	Non-Preferred Brand	
3	Preferred Brand	
2	Non-Preferred Generic	
1	Preferred Generic	\$

BCBSTX also offers ways for you to save time and money on your prescriptions.

**Cost savings:** You may pay less when you choose generic medicines from our drug list. You also may save when you get up to a 30-day supply of a covered prescription drug from an in-network pharmacy. Talk to your doctor about what is right for you.

**Time savings:** Maintenance medications are those drugs you take on a regular basis. You can have up to a 90-day supply of these medications delivered directly to you through the mail order program or at a retail preferred pharmacy participating in the Preferred Pharmacy Network.<sup>5</sup>

**Online resources:** You can search the drug list, find a pharmacy, see your claims, order home delivery, and get an estimate of your costs for a medication 24/7 by logging in to Blue Access for Members<sup>SM</sup> (BAM<sup>SM</sup>) at [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com).

<sup>5</sup> The Preferred Pharmacy Network does not apply to 100% cost sharing plans.

The relationship between Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and contracting pharmacies is that of independent contractors, contracted through a related company, Prime Therapeutics LLC. Prime Therapeutics LLC is a separate pharmacy benefit management company. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas contracts with Prime Therapeutics to provide pharmacy benefit management and other related services. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, as well as several independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield Plans, has an ownership interest in Prime Therapeutics LLC.

## Get the Most From Your BCBSTX Membership

At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, we want you to be well. Our goal is to help you live a healthier life. We work hard to provide our members with choices to help manage their health.



### Member Connection

Text BCBSTXAPP to 33633<sup>6</sup> to download the BCBSTX App and register for Blue Access for Members<sup>7</sup> right on your mobile device to:

- See your claims coverage and deductible information
- Find an in-network doctor, hospital or urgent care facility
- Access a temporary digital member ID card
- Chat live with a customer service representative
- Tell us how you want to get important health and benefits information — by email, text or mail

### Prefer desktop or PC?

Register for Blue Access for Members at [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com) instead.



### Virtual Visits powered by MDLIVE<sup>®</sup>

- Many plans cover appointments with an MDLIVE doctor on your phone or computer. Available 24/7.
- Get checked for certain health issues right away and even have an electronic prescription sent to your pharmacy.



### Telehealth

- Some primary care and other doctors may offer phone and online services which are covered at the same member share as a regular office visit or in-person equivalent.



### Ask a Nurse Any Time

- 24/7 Nurseline is a service where nurses listen to your health concerns, give you common health facts and tips, and help you know where to go for care if you need it.



### Find Providers

- Use our online Provider Finder<sup>®</sup> at [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com).
- Quickly find your nearest network doctor, hospital or clinic with this easy-to-use online tool.
- Search by specialty, read reviews and research providers. With many plans you can also look up costs for some health visits and procedures.



### Member Discount Programs

- Our member discount program, Blue365<sup>®</sup>, lets you save on useful health and wellness products and services.
- Save on exercise equipment, gym memberships, weight loss programs, stop smoking programs and more.



### Health and Wellness Tools

- BCBSTX provides tools and resources like Well onTarget<sup>®</sup> to help guide you toward your health and wellness goals. You can also access the portal through the AlwaysOn app.

<sup>6</sup> Message and data rates may apply. Terms and conditions and privacy policy at [bcbstx.com/mobile/text-messaging](http://bcbstx.com/mobile/text-messaging).

<sup>7</sup> BCBSTX makes no representation or warranty with respect to the accuracy or completeness of information on BAM. The information on BAM is based on information provided by you and claims received by BCBSTX. This information has not been independently verified.

Virtual Visits may not be available on all plans. Non-emergency medical service in Montana and New Mexico is limited to interactive online video. Non-emergency medical service in Arkansas and Idaho is limited to interactive online video for initial consultation.

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Blue365 is a discount program only for BCBSTX members. This is NOT insurance. Some of the services offered through this program may be covered under your health plan. Please check your benefit booklet or call the Customer Service number on the back of your ID card for specific benefit facts. Use of Blue365 does not change your monthly payment, nor do costs of the services or products count toward any maximums and/or plan deductibles. Discounts are only given through vendors who take part in this program. BCBSTX does not guarantee or make any claims or recommendations about the program's services or products. You may want to talk to your doctor before using these services and products. BCBSTX reserves the right to stop or change this program at any time without notice.

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**5** BCBSTX makes no endorsement, representations or warranties regarding third-party vendors. Members should contact the vendor directly with questions about the products or services offered by third parties.

## Is a Health Savings Account (HSA) Right for You?<sup>8</sup>

An HSA is a special savings account that you may use to cover a wide range of qualified medical expenses. An HSA helps you take charge of your health and be responsible for how you spend your health care dollars. For many people, using an HSA is an effective way to help manage the costs of health care.

Not all plans are HSA compatible. Visit [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com) or speak with an independent, authorized agent to learn more.

**Notice:** If you get cost-sharing reductions under your health plan that have the effect of reducing the deductible below the federal government's minimum deductible, you may not be eligible to contribute to a Health Savings Account.

<sup>8</sup> As a reminder, a Health Savings Account (HSA) has tax and legal ramifications. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas does not provide legal or tax advice and nothing herein should be construed as legal or tax advice. These materials, and any tax-related statements in them, are not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used or relied on for the purpose of avoiding tax penalties. Tax-related statements, if any, may have been written in connection with the promotion or marketing of the transaction(s) or matter(s) addressed by these materials. You should seek advice based on your particular circumstances from an independent tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of specific health insurance plans or products.

## Health Care Services That Work for You

To help our members get care in their communities when they need it, we provide case management and utilization management services. We can help you find a new doctor when your child turns 18 and moves from the care of a pediatrician to an adult level of care with a non-pediatrician primary care doctor. We can also help members locate an OB-GYN for specialty care without referrals. You can find out about services that need preauthorization and how to preauthorize at [bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com) or by calling Customer Service at the number on the back of your member ID card.





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# Depend on a company with more than 90 years of experience in Texas.

## Enroll today.



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### Notice About Your Benefits

To get information about covered and non-covered benefits, go to **[bcbstx.com](http://bcbstx.com)**, contact your independent, authorized Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas agent or call our Sales Center toll-free at 800-531-4456.

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To receive language or communication assistance free of charge, please call us at 855-710-6984.

If you believe we have failed to provide a service, or think we have discriminated in another way, contact us to file a grievance.

Office of Civil Rights Coordinator  
300 E. Randolph St.  
35th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Phone: 855-664-7270 (voicemail)  
TTY/TDD: 855-661-6965  
Fax: 855-661-6960  
Email: [CivilRightsCoordinator@hcsc.net](mailto:CivilRightsCoordinator@hcsc.net)

You may file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, at:

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building 1019  
Washington, DC 20201

Phone: 800-368-1019  
TTY/TDD: 800-537-7697  
Complaint Portal: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>  
Complaint Forms: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>



If you, or someone you are helping, have questions, you have the right to get help and information in your language at no cost. To talk to an interpreter, call 855-710-6984.

Español Spanish	Si usted o alguien a quien usted está ayudando tiene preguntas, tiene derecho a obtener ayuda e información en su idioma sin costo alguno. Para hablar con un intérprete, llame al 855-710-6984.
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ગુજરાતી Gujarati	જો તમને અથવા તમે મદદ કરી રહ્યા હોય એવા કોઈ બીજી વ્યક્તિને એસ.બી.એમ. કાયદાક્રમ બાબતે પ્રશ્નો હોય, તો તમને વિના ખર્ચે, તમારી ભાષામાં મદદ અને માહિતી મેળવવાનો હક્ક છે. દુભાષિયા સાથે વાત કરવા માટે આ નંબર 855-710-6984 પર કોલ કરો.
हिंदी Hindi	यदि आपके, या आप जिसको सहायता कर रहे हैं उसके, प्रश्न हैं, तो आपको अपनी भाषा में नि:शुल्क सहायता और जानकारी प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। किसी अनुवादक से बात करने के लिए 855-710-6984 पर कॉल करें।
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한국어 Korean	만약 귀하 또는 귀하가 돕는 사람이 질문이 있다면 귀하는 무료로 그러한 도움과 정보를 귀하의 언어로 받을 수 있는 권리가 있습니다. 통역사가 필요하시면 855-710-6984 로 전화하십시오.
Diné Navajo	T'áá ni, éí doodago ła'da bíká anáníłwo'ígíí, na'ídiłkidgo, ts'ídá bee ná ahóótí'i' t'áá níik'e níká a'doolwoł dóó bína'ídiłkídígíí bee níł h odoonih. Ata'dahalne'ígíí bich'í' hodíílnih kwe'é 855-710-6984.
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