Cost Sharing

There are no copayments for Medicaid managed care (STAR) members, CHIP Perinate members and CHIP Perinate Newborn members.

CHIP Only

CHIP members pay a small copayment for medical services received, up to a family maximum for the term of coverage.

- Co-payments range from $0 to $100 depending on Federal Poverty Levels (FPL) and type of service.
- Co-payment amount is found on the member’s identification card.
- Once cost-sharing limit is reached the member must call the enrollment broker, Maximus. An identification card will be re-issued to show that co-payments are no longer required.

Provider Responsibility

At the time of service you are responsible for collecting any applicable copayments or deductibles in accordance with Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) cost-sharing limitations.

The CHIP member’s copayment is listed on the ID card.

Families that meet the enrollment period cost-sharing limit requirement must report it to the Texas Health and Human Service Commission (HHSC) Administrative Services Contractor. Upon notification from the HHSC Administrative Services that the cost-sharing limit for the term of coverage has been reached, the Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) will issue the CHIP member a new member ID card within five days, showing that the member’s cost-sharing limit has been met. No copayments may be collected from these CHIP members for the balance of their term of coverage.

Exceptions

Immunizations, Well-Child, Well-Baby

No copayments apply, at any income level, to well-child or well-baby visits or immunizations, except for costs associated with unauthorized non-emergency services provided by out-of-network providers and for non-covered services.

Native American Tribes

Federal law prohibits charging copayments or deductibles to CHIP members of Native American Tribes. When a member is identified as a member of a Native American Tribe, the member will be issued a member ID card showing the member has no cost-sharing obligations.