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Benefit quick reference guide

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The chart below tells you about the benefits covered by this plan. All services must be medically necessary. This chart is a summary only. For a full list of the benefits and limits of your plan, please see **Part 5: What is covered by BCBSTX.**

BENEFIT	COVERAGE
Ambulance services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A licensed ambulance company • An emergency • An OK from us is not needed for emergency ambulance transport
Audiology services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Texas Health Steps program gives audiology services and hearing aids for ages 0 through 20
Chiropractic services	<p>Covers services that help keep the spine and other body structures straight You do not need an OK from us to see a chiropractor in your network</p>
Community First Choice services	<p>For those members who qualify for these services. The state provides an array of services to members who would otherwise qualify for care in a nursing facility, an ICF/IDD, or an institution for mental diseases (IMD).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Care Services - CFC - All qualified members may get medically and functionally necessary Personal Assistance Services under CFC. • Acquisition, maintenance and enhancement of skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All qualified members may get this service to enable the member to accomplish ADLs, IADLs and health-related tasks. • Emergency Response Services - CFC - (Emergency call button) - All qualified members may get necessary emergency response services under CFC. • Support Management - All qualified members may get voluntary training on how to select, manage and dismiss attendants.
Diagnostic and therapeutic radiology Some radiology services need an OK from us before you get the service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-rays and testing that is not invasive and done to find out what is wrong and is ordered and done by (or under the guidance of) your provider • CT, MRI, MRA, PET and SPECT need an OK from us
Doctor services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to doctors, specialists or other providers • Well exams are included

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Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and disposable supplies Needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical equipment given for use in the home • Medically necessary • Within the limits of what is covered by Medicaid
Emergency services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency room • Ambulance services • An OK is not needed
Family planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical visits for birth control • Marriage and family planning, education and counseling services • Birth control medications, including long acting reproductive contraception (LARC)
Home health services Needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing services • Personal care services
Inpatient hospital services Needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital room with two or more beds • Operating room • Anesthesia • Nursing care • Surgery
Lab services	All authorized lab services
Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) STAR Kids	<p>The following is a list of covered services for members who qualify for MDCP STAR Kids services. BCBSTX must provide medically and functionally necessary services to members who meet the functional and financial eligibility for MDCP STAR Kids.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respite Care; 2. Supported Employment; 3. Financial Management Services; 4. Adaptive Aids; 5. Employment Assistance; 6. Flexible Family Support Services; 7. Minor home modifications; and 8. Transition Assistance Services.
OB/GYN services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care that has to do with pregnancy • Care for any female medical condition • One well-woman checkup per year

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Orthotics and prosthetics	Parts needed such as manmade arms or legs and the parts needed to attach them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orthotic braces, splints or ankle and foot supports • Covered when medically necessary
Outpatient hospital services Needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dialysis • Giving you someone else's blood
Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy Sometimes needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These services are covered when ordered by a doctor and are part of a written plan of care
Podiatry	Covered services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical problems of the feet • Medical or surgical treatment of disease, injury or defects of the foot See Part 5 for benefit limits
Pregnancy and maternity care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy • After-delivery care when medically necessary • Newborn exams
Prescription Drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCBSTX uses Medicaid/CHIP Vendor Drug Program's (VDP) preferred drug list • Most generic and over-the-counter drugs are covered • Some drugs including brand name drugs need an OK from BCBSTX
Therapies Sometimes needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developmental assessments • Physical, occupational or speech therapy
Texas Health Steps Medical Checkups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine shots • Lab tests • Comprehensive Care Program services for members up to age 21 • DME • Home health and other medically necessary services
Transplant Needs an OK from us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human organ and tissue transplants that are not still being tested • All corneal, bone marrow and peripheral stem cell transplants that are not still being tested
Vision services	An eye exam every 12 months

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Look at the boxes below and find the one for your child's age. They will tell you when to take your child to each Texas Health Steps Checkup.

Birth to 9 Months

- Babies need checkups when they are three to five days old, two weeks old, then at 2, 4, 6, and 9 months old.
- Doctors make sure babies are healthy and growing as they should.
- During a checkup, the doctor will look at your baby from head to toe, checking for health problems
- During a checkup, the doctor may do tests to check for other problems.
- Babies can also get free vaccines at a checkup to protect them from disease.
- Dental checkups start at the age of six months and then every three to six months.
- The dentist or doctor might put fluoride on your child's teeth during a dental or medical checkup.

1 to 4 Years

- Children need medical checkups at 12, 15, and 18 months old, and at 2, 2 1/2, 3, and 4 years old.
- During a checkup, the doctor may do tests to check for other problems.
- Toddlers can also get free vaccines at a checkup to protect them from disease.
- During the checkup, the doctor will ask you questions about what your child is learning to do and how they are getting along with others.
- Children need dental checkups every three to six months unless the dentist needs to see them more often.

5 to 10 Years

- Children need medical checkups at 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 years old.
- Children will get vaccines to help protect them from disease.
- During a checkup, the doctor may do tests to check for other problems.
- Finding and treating health problems can help your child do better in school.
- Children need dental checkups every six months.
- Dentists can put special coatings on children's teeth (called "sealants") that help protect their teeth.

11 to 20 Years

- Teens and young adults need to have a checkup each year.
- During a checkup, the doctor may do tests to check for other problems.
- During checkups, doctors talk to teens about eating habits, exercise, ways to prevent injury, and how to have a healthy lifestyle.
- During a medical checkup, the doctor will ask if your teen has any worries that may cause problems with their mental or physical health. This medical checkup is not the same as a sports physical exam.
- Your teen will need to see the dentist every six months.

If the doctor or dentist finds a health problem during a checkup, your child can get the care he or she needs, such as:

- Eye tests and eyeglasses
- Hearing tests and hearing aids
- Other health and dental care
- Treatment for other medical conditions