



This is only a summary. If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at www.alamedaalliance.org or by calling 1-877-932-2738.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$0	See the chart starting on page 2 for your costs for services this plan covers.
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	No.	There's no limit on how much you could pay during a coverage period for your share of the costs of covered services.
What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	This plan has no out-of-pocket limit.	Not applicable because there's no out-of-pocket limit on your expenses.
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No.	The chart on page 2 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u> ?	Yes. See www.alamedaalliance.org or call 1-877-932-2738 for a list of participating providers.	The plan uses the term "in-network" or "Plan Provider" for providers in the Alameda Alliance network. If you use an in-network doctor or other health care provider, the plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network provider for some services. You must receive preauthorization from the plan before seeing an out-of-network provider, except when you need emergency services or urgent care. See the chart on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of providers.
Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	Yes.	This plan will pay some or all of the costs to see a specialist for covered services but only if you have the plan's permission before you see the specialist . Your primary care physician will refer you to an in-network specialist for all medically necessary covered services that he or she cannot provide. See the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form for more information about referrals.
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 5. See the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form for more information about excluded services.

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- **Copayments** are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- **Coinsurance** is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the **allowed amount** for the service. For example, if the plan's **allowed amount** for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your **coinsurance** payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your **deductible**.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the **allowed amount**. If an out-of-network **provider** charges more than the **allowed amount**, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the **allowed amount** is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called **balance billing**.)
- This plan may encourage you to use in-network **providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use an In-network Provider	Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$10/office or home visit	Not covered	_____none_____
	Specialist visit	\$10/visit	Not covered	_____none_____
	Other practitioner office visit	\$5/visit for acupuncture and \$10/visit for chiropractic services	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 10 visits per benefit year for acupuncture and 20 visits per benefit year for chiropractic services
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No charge	Not covered	_____none_____
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	No charge	Not covered	_____none_____
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	No charge	Not covered	_____none_____
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at	Generic drugs	\$10/prescription	Not covered	No coverage for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental or investigational drugs • Drugs solely for cosmetic purposes • Patent or over-the-counter medications, supplies and devices • Medicines not requiring a written prescription (except insulin)
	Brand name drugs	\$15/prescription for up to 30-day supply	Not covered	
	Prescription drugs provided in an inpatient setting, in the doctor's office during your visit, or in an outpatient facility during your stay at the facility	No charge	Not covered	

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Alameda Alliance for Health: Group Care Program Coverage Period: Beginning on or after 10/01/2012

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage for: Group | Plan Type: HMO

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use an In-network Provider	Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
www.alamedaalliance.org	FDA-approved contraceptive drugs and devices	No charge	Not covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dietary supplements, appetite suppressants, or any other diet drugs • Drugs to treat erectile dysfunction
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	No charge	Not covered	—————none—————
	Physician/surgeon fees	No charge	Not covered	—————none—————
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	\$35/visit (waived if you are admitted to the hospital)	\$35/ visit (waived if you are admitted to the hospital)	—————none—————
	Emergency medical transportation	No charge	No charge	—————none—————
	Urgent care	\$10/visit (waived if you are admitted to the hospital)	\$10/visit (waived if you are admitted to the hospital)	—————none—————
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$100/admission; No charge for pregnancy and maternity care	Not covered	No coverage for convenience items, private rooms, or dentist or oral surgeon services for dental procedures.
	Physician/surgeon fee	No charge	Not covered	—————none—————
If you have mental health or behavioral health needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	\$10/visit	Not covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage is limited to 10 visits per benefit year for outpatient services. • Coverage is limited to 10 days per benefit year for inpatient services. • There is no limit for: schizophrenia, schizo affective disorders, bipolar disorder (manic-depressive illness), major depressive disorders, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, pervasive developmental disorder or autism, anorexia nervosa, and bulimia nervosa.
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	\$100/admission	Not covered	

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If you have substance abuse needs	Substance use disorder outpatient services	\$10/visit	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 10 visits per benefit year. Additional visits may be covered if authorized by the plan.
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	\$100/admission	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 3 days.
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	No charge	Not covered	—————none—————
	Delivery and all inpatient services	No charge	Not covered	—————none—————
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	No charge	Not covered	No coverage for services that are non-skilled, custodial, or domiciliary care, as defined by the plan.
	Rehabilitation services	\$10/visit	Not covered	Coverage is limited to 60 days per condition following the date of your first therapy session. Additional therapy may be covered if authorized by the plan.
	Habilitation services	\$10/visit	Not covered	
	Skilled nursing care	No charge	Not covered	Coverage limited to 100 days/benefit year. No coverage for services that are non-skilled, custodial, or domiciliary care, as defined by the plan.
	Durable medical equipment	No charge	Not covered	See the Combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form for a list of items that are not covered.
	Hospice service	No charge	Not covered	Coverage is limited to members who are diagnosed with a terminal illness and who elect hospice care instead of restorative services covered by the plan.
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	Not covered	Not covered	Dependents are not eligible for benefits under this plan.
	Glasses	Not covered	Not covered	
	Dental check-up	Not covered	Not covered	

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Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other excluded services.)

- Dependent care
- Bariatric surgery (unless medically necessary)
- Infertility treatment
- Long-term care
- Private-duty nursing (unless medically necessary)
- Dental care (Adult) – Contact the Public Authority for information about dental services (510) 577-3552
- Routine eye care (Adult) – Contact the Public Authority for information about vision services (510) 577-3552
- Routine foot care
- Cosmetic surgery (unless reconstructive surgery is medically necessary)
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Weight loss programs (unless medically necessary)

Other Covered Services (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic care
- Hearing aids

Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

If you lose coverage under the plan, then depending upon the circumstances, Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a **premium**, which may be significantly higher than the premium you pay while covered under the plan. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan at 1-877-932-2738. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or www.dol.gov/ebsa, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-265-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov.

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Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to **appeal** or file a **grievance**. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact the plan's Member Services at 1-877-932-2738, CRS/TTY 711 or 1-800-735-2929.

Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact the California Department of Managed Health Care Help Center at:

980 9th Street, Suite 500

Sacramento, CA 95814

1-888-466-2219

<http://www.healthhelp.ca.gov>

helpline@dmhc.ca.gov

Language Access Services:

This document is available in alternative formats (Braille, audio, electronic text file, or large print). Call Alliance Member Services at 510-747-4567 (Toll Free 1-877-932-2738; CRS/TTY 711 or 1-800-735-2929).

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Chinese (中文譯文) : 本文件以中文提供。致電「聯會會員服務部」: 510-747-4567 或1-877-932-2738; CRS/TTY 711 or 1-800-735-2929)

To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next page.

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About these Coverage Examples:

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



This is not a cost estimator.

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under this plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care will also be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

Having a baby (normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays \$7,520
- Patient pays \$20

Sample care costs:

Hospital charges (mother)	\$2,700
Routine obstetric care	\$2,100
Hospital charges (baby)	\$900
Anesthesia	\$900
Laboratory tests	\$500
Prescriptions	\$200
Radiology	\$200
Vaccines, other preventive	\$40
Total	\$7,540

Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$0
Copays	\$20
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$0
Total	\$20

Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$5130
- Patient pays \$270

Sample care costs:

Prescriptions	\$2,900
Medical Equipment and Supplies	\$1,300
Office Visits and Procedures	\$700
Education	\$300
Laboratory tests	\$100
Vaccines, other preventive	\$100
Total	\$5,400

Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$0
Copays	\$270
Coinsurance	\$0
Limits or exclusions	\$0
Total	\$270

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Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:

What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include **premiums**.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from in-network **providers**. If the patient had received care from out-of-network **providers**, costs would have been higher.

What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how **deductibles**, **copayments**, and **coinsurance** can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

- ✗ **No.** Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

- ✗ **No.** Coverage Examples are **not** cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your **providers** charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples. When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** An important cost is the **premium** you pay. Generally, the lower your **premium**, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as **copayments**, **deductibles**, and **coinsurance**. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.

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Glossary of Health Coverage and Medical Terms

- This glossary has many commonly used terms, but isn't a full list. These glossary terms and definitions are intended to be educational and may be different from the terms and definitions in your plan. Some of these terms also might not have exactly the same meaning when used in your policy or plan, and in any such case, the policy or plan governs. (See your Summary of Benefits and Coverage for information on how to get a copy of your policy or plan document.)
- **Bold blue** text indicates a term defined in this Glossary.
- See page 4 for an example showing how **deductibles**, **co-insurance** and **out-of-pocket limits** work together in a real life situation.

Allowed Amount

Maximum amount on which payment is based for covered health care services. This may be called "eligible expense," "payment allowance" or "negotiated rate." If your **provider** charges more than the allowed amount, you may have to pay the difference. (See **Balance Billing**.)

Appeal

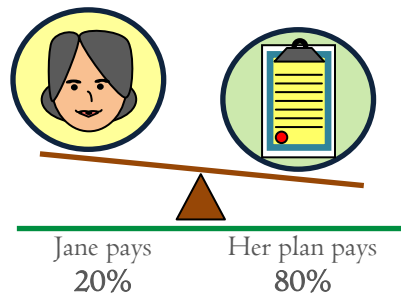
A request for your health insurer or **plan** to review a decision or a **grievance** again.

Balance Billing

When a **provider** bills you for the difference between the provider's charge and the **allowed amount**. For example, if the provider's charge is \$100 and the allowed amount is \$70, the provider may bill you for the remaining \$30. A **preferred provider** may **not** balance bill you for covered services.

Co-insurance

Your share of the costs of a covered health care service, calculated as a percent (for example, 20%) of the **allowed amount** for the service. You pay co-insurance **plus** any **deductibles** you owe. For example, if the **health insurance** or **plan's** allowed amount for an office visit is \$100 and you've met your deductible, your co-insurance payment of 20% would be \$20. The health insurance or plan pays the rest of the allowed amount.



Complications of Pregnancy

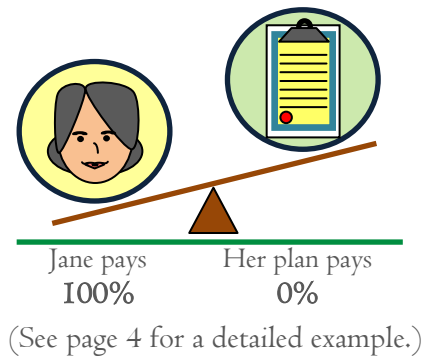
Conditions due to pregnancy, labor and delivery that require medical care to prevent serious harm to the health of the mother or the fetus. Morning sickness and a non-emergency caesarean section aren't complications of pregnancy.

Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$15) you pay for a covered health care service, usually when you receive the service. The amount can vary by the type of covered health care service.

Deductible

The amount you owe for health care services your **health insurance** or **plan** covers before your health insurance or plan begins to pay. For example, if your deductible is \$1000, your plan won't pay anything until you've met your \$1000 deductible for covered health care services subject to the deductible. The deductible may not apply to all services.



Durable Medical Equipment (DME)

Equipment and supplies ordered by a health care **provider** for everyday or extended use. Coverage for DME may include: oxygen equipment, wheelchairs, crutches or blood testing strips for diabetics.

Emergency Medical Condition

An illness, injury, symptom or condition so serious that a reasonable person would seek care right away to avoid severe harm.

Emergency Medical Transportation

Ambulance services for an **emergency medical condition**.

Emergency Room Care

Emergency services you get in an emergency room.

Emergency Services

Evaluation of an **emergency medical condition** and treatment to keep the condition from getting worse.

Excluded Services

Health care services that your **health insurance** or **plan** doesn't pay for or cover.

Grievance

A complaint that you communicate to your health insurer or **plan**.

Habilitation Services

Health care services that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Health Insurance

A contract that requires your health insurer to pay some or all of your health care costs in exchange for a **premium**.

Home Health Care

Health care services a person receives at home.

Hospice Services

Services to provide comfort and support for persons in the last stages of a terminal illness and their families.

Hospitalization

Care in a hospital that requires admission as an inpatient and usually requires an overnight stay. An overnight stay for observation could be outpatient care.

Hospital Outpatient Care

Care in a hospital that usually doesn't require an overnight stay.

In-network Co-insurance

The percent (for example, 20%) you pay of the **allowed amount** for covered health care services to **providers** who contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. In-network co-insurance usually costs you less than **out-of-network co-insurance**.

In-network Co-payment

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Medically Necessary

Health care services or supplies needed to prevent, diagnose or treat an illness, injury, condition, disease or its symptoms and that meet accepted standards of medicine.

Network

The facilities, **providers** and suppliers your health insurer or **plan** has contracted with to provide health care services.

Non-Preferred Provider

A **provider** who doesn't have a contract with your health insurer or **plan** to provide services to you. You'll pay more to see a non-preferred provider. Check your policy to see if you can go to all providers who have contracted with your **health insurance** or plan, or if your health insurance or plan has a "tiered" **network** and you must pay extra to see some providers.

Out-of-network Co-insurance

The percent (for example, 40%) you pay of the **allowed amount** for covered health care services to providers who do **not** contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. Out-of-network co-insurance usually costs you more than **in-network co-insurance**.

Out-of-network Co-payment

A fixed amount (for example, \$30) you pay for covered health care services from providers who do **not** contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. Out-of-network co-payments usually are more than **in-network co-payments**.

Out-of-Pocket Limit

The most you pay during a policy period (usually a year) before your **health insurance** or **plan** begins to pay 100% of the **allowed amount**. This limit never includes your **premium**, **balance-billed** charges or health care your health



insurance or plan doesn't cover. Some health insurance or plans don't count all of your **co-payments**, **deductibles**, **co-insurance** payments, out-of-network payments or other expenses toward this limit.

Physician Services

Health care services a licensed medical physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) provides or coordinates.

Plan

A benefit your employer, union or other group sponsor provides to you to pay for your health care services.

Preauthorization

A decision by your health insurer or **plan** that a health care service, treatment plan, **prescription drug** or **durable medical equipment** is **medically necessary**. Sometimes called prior authorization, prior approval or precertification. Your **health insurance** or plan may require preauthorization for certain services before you receive them, except in an emergency. Preauthorization isn't a promise your health insurance or plan will cover the cost.

Preferred Provider

A **provider** who has a contract with your health insurer or **plan** to provide services to you at a discount. Check your policy to see if you can see all preferred providers or if your **health insurance** or plan has a "tiered" **network** and you must pay extra to see some providers. Your health insurance or plan may have preferred providers who are also "participating" providers. Participating providers also contract with your health insurer or plan, but the discount may not be as great, and you may have to pay more.

Premium

The amount that must be paid for your **health insurance** or **plan**. You and/or your employer usually pay it monthly, quarterly or yearly.

Prescription Drug Coverage

Health insurance or **plan** that helps pay for **prescription drugs** and medications.

Prescription Drugs

Drugs and medications that by law require a prescription.

Primary Care Physician

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) who directly provides or coordinates a range of health care services for a patient.

Primary Care Provider

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or physician assistant, as allowed under state law, who provides, coordinates or helps a patient access a range of health care services.

Provider

A physician (M.D. – Medical Doctor or D.O. – Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), health care professional or health care facility licensed, certified or accredited as required by state law.

Reconstructive Surgery

Surgery and follow-up treatment needed to correct or improve a part of the body because of birth defects, accidents, injuries or medical conditions.

Rehabilitation Services

Health care services that help a person keep, get back or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, hurt or disabled. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and psychiatric rehabilitation services in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Skilled Nursing Care

Services from licensed nurses in your own home or in a nursing home. Skilled care services are from technicians and therapists in your own home or in a nursing home.

Specialist

A physician specialist focuses on a specific area of medicine or a group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-physician specialist is a **provider** who has more training in a specific area of health care.

UCR (Usual, Customary and Reasonable)

The amount paid for a medical service in a geographic area based on what **providers** in the area usually charge for the same or similar medical service. The UCR amount sometimes is used to determine the **allowed amount**.

Urgent Care

Care for an illness, injury or condition serious enough that a reasonable person would seek care right away, but not so severe as to require **emergency room care**.

How You and Your Insurer Share Costs - Example

Jane's Plan Deductible: \$1,500

Co-insurance: 20%

Out-of-Pocket Limit: \$5,000

January 1st
Beginning of Coverage
Period

December 31st
End of Coverage Period



Jane hasn't reached her \$1,500 deductible yet

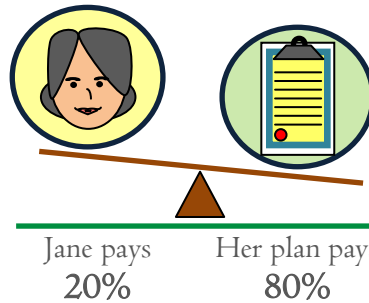
Her plan doesn't pay any of the costs.

Office visit costs: \$125

Jane pays: \$125

Her plan pays: \$0

more costs



Jane reaches her \$1,500 deductible, co-insurance begins

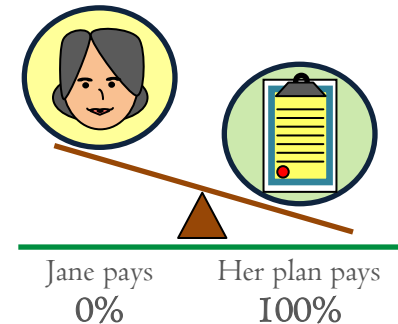
Jane has seen a doctor several times and paid \$1,500 in total. Her plan pays some of the costs for her next visit.

Office visit costs: \$75

Jane pays: 20% of \$75 = \$15

Her plan pays: 80% of \$75 = \$60

more costs



Jane reaches her \$5,000 out-of-pocket limit

Jane has seen the doctor often and paid \$5,000 in total. Her plan pays the full cost of her covered health care services for the rest of the year.

Office visit costs: \$200

Jane pays: \$0

Her plan pays: \$200