### Independence HMO Gold Premier

**Coverage Period:** 

**Coverage for:** 

..... | PlanType: HMO

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



Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?	\$0	See the chart starting on page 2 for your other costs for services this plan covers.
Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services?	Yes. \$50 per person for Pediatric Dental expenses.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> 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</u> <u>limit</u> on my expenses?	Yes. \$6,350 person / \$12,700 family.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No.	The chart starting 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</u> of <u>providers</u> ?	Yes. See www.ibx.com/find_a_provider or call 1-800-ASK-BLUE for a list of participating providers.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <u>provider</u> , this 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 <u>provider</u> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <u>preferred</u> , or participating for <u>providers</u> in their <u>network</u> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <u>providers</u> .
Do I need a referral to see a specialist?	Yes. Electronic referral required.	This plan will pay some or all of the costs to see a <u>specialist</u> for covered services but only if you have the plan's permission before you see the <u>specialist</u> .
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed in the Excluded Services & Other Covered Services section. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <u>excluded services</u> .

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

Common Modical	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use			
Common Medical Event		a Referred Provider	an Out Of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions	
	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	\$30 Copayment	Not Covered	none	
If you visit a health	Specialist visit	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	PCP referral required.	
care <u>provider's</u> office or clinic	Other practitioner office visit	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	Spinal manipulations limited to 20 visits per benefit period. PCP referral required.	
	Preventive care / screening / immunization	No Charge	Not Covered	Age and frequency schedules may apply.	
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	\$60 Copayment(X- Ray)/ No Charge(Blood Work)	Not Covered	PCP referral required for x-rays. Requisition form required for lab work.	
,	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	\$250 Copayment	Not Covered	Precertification required. Imaging copay not applicable if performed in ER or office setting.	
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about <u>prescription</u> <u>drug coverage</u> is available at <u>http://www.ibx.com/</u> <u>preapproval</u>	Generic drugs	\$10 Copayment (Retail)/\$10 Copayment (1-30 days supply)(Mail Order); \$20 Copayment (31- 90 days supply)(Mail Order)	70%	Preferred Generic drugs \$4 Copayment(Retail)/\$8 Copayment(Mail); Prior authorization required on some drugs; age, gender and quantity limits for some drugs; days supply limits on retail & mail order.	

Common Medical	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use		
Common Medical Event		a Referred Provider	an Out Of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
	Preferred brand drugs	\$50 Copayment (Retail)/\$50 Copayment (1-30 days supply)(Mail Order); \$100 Copayment (31- 90 days supply)(Mail Order)	70%	Prior authorization required on some drugs; age, gender and quantity limits for some drugs; days supply limits on retail & mail order.
	Non-preferred brand drugs	\$75 Copayment (Retail)/\$75 Copayment (1-30 days supply)(Mail Order); \$150 Copayment (31- 90 days supply)(Mail Order)	70%	Prior authorization required on some drugs; age, gender and quantity limits for some drugs; days supply limits on retail & mail order.
	Specialty drugs	\$125 Copayment	Not Covered	Prior-authorization required. A complete list of drugs requiring prior-authorization is available at www.ibx.com/preapproval
If you have	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	\$250 Copayment	Not Covered	Your cost share may vary depending on where you receive care.
If you have outpatient surgery	Physician/surgeon fees	No Charge	Not Covered	Some outpatient surgeries require precertification. A complete list of surgeries requiring precertification is available at www.ibx.com/preapproval
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	\$250 Copayment	\$250 Copayment	Your costs for Emergency Room services are not waived if you are admitted to the hospital.
	Emergency medical transportation	\$50 Copayment	\$50 Copayment	none
	Urgent care	\$87 Copayment	Not Covered	Your costs for urgent care are based on care received at a designated urgent care center or facility, not your physician's office. Costs may vary depending on where you receive care.
If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	\$500/day; maximum of 5 Copayments/admissio n	Not Covered	Precertification required.
	Physician/surgeon fee	No Charge	Not Covered	Precertification required.
If you have mental health, behavioral	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	none

Common Medical	Services You May Need	Your Cost If You Use		
Event		a Referred Provider	an Out Of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	\$500/day; maximum of 5 Copayments/admissio n	Not Covered	Precertification required.
health, or substance abuse needs	Substance abuse disorder outpatient services	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	Precertification required.
	Substance abuse disorder inpatient services	\$500/day; maximum of 5 Copayments/admissio n	Not Covered	Precertification required.
	Prenatal and postnatal care	\$30 Copayment	Not Covered	Your cost is for first OB visit only.
If you are pregnant	Delivery and all inpatient services	\$500/day; maximum of 5 Copayments/admissio n	Not Covered	Pre-notification requested
	Home health care	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	60 visits per benefit period. Precertification required.
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Rehabilitation services	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	Speech Therapy: 30 visits per benefit period; Physical/Occupational Therapies: 30 visits combined per benefit period. PCP referral required.
	Habilitation services	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	Speech Therapy: 30 visits per benefit period; Physical/Occupational Therapies: 30 visits combined per benefit period. PCP referral required.
	Skilled nursing care	\$250/day; maximum of 5 Copayments/admissio n	Not Covered	120 day limit per benefit period. Precertification required.
	Durable medical equipment	50%	Not Covered	Precertification required for purchases (including repairs and replacements) over \$500 and all rentals
	Hospice service	\$60 Copayment	Not Covered	none
If your obild poods	Eye exam	No Charge	Not Covered	1 per calendar year
If your child needs dental or eye care	Glasses	No Charge	Not Covered	1 per calendar year
	Dental check-up	No Charge	Not Covered	1 per six months

#### **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.)			
Acupuncture	Bariatric surgery	Cosmetic surgery	
• Dental care (Adult)	Hearing aids	Infertility treatment	
Long-term care	<ul> <li>Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S. (For details, see <u>www.ibx.com</u>)</li> </ul>	Private-duty nursing	
Routine foot care	Weight loss programs		

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.)

• Chiropractic care

Routine eye care (Adult)

#### 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 <u>premium</u>, 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 1-888-671-5276. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or <u>www.dol.gov/ebsa</u>, or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or <u>www.cciio.cms.gov</u>.

#### Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

Your health plan is subject to Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) requirements. If you are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may contact IBC at 1-800-ASK-BLUE. You may also contact the U.S. Dept. of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272. As an alternative, the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance can also provide assistance. Please contact them at 1-877-881-6388.

#### **Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?**

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health care coverage that qualifies as "minimum essential coverage." This plan or policy does provide minimum essential coverage.

#### Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% (actuarial value). This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.

#### Language Access Services:

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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.

(normal delivery)		
Amount owed to providers: \$7,540 Plan Pays \$6,730 Patient Pays \$810		
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	\$660	
Coinsurance	\$0	
Limits or exclusions	\$150	
Total	\$810	

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

Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
 Plan Pays \$3,590
 Patient Pays \$1,810

#### Sample Care Costs:

51,300
\$700
\$300
\$100
\$100
5,400

#### Patient Pays

\$0
\$1,730
\$0
\$80
\$1,810

### **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 innetwork <u>providers</u>. If the patient had received care from out-of-network <u>providers</u>, costs would have been higher.

### What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how <u>deductibles</u>, <u>copayments</u>, and <u>coinsurance</u> 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?

X 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?

X 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 <u>providers</u> 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-ofpocket costs, such as <u>copayments</u>, <u>deductibles</u> and <u>coinsurance</u>. 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 outof-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

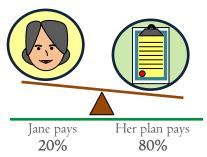
A request for your health insurer or plan to review a decision or a grievance again.

#### **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,



(See page 4 for a detailed 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**

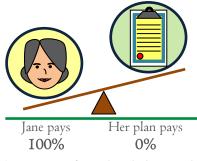
Conditions due to pregnancy, labor and delivery that require medical care to prevent serious harm to the health of the mother or the fetus. Morning sickness and a nonemergency caesarean section aren't complications of pregnancy.

#### 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



(See page 4 for a detailed example.)

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

A fixed amount (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care services to **providers** who contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. In-network co-payments usually are less than **out-of-network co-payments**.

#### 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

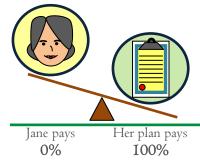
The percent (for example, 40%) you pay of the **allowed amount** for covered health care services to providers who do **not** contract with your **health insurance** or **plan**. Outof-network co-insurance usually costs you more than **innetwork co-insurance**.

#### 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 copayments 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



(See page 4 for a detailed example.)

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 <u>emergency room care</u>.

### How You and Your Insurer Share Costs - Example

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Jane's Plan Deductible: \$1,500

**Co-insurance:** 20%

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

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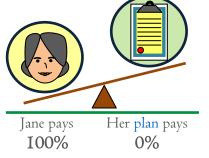
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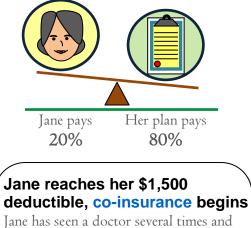
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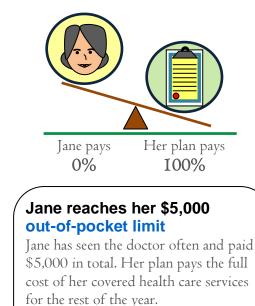


#### Jane hasn't reached her \$1,500 deductible yet

Her plan doesn't pay any of the costs. Office visit costs: \$125 Jane pays: \$125 Her plan pays: \$0



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 = \$15Her plan pays: 80% of \$75 = \$60



Office visit costs: \$200 Jane pays: \$0 Her plan pays: \$200

