



STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (SHBP)

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What You Pay For Covered Services [Rx through Health Plan: Local Government 26 NJ DIRECT / 26 Aetna Freedom 15](#)

Coverage Period: 07/01/2026 – 12/31/2026
Coverage for: All Coverage Types | **Plan Type:** Rx

 **The Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document will help you choose a health [plan](#). The SBC shows you how you and the [plan](#) would share the cost for covered health care services. NOTE: Information about the cost of this [plan](#) (called the [premium](#)) will be provided separately. This is only a summary.** For more information about your coverage, or to get a copy of the complete terms of coverage, visit www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/health-benefits.shtml. For general definitions of common terms, such as [allowed amount](#), [balance billing](#), [coinsurance](#), [copayment](#), [deductible](#), [provider](#), or other [underlined](#) terms see the Glossary. You can view the Glossary at <https://www.healthcare.gov/sbcglossary>

Important Questions	Answers	Why This Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	\$110 individual/ \$220 family	See the Common Medical Events chart below for your costs for services this plan covers. The deductible is a combined medical and pharmacy deductible.
Are there services covered before you meet your deductible?	Yes. Preventive care is covered before you meet your deductible.	This plan covers some items and services even if you haven't yet met the deductible amount. But a copayment or coinsurance may apply. For example, this plan covers certain preventive services without cost-sharing and before you meet your deductible. See a list of covered preventive services at https://www.healthcare.gov/coverage/preventive-care-benefits/ .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services.
What is the out-of-pocket limit for this plan?	In Network: \$400 individual/ \$1,000 family Out of network: \$2,000 individual/ \$5,000 family. Out-of-pocket limits are combined with medical plans.	The out-of-pocket limit is the most you could pay in a year for covered services. If you have other family members in this plan, they have to meet their own out-of-pocket limits until the overall family out-of-pocket limit has been met.
What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?	Premiums, balance-billing charges and health care this plan doesn't cover.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the out-of-pocket limit.
Will you pay less if you use a network provider?	Yes. See https://Optumrx.com/stateofnewjersey or call 1-844-368-8740 for a list of network pharmacies.	This plan uses a provider network. You will pay less if you use a provider in the plan's network. You will pay the most if you use an out-of-network provider, and you might receive a bill from a provider for the difference between the provider's charge and what your plan pays (balance billing).
Do you need a referral to see a specialist?	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.

 All [copayment](#) and [coinsurance](#) costs shown in this chart are after your [deductible](#) has been met, if a [deductible](#) applies.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	What You Will Pay		Limitations, Exceptions, & Other Important Information
		Network Provider (You will pay the least)	Out-of-Network Provider (You will pay the most)	
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Specialist visit Preventive care/screening/immunization			
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)			
If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition More information about prescription drug coverage is available at www.optumrx.com/stateofnewjersey	Generic drugs	After your deductible, 10% coinsurance at retail, \$0.00 at Mail	In-network copays apply. You are responsible for any charges above the allowed amount.	Utilization Management programs may apply. Mail order is mandatory for maintenance drugs intended for long term use after two retail fills. If you choose to fill a prescription for a maintenance drug at a retail pharmacy after two retail fills, you will pay 100% of the cost of the drug.
	Brand drugs	After your deductible, 10% coinsurance	In-network copays apply. You are responsible for any charges above the allowed amount.	Utilization Management programs may apply. Mail order is mandatory for maintenance drugs intended for long term use after two retail fills. If you choose to fill a prescription for a maintenance drug at a retail pharmacy after two retail fills, you will pay 100% of the cost of the drug.
	Brand drugs with a generic equivalent available	After your deductible, You pay the applicable brand copayment as listed above, plus the cost difference between the brand drug and the generic	In-network copays apply. You are responsible for any charges above the allowed amount.	Utilization Management programs may apply. Mail order is mandatory for maintenance drugs intended for long term use after two retail fills. If you choose to fill a prescription for a maintenance drug at a retail pharmacy after two retail fills, you will pay 100% of the cost of the drug. Cost difference does not count towards the out-of-pocket maximum
	Specialty drugs	After your deductible, 10% coinsurance	Not Covered	Utilization Management programs may apply. Specialty drugs are limited to a 30 day supply and only available thru Optum Specialty
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Physician/surgeon fees			
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room care	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Emergency medical transportation			
	Urgent care			

[* For more information about limitations and exceptions, see the plan or policy document at www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/health-benefits.shtml.]

If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Physician/surgeon fees			
If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services	Outpatient services	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Inpatient services			
If you are pregnant	Office visits	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Childbirth/delivery professional services			
	Childbirth/delivery facility services			
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Rehabilitation services			
	Habilitation services			
	Skilled nursing care			
	Durable medical equipment			
Hospice services				
If your child needs dental or eye care	Children's eye exam	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.	See separate Medical Plan SBC.
	Children's glasses			
	Children's dental check-up			

Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

Services Your [Plan](#) Generally Does NOT Cover (Check your policy or plan document for more information and a list of any other [excluded services](#).)

See separate Medical Plan SBC.

Other Covered Services (Limitations may apply to these services. This isn't a complete list. Please see your [plan](#) document.)

See separate Medical Plan SBC.

Your Rights to Continue Coverage: There are agencies that can help if you want to continue your coverage after it ends. The contact information for those agencies is: Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or www.cciio.cms.gov. Other coverage options may be available to you too, including buying individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance [Marketplace](#). For more information about the [Marketplace](#), visit www.HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

Your Grievance and Appeals Rights: There are agencies that can help if you have a complaint against your [plan](#) for a denial of a [claim](#). This complaint is called a [grievance](#) or [appeal](#). For more information about your rights, look at the explanation of benefits you will receive for that medical [claim](#). Your [plan](#) documents also provide complete information to submit a [claim](#), [appeal](#), or a [grievance](#) for any reason to your [plan](#). For more information about your rights, this notice, or assistance, contact Optum at 1-844-368-8740. You may also contact the Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or www.dol.gov/ebda/healthreform

Does this plan provide Minimum Essential Coverage? Yes.

If you don't have [Minimum Essential Coverage](#) for a month, you'll have to make a payment when you file your tax return unless you qualify for an exemption from the requirement that you have health coverage for that month.

Does this plan meet the Minimum Value Standards? Yes.

If your [plan](#) doesn't meet the [Minimum Value Standards](#), you may be eligible for a [premium tax credit](#) to help you pay for a [plan](#) through the [Marketplace](#).

Language Access Services:

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 1-609-292-7524.

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

About these Coverage Examples:



This is not a cost estimator. Treatments shown are just examples of how this [plan](#) might cover medical care. Your actual costs will be different depending on the actual care you receive, the prices your [providers](#) charge, and many other factors. Focus on the [cost sharing](#) amounts ([deductibles](#), [copayments](#) and [coinsurance](#)) and [excluded services](#) under the [plan](#). Use this information to compare the portion of costs you might pay under different health [plans](#). Please note these coverage examples are based on self-only coverage.

Peg is Having a Baby

(9 months of in-network pre-natal care and a hospital delivery)

- The [plan's](#) overall [deductible](#) \$0
- [Specialist](#) [*cost sharing*] n/a
- Hospital (facility) [*cost sharing*] n/a
- Other [*cost sharing*] n/a

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Specialist office visits (*prenatal care*)
 Childbirth/Delivery Professional Services
 Childbirth/Delivery Facility Services
 Diagnostic tests (*ultrasounds and blood work*)
 Specialist visit (*anesthesia*)

Total Example Cost	\$12,730
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In this example, Peg would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$12,700
The total Peg would pay is	\$12,700

Managing Joe's type 2 Diabetes

(a year of routine in-network care of a well-controlled condition)

- The [plan's](#) overall [deductible](#) \$0
- [Specialist](#) [*cost sharing*] n/a
- Hospital (facility) [*cost sharing*] n/a
- Other [*cost sharing*] n/a

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Primary care physician office visits (*including disease education*)
 Diagnostic tests (*blood work*)
 Prescription drugs
 Durable medical equipment (*glucose meter*)

Total Example Cost	\$7,404
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In this example, Joe would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$400
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$1,460
The total Joe would pay is	\$1,860

Mia's Simple Fracture

(in-network emergency room visit and follow up care)

- The [plan's](#) overall [deductible](#) \$0
- [Specialist](#) [*cost sharing*] n/a
- Hospital (facility) [*cost sharing*] n/a
- Other [*cost sharing*] n/a

This EXAMPLE event includes services like:

Emergency room care (*including medical supplies*)
 Diagnostic test (*x-ray*)
 Durable medical equipment (*crutches*)
 Rehabilitation services (*physical therapy*)

Total Example Cost	\$1,925
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In this example, Mia would pay:

<i>Cost Sharing</i>	
Deductibles	\$0
Copayments	\$0
Coinsurance	\$0
<i>What isn't covered</i>	
Limits or exclusions	\$1,925
The total Mia would pay is	\$1,925

Please note that some of the Limits or Exclusions listed above may be covered under the Medical Plan.

The [plan](#) would be responsible for the other costs of these EXAMPLE covered services.