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for your on demand life.**

Excellus BluePPO®

Tompkins County PPO

Like freedom? Who doesn't?
See any doctor without a
referral, and never spend a
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Welcome

With Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, you get what you expect from Blue plus a whole lot more such as:

- More doctors, specialists, and hospitals to choose from
- Exclusive discounts on health-related products and services with Blue365®
- Free fitness and nutrition program with StepUp
- Answers to your health questions online
- Local customer service

In this booklet you will find:

- A chart that summarizes this plan's unique benefits and coverage*
- A glossary of terms to help you understand your coverage and options

We have many valuable benefits and we provide a tremendous amount of choice. Whichever plan you pick, we're ready to meet your health care needs.

Visit us at excellusbcbs.com

*This benefit summary is not a contract or binding agreement; it is a summary of benefits and services.

Privacy Policy Notice. We know how important your privacy is and we're committed to protecting it. Our policies and practices regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal health information are available at excellusbcbs.com and Member Services.

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Plan features

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| Primary Care Physician (PCP) | Not required |
| Referrals | Not required |
| Out of network benefits | Covered |
| Out of area benefits | Coverage provided worldwide through the BlueCard program. |
| Student/Dependent coverage | Qualified dependents and students are covered to age 26. |
| Domestic partner | Covered |
| Coverage Period | January 1st - December 31st |

Plan cost-sharing highlights

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|---|---|
| Office visit copay (Primary Care Physician) | \$10 copay |
| Office visit copay (Specialist) | \$10 copay |
| Coinsurance | In-network: None; Out-of-network: 20% |
| Deductible | In-network: None Out of Network \$250 individual /\$750 family |
| Out of pocket maximum | In-network: None; Out of Network \$1,000 individual /\$3,000 family |
| Lifetime maximum | None |

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Questions? Call Member Services at 1 (800) 462-6615, call our TTY phone at 1 (877) 398-2275, or visit us at excellusbcbs.com or excellusbcbs.com/national



Welcome to Blue365

Where taking care of yourself is an everyday thing.

Take advantage of healthy deals and discounts* on fitness, healthy eating, personal care and more that you can use all year long. Explore all the healthy choices at excellusbcbs.com/Blue365

Blue365® is here for you.

We understand that helping you live a healthy life means more than regular doctor visits - it's helping you find time for the things that matter most.

That's why we created Blue365, an online destination featuring healthy deals and discounts exclusively for our members. These "Blue365 Deals" which complement your health care coverage, can help you maintain a healthy lifestyle, while spending less at some of your favorite Blue365 vendors nationwide.

Because of the Blues' buying power, Blue365 can offer access to great savings on a wide range of exciting health and wellness products and experiences.

Blue365 makes it easy for you to find out about weekly "Featured Deals" by sending the news right to your email. Our email service is free to members of participating local Blue Companies.

All you have to do is register on the website, and you are all set to enjoy our great health and wellness deals.

You'll see weekly "Featured Deals" and long term "Ongoing Deals" on health products, along with discounts on health and fitness clubs, weight-loss programs, healthy travel experiences and so much more.

Blue365

Blue365 includes offers from selected companies based on feedback from Blue365 members and independent researchers on the Blue365 team in four main categories.

Fitness: Save on membership, monthly fees and other services at Healthways, Snap Fitness™, Reebok®, Polar® and Anytime Fitness®.

Healthy Eating: Save on programs, products and consultations at Jenny Craig®, Dole® and Nutrisystems®.

Living: Save on services from H&R Block®.

Personal Care: Save on products and services from TruHearing, Beltone®, LasikPlus®, Davis Vision® and QualSight Lasik®.



* Discounts are available through independent companies that do not provide Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield products or services and are solely responsible for the services provided. See our website for more information at: www.excellusbcbs.com/Blue365. The content, tools and discounted offers available through Blue365 are subject to change. Please visit excellusbcbs.com/Blue365 for the most current program details.

 **Blue365**
Because health is a big dealSM

| Type of Care/Plan Benefits | In-Network | Out Of Network |
|---|--|----------------|
| Plan features <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Physician (PCP) • Referrals • Out of network benefits • Out of area benefits • Student/Dependent coverage • Domestic partner • Coverage Period Plan cost-sharing highlights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office visit copay (Primary Care Physician) • Office visit copay (Specialist) • Coinsurance • Deductible • Out of pocket maximum • Lifetime maximum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not required • Not required • Covered • Coverage provided worldwide through the BlueCard program. • Qualified dependents and students are covered to age 26. • Covered • January 1st - December 31st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay • In-network: None; Out-of-network: 20% • In-network: None Out of Network \$250 individual /\$750 family • In-network: None; Out of Network \$1,000 individual /\$3,000 family • None | |

| type of care/plan benefits | In-Network | Out Of Network |
|---|--|--|
| Wellness Incentive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay healthy with great programs and incentives! Preventive Health Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well child visits • Adult routine physical exams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult immunizations • Mammography • Pap smear • Routine GYN exam • Prostate cancer screening • Routine vision • Colonoscopy • New York State women's preventative services mandate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue365 - Take advantage of exclusive discounts on health and wellness products and services, including fitness, exercise, nutrition, elective procedures and hearing aids. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full • Covered in full for 1 exam per year according to national guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay for one routine exam every year; \$60 eyewear allowance available per year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventive and diagnostic covered according to the surgical benefit • Covered effective 1/1/13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue365 - Take advantage of exclusive discounts on health and wellness products and services, including fitness, exercise, nutrition, elective procedures and hearing aids. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for one routine exam per year • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for one routine exam per year. \$60 eyewear allowance available per year • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible |

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| Physician Office Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic office visits • Diagnostic x-rays • Diagnostic laboratory and pathology • Allergy tests • Allergy injections • Chemotherapy • Radiation therapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay per visit • \$10 copay. Precertification applies for MRI, PET and CAT scans. • Covered in full • \$10 copay per visit • Covered in full • Covered in full • Covered in full | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Precertification applies to MRI, PET and CAT scans. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible |
| Maternity Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prenatal Care • Hospital care for mom (including delivery) • Newborn nursery care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full • Hospital-Covered in full; Delivery-Covered in full • Covered in full | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible |
| Prescription Drug <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term and maintenance drugs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not covered |
| Inpatient Hospital Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital benefits • Physician visits in the hospital • Inpatient physical rehabilitation • Surgery • Anesthesia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full for unlimited days. Precertification applies. • Covered in full • Covered in full for up to 60 days per year. Precertification applies. • Covered in full • Covered in full | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for up to 60 days per year. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible |
| Emergency Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency room care • Freestanding urgent care center • Ambulance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35 copay per visit, unless admitted within 24 hours • \$25 copay per visit • \$10 copay | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$35 copay per visit, unless admitted within 24 hours • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • \$10 copay |
| Outpatient Hospital Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic x-rays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay per visit. Precertification applies for MRI, PET and CAT scans. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Precertification applies to MRI, PET and CAT scans |

| Type of Care/Plan Benefits | In-Network | Out Of Network |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic laboratory and pathology • Surgical care • Chemotherapy • Radiation therapy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full • \$10 copay • Covered in full • Covered in full | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible |
| Mental Health and Chemical Dependence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient mental health care • Outpatient mental health care • Inpatient chemical dependence • Outpatient chemical dependence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full for unlimited days. Precertification applies. • \$10 copay. Services can be provided in an outpatient facility or in a provider office. • Covered in full for unlimited days. Precertification applies. • \$10 copay per visit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Services can be provided in an outpatient facility or in a provider office. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible |
| Other Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diabetic insulin and supplies • Skilled nursing facility • Home care • Hospice • Outpatient therapy • Durable medical equipment • External prosthetics • Chiropractic • Acupuncture • Dental • Hearing • New York State autism spectrum disorder mandate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 copay for up to a 30 day supply • Covered in full for up to 120 days per year. Precertification applies. • Covered in full for unlimited visits. Precertification applies. • Covered in full for unlimited days • \$10 copay per visit for up to a combined total of 45 visits per year for physical, speech, occupational and respiratory therapy • Covered at 80%. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80% • \$10 copay per visit • Covered at 50% for up to 10 visits per year • \$10 copay for accidental injury to sound, natural teeth and for care due to congenital disease or anomaly • Routine exams not covered • Covered effective 1/1/13 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for up to a 30 day supply • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for up to 120 days per year. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to a \$50 deductible for unlimited visits per year. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for unlimited visits per year • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for a combined total of 45 visits per year for physical, speech, occupational and respiratory therapy • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible. Precertification applies. • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible • Covered at 50%, subject to the deductible, for up to 10 visits per year • Covered at 80%, subject to the deductible for accidental injury to sound, natural teeth and for care due to congenital disease or anomaly • Routine exams not covered |

Coverage wherever you go with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield

All you have to do is show your ID card to any BlueCross BlueShield participating hospital or doctor anywhere in the country and you're covered. At the special negotiated rate, with no paperwork. That's the BlueCard® program.

BlueCard brings you:

- Freedom to choose any provider (85% of the hospitals and physicians in the U.S.)
- BlueCross BlueShield provider network discounts
- Customer service online and toll-free
- No claim forms with network providers
- An ID card recognized worldwide while traveling
- Coverage for kids who are away from home

It's so easy to use.

Choose the physician, specialist, or hospital you want to use by calling 1 (800) 810-BLUE (2583) or visiting excellusbcbs.com. Then just show your BlueCross BlueShield ID card when you arrive.

To make it even easier, network providers bill us directly. You can also see providers outside the network. Your share of costs will probably be higher, but you have the freedom to choose.

Two ways your coverage travels with you.

As a BlueCross BlueShield member, you have access to health benefits across the country whether you're taking a quick trip or staying long term. Here's how it works:

- If you're traveling, the BlueCard program gives you access to doctors and hospitals almost everywhere. In an emergency, you should go directly to the nearest emergency room. For all other types of needed care, just call your Primary Care Physician (PCP) back at home for instruction on what to do.
- If you are away from home for more than 90 days, you can use the Guest Membership benefit through Away From Home Care®. Guest Membership is a temporary enrollment that enables members who are living away from home to receive benefits including individual, routine and preventive services. It provides you and your family with the peace of mind of accessible

health care. Perfect for any covered family member attending school out of state, located in a different service area on a long-term work assignment or retirees with dual residence (excludes Medicare). For eligibility information and specific locations where the Guest Membership benefit is available, please contact our Customer Service Department.

Learn more about the BlueCard program

You can call toll-free, within the United States, at 1 (800) 810-BLUE or, for international calls, 1 (804) 673-1177, day or night, and get information on doctors and hospitals around the world.

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AUTHORIZATION TO SHARE MY PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

Making HIPAA as Easy as 1, 2, 3 — and 4, 5, 6!

Five Letters That Protect Your Privacy: Your privacy has always been very important to us and the federal government recently created HIPAA laws to protect how and when your health care and personal information can be shared.

If you'd like us to share information about you with people or other organizations, please complete this form. This includes sharing information with a spouse, friend, or even a parent if you are over the age 18. Giving your consent to share your personal information is as easy as 1, 2, 3 — and 4, 5, 6 by completing the six sections of this brief form. For your convenience, you can use this form to authorize our disclosure of your information to more than one person. However, each person you identify will have the same access to your information. If you would like each person to access *different* information or to have access to your information for a *different* period of time, you'll need to complete separate forms for each individual or time period. A little extra paperwork, but protecting your privacy is worth a few minutes of your time! Please remember that to provide you with quality service, we will continue to communicate our payment activities in connection with your claims, your enrollment in our health plan or your eligibility for benefits to providers of care involved in your treatment.

Important Note: There are state and federal laws that contain special protections for certain conditions. These conditions are genetic testing, alcohol or substance abuse, mental health, abortion, sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS. If you would like us to share information with other people or organizations on one of these protected diagnoses, please clearly state this below in step 2 in the second option regarding specific information. In order for us to release information about a minor regarding abortion, sexually transmitted diseases or substance abuse, the minor must complete the authorization — even to disclose information to a parent. If you would like to authorize us to release information regarding HIV/AIDS, a different form needs to be completed. We ask that you contact our office at the telephone number on your identification card, or visit our web site for this form at: excellusbcbs.com. Go to the *Members* area and click on *Print Forms*.

Your authorization is completely voluntary and you don't have to sign this form. We will not condition our payment activities in connection with your claims, your enrollment in our health plan or your eligibility for benefits on you giving this authorization. If additional forms are needed, you may copy this form, visit our web site at: excellusbcbs.com and print or complete the form online, or contact our office at the telephone number listed on your identification card.

- ☐ Please check here if you would like to authorize access to psychotherapy notes. If this box is checked, then this authorization cannot be used for another reason. If checked, steps 2 and 3 below can be skipped.

Please be sure to provide us with all of the following information.

Step 1: Tell Us Who You Are:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Member ID Number(s) as listed on your identification card(s): _____

Birth Date: ____/____/____

Step 2: Tell Us Why You'd Like Us to Share Your Information:

So Excellus BlueCross BlueShield can:

- ☐ Respond to all requests for confidential information about me made by the individual(s) or organization(s) I list below.
- ☐ Respond to requests for only the following specific information (such as claims submitted by a specific provider or information related to one of the protected diagnosis listed above).

Please specify _____

- ☐ Respond to inquiries related to a specific date of service:

Please specify _____

Step 3: Tell Us What Specific Information You'd Like Us to Share: Please list the specific protected health information you wish us to disclose. **Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ My claim information (e.g., status, type of service, diagnosis, provider, dates of service, etc.)
- ☐ My membership information (e.g., coverage information, enrollment dates, eligibility, address, dates of birth, etc.)
- ☐ My benefit information (e.g., benefits available, benefits used, contract limits, etc.)
- ☐ My medical records (e.g., physician or hospital records, case management, etc.)
- ☐ Other information (please specify): _____
- ☐ Please exclude the following information: _____

Step 4: Tell Us With Whom You'd Like Us to Share Your Information: Please list the person(s) and/or organization with whom you want us to share the information you described above. Please remember if you'd like us to share information with more than one person, the information to be disclosed and the expiration date must be the same for each person.

Name/Organization

Address

Step 5: Tell Us When You'd Like Us to Share Your Information:

Please share my protected health information during the time period(s) below:

- ☐ Until Excellus BlueCross BlueShield completes the activities outlined in section 2.
- ☐ Until I send Excellus BlueCross BlueShield a form canceling my authorization.
- ☐ From ____/____/____ through ____/____/____.

Step 6 (the last one!): Please Give Us Your Signature:

To give Excellus BlueCross BlueShield your consent to share the protected health information noted above, please print your name on the line below and then provide your signature and today's date.

I, (please print name here) _____, have had full opportunity to read and consider the contents of this authorization. I understand that, by signing this form, I confirm my authorization for the use, request and release of my confidential member information as described in this form. I understand that I may cancel this authorization at any time by completing an authorization revocation form and sending it to the address below. I also understand that the revocation of this authorization will not take effect until Excellus BlueCross BlueShield receives my authorization cancellation form.

I understand that, if the person(s) or organization(s) I authorize to receive information described in this form is not a health plan, covered provider or health care clearinghouse subject to federal health information privacy laws, s/he may further disclose the information and it may no longer be protected by those laws.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Member or Personal Representative)

If this request is by a personal representative on behalf of our member, please give us the following information:

Personal Representative's Name: *(please print)* _____

Description of Personal Representative's Authority (a power of attorney, legal guardian or state executor):

Please note: Personal representatives must provide legal proof of representation, such as power of attorney documentation.

Please complete and return this form to:

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield
P.O. Box 22999
Rochester, NY 14692
FAX: 1-315-671-7079

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS

Health plan terms

To help you better understand our plans and your coverage, here are a few definitions* for frequently used health care terms.

Primary Care Physician (PCP)—A doctor who serves as your health care manager and coordinates virtually all of the health care services you routinely receive. Some plans do not require you to choose a PCP.

Referral—Instructions provided by a PCP for specialty care. Most plans do not require referrals.

In-network coverage—The coverage available when you receive services from a provider who participates in your health plan.

Out-of-network coverage—The coverage available when you receive services from a provider who does not participate in your health plan. Some plans may not include out-of-network coverage.

Out-of-area—Describes when you receive services while outside the geographic service area of your health plan. Your plan benefits may differ if you live or work beyond the geographic service area.

Copay—A dollar amount due at the time you receive certain services. A typical example would be an office visit copay due when visiting your physician's office for treatment.

Allowed Amount—The maximum amount your health plan will pay for a specific service. In-network providers agree to accept the allowed amount as payment in full.

Coinsurance—A cost-sharing method that requires you pay a portion of the allowed amount for certain medical services.

Deductible—A set dollar amount you pay for covered services you receive before your insurer will make a payment.

Out-of-pocket maximum—The maximum amount of deductible and coinsurance payments that you will pay for health services each calendar year.

*Some definitions may vary slightly by plan. In case of a conflict between your legal plan documents and this information, the plan documents will govern.

Excellus BlueCross BlueShield makes finding the information and support you need easier—resources, savings, and tools are available online 24/7.

- Find a doctor or specialist online while you're home or far away.
- Get instant access to StepUp, our FREE fitness and nutrition program.
- Research over 6,000 health topics.
- Get great member discounts and valuable information you can use all year long with Blue365®



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