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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 [excellusbcbcs.com](http://excellusbcbcs.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 [excellusbcbcs.com](http://excellusbcbcs.com) and Member Services.

## Classic Blue

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### Plan features

Primary Care Physician (PCP)	No copay, office visit covered subject to deductible and coinsurance
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

### Plan cost-sharing highlights

Office visit copay (Primary Care Physician)	No copay, office visit covered subject to deductible and coinsurance
Office visit copay (Specialist)	No copay, office visit covered subject to deductible and coinsurance
Coinsurance	20%, enhanced benefits only, unless noted
Deductible	\$100 individual / \$200 family, enhanced benefits only
Out of pocket maximum	\$400 individual / \$800 family, enhanced benefits only
Lifetime maximum	None

**Questions?** Call Member Services at 1 (800) 499-1275, call our TTY phone at 1 (877) 398-2282, or visit us at [excellusbcbs.com](http://excellusbcbs.com) or [excellusbcbs.com/national](http://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 [excellusbcb.com/Blue365](http://excellusbcb.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.excellusbcb.com/Blue365](http://www.excellusbcb.com/Blue365). The content, tools and discounted offers available through Blue365 are subject to change. Please visit [excellusbcb.com/Blue365](http://excellusbcb.com/Blue365) for the most current program details.

Type of Care/Plan Benefits	Coverage
<p><b>Plan features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Primary Care Physician (PCP)</li> <li>. Referrals</li> <li>. Out of network benefits</li> <li>. Out of area benefits</li> <li>. Student/Dependent coverage</li> <li>. Domestic partner</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan cost-sharing highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Office visit copay (Primary Care Physician)</li> <li>. Office visit copay (Specialist)</li> <li>. Coinsurance</li> <li>. Deductible</li> <li>. Out of pocket maximum</li> <li>. Lifetime maximum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. No copay, office visit covered subject to deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>. Not required</li> <li>. Covered</li> <li>. Coverage provided worldwide through the BlueCard program.</li> <li>. Qualified dependents and students are covered to age 26.</li> <li>. Covered</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. No copay, office visit covered subject to deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>. No copay, office visit covered subject to deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>. 20%, enhanced benefits only, unless noted</li> <li>. \$100 individual / \$200 family, enhanced benefits only</li> <li>. \$400 individual / \$800 family, enhanced benefits only</li> <li>. None</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Wellness Incentive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Stay healthy with great programs and incentives!</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive Health Care Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Well child visits</li> <li>. Adult routine physical exams</li> <li>. Adult immunizations</li> <li>. Mammography</li> <li>. Pap smear</li> <li>. Routine GYN exam</li> <li>. Prostate cancer screening</li> <li>. Routine vision</li> <li>. Colonoscopy</li> <li>. New York State women’s preventative services mandate</li> </ul> <p><b>Physician Office Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Diagnostic office visits</li> <li>. Diagnostic x-rays</li> <li>. Diagnostic laboratory and pathology</li> <li>. Allergy tests</li> <li>. Allergy injections</li> <li>. Chemotherapy</li> <li>. Radiation therapy</li> </ul> <p><b>Maternity Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Prenatal Care</li> <li>. Hospital care for mom (including delivery)</li> <li>. Newborn nursery care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Blue365 - Take advantage of exclusive discounts on health and wellness products and services, including fitness, exercise, nutrition, elective procedures and hearing aids.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full for 1 exam per year</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Not covered</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered effective 1/1/13</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Subject to deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Subject to deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>. Subject to the deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> <li>. Covered in full</li> </ul>

Type of Care/Plan Benefits	Coverage
<p><b>Prescription Drug</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short-term and maintenance drugs</li> </ul> <p><b>Inpatient Hospital Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital benefits</li> <li>• Physician visits in the hospital</li> <li>• Inpatient physical rehabilitation</li> <li>• Surgery</li> <li>• Anesthesia</li> </ul> <p><b>Emergency Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency room care</li> <li>• Freestanding urgent care center</li> <li>• Ambulance</li> </ul> <p><b>Outpatient Hospital Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic x-rays</li> <li>• Diagnostic laboratory and pathology</li> <li>• Surgical care</li> <li>• Chemotherapy</li> <li>• Radiation therapy</li> </ul> <p><b>Mental Health and Chemical Dependence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inpatient mental health care</li> <li>• Outpatient mental health care</li> <li>• Inpatient chemical dependence</li> <li>• Outpatient chemical dependence</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetic insulin and supplies</li> <li>• Skilled nursing facility</li> <li>• Home care</li> <li>• Hospice</li> <li>• Outpatient therapy</li> <li>• Durable medical equipment</li> <li>• External prosthetics</li> <li>• Chiropractic</li> <li>• Acupuncture</li> <li>• Dental</li> <li>• Hearing</li> <li>• New York State autism spectrum disorder mandate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not covered</li> <li>• Covered in full for unlimited days</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full, limited to 30 days per year. Subject to no deductible and coinsurance after basic benefits have exhausted for unlimited days</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full for unlimited days</li> <li>• Covered in full</li> <li>• Covered in full for unlimited days</li> <li>• Covered in full for unlimited visits</li> <li>• Subject to Deductible/Coinsurance</li> <li>• Covered in full for 45 days under basic hospital; Subject to no deductible and coinsurance after basic benefits have exhausted for unlimited days</li> <li>• Covered in full for up to 60 visits per year. Subject to deductible and coinsurance after basic benefits have exhausted for up to 325 visits per year</li> <li>• Covered in full for unlimited days</li> <li>• Subject to deductible and coinsurance, unlimited visits</li> <li>• Subject to deductible and 20% coinsurance</li> <li>• Subject to deductible and 20% coinsurance</li> <li>• Subject to deductible and coinsurance</li> <li>• Not covered</li> <li>• Not Covered</li> <li>• Not covered</li> <li>• Covered effective 1/1/13</li> </ul>

This is not a contract. It is intended to highlight the coverage of this program. Benefits are determined by the terms of the contract. All benefits are subject to medical necessity. These benefits should not be interpreted as pre-approval of services. Certain services may be subject to additional requirements described in the member's insurance policy. Payment of claims related to these benefits are subject to the member's eligibility on the date of service and the resolution of any other outstanding claims. The member is responsible for payment of a copay, deductible, coinsurance or any combination based on plan design. Preventive Services coverage required by the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act may not be quoted herein. Please refer to the Services Task Force list of items and services rated "A" or "B" that are covered pursuant to the Federal Protection and Affordable Care Act requirements. Benefits herein are subject to change as a result of efforts to implement federal health care reform and mental health and substance abuse care parity initiative. There may be additional coverage for biologically-based mental illness and for children with serious emotional disturbances as defined by Timothy's Law.

## 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 [excellusbcb.com](http://excellusbcb.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: [excellusbcs.com](http://excellusbcs.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: [excellusbcs.com](http://excellusbcs.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.

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

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### **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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