BlueCross BlueShield

SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

BLUE CARE ELECT $250 DEDUCTIBLE

Brandeis University Students

Plan-Year Deductible: $250

Student Health Plan
2026 – 2027

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This health plan meets Minimum Creditable Coverage Standards for Massachusetts residents that went into effect January 1, 2014, as part of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law.

YOUR CHOICE

Your Deductible
Your deductible is the amount of money you pay out-of-pocket each plan year before you can receive coverage for certain benefits under this plan. If you are not sure when your plan year begins, contact Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Your deductibles are **$250** per member for in-network services and **$500** per member for out-of-network services.

When You Choose Preferred Providers
You receive the highest level of benefits under your health care plan when you obtain covered services from preferred providers. These are called your "in-network" benefits. See the charts for your cost share.

Note: If a preferred provider refers you to another provider for covered services (such as a lab or specialist), make sure the provider is a preferred provider in order to receive benefits at the in-network level. If the provider you are referred to is not a preferred provider, you are still covered, but your benefits, in most situations, will be covered at the out-of-network level, even if the preferred provider refers you.

How to Find a Preferred Provider
To find a preferred provider:

- Look up a provider on Find a Doctor at **bluecrossma.com/findadoctor**. If you need a copy of your directory or help choosing a provider, call the Member Service number on your ID card.
- Visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at **bluecrossma.org/studentbluema**

When You Choose Non-Preferred Providers
You can also obtain covered services from non-preferred providers, but your out-of-pocket costs are higher. These are called your "out-of-network" benefits. See the charts for your cost share.

Payments for out-of-network benefits are based on the Blue Cross Blue Shield allowed charge as defined in your subscriber certificate. You may be responsible for any difference between the allowed charge and the provider's actual billed charge (this is in addition to your deductible and/or your coinsurance).

Your Out-of-Pocket Maximum
Your out-of-pocket maximum is the most that you could pay during a plan year for deductible, copayments, and coinsurance for covered services. Your out-of-pocket maximum for medical benefits is **$2,000** per member (or **$4,000** per family) for in-network and out-of-network services combined. Your out-of-pocket maximum for prescription drug benefits is **$1,000** per member (or **$2,000** per family).

Emergency Room Services
In an emergency, such as a suspected heart attack, stroke, or poisoning, you should go directly to the nearest medical facility or call **911** (or the local emergency phone number). You pay a copayment per visit for in-network or out-of-network emergency room services. The copayment is waived if you are admitted to the hospital or for an observation stay. See the chart for your cost share.

Telehealth Services
Telehealth services are covered when the same in-person service would be covered by the health plan and the use of telehealth is appropriate. Your health care provider will work with you to determine if a telehealth visit is medically appropriate for your health care needs or if an in-person visit is required. For a list of telehealth providers, visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at **bluecrossma.org/studentbluema**, consult Find a Doctor, or call the Member Service number on your ID card.

Your Virtual Care Team
Your health plan includes an option for a tech-enabled primary care delivery model where virtual care team covered providers furnish certain covered services. See your subscriber certificate (and riders, if any) for exact coverage details.

Utilization Review Requirements
Certain services require **pre-approval/prior authorization** through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts for you to have benefit coverage; this includes non-emergency and non-maternity hospitalization and may include certain outpatient services, therapies, procedures, and drugs. You should work with your health care provider to determine if pre-approval is required for any service your provider is suggesting. If your provider, or you, don't get pre-approval when it's required, your benefits will be denied, and you may be fully responsible for payment to the provider of the service. Refer to your subscriber certificate for requirements and the process you should follow for Utilization Review, including Pre-Admission Review, Pre-Service Approval, Concurrent Review and Discharge Planning, and Individual Case Management.

Dependent Benefits
This plan covers dependents until the end of the calendar month in which they turn age 26, regardless of their financial dependency, student status, or employment status. See your subscriber certificate (and riders, if any) for exact coverage details.

Covered Services	Your Cost In-Network	Your Cost Out-of-Network
Preventive Care		
Well-child care exams, including routine tests, according to age-based schedule as follows: • Ten visits during the first year of life • Three visits during the second year of life (age 1 to age 2) • Two visits for age 2 • One visit per calendar year for age 3 and older	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Routine adult physical exams, including related tests (one per calendar year)	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Routine GYN exams, including related lab tests (one per calendar year)	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Mental health wellness exams (at least one per calendar year)	Nothing, no deductible	Nothing, no deductible
Routine hearing exams, including routine tests (one per calendar year)	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Hearing aids (up to $2,000 per ear every 36 months for a member age 21 or younger)	All charges beyond the maximum, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible and all charges beyond the maximum
Routine vision exams (one every 24 months, except one every 12 months until the end of the month a member turns age 19)	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Vision supplies (one set of prescription lenses and/or frames or contact lenses per calendar year until the end of the month a member turns age 19)	35% coinsurance after deductible	55% coinsurance after deductible
Family planning services—office visits	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient Care		
Emergency room visits	$150 per visit, no deductible (waived if admitted or for an observation stay)	$150 per visit, no deductible (waived if admitted or for an observation stay)
Office or health center visits, when performed by: • A family or general practitioner, internist, OB/GYN physician, pediatrician, geriatric specialist, nurse midwife, limited services clinic, multi-specialty provider group, or by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as primary care • Other covered providers, including a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as specialty care	$20 per visit, no deductible $40 per visit, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible 20% coinsurance after deductible
Mental health or substance use treatment	$20 per visit, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Outpatient telehealth services • With a covered provider • With the in-network designated telehealth vendor	Same as in-person visit $20 per visit, no deductible	Same as in-person visit Only applicable in-network
Chiropractors' office visits	$40 per visit, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Acupuncture visits (up to 12 visits per calendar year)	$40 per visit, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Short-term rehabilitation therapy—physical and occupational (up to 60 visits for rehabilitation services and 60 visits for habilitation services per calendar year*)	$40 per visit, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Speech, hearing, and language disorder treatment—speech therapy	$40 per visit, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Diagnostic x-rays and lab tests	Nothing, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, and nuclear cardiac imaging tests	$75 per category per service date, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Home health care and hospice services	Nothing after deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Oxygen and equipment for its administration	Nothing after deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Durable medical equipment—such as wheelchairs, crutches, hospital beds	Nothing after deductible**	20% coinsurance after deductible
Prosthetic devices	Nothing after deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible
Surgery and related anesthesia in an office or health center, when performed by: • A family or general practitioner, internist, OB/GYN physician, pediatrician, geriatric specialist, nurse midwife, multi-specialty provider group, or by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as primary care • Other covered providers, including a physician assistant or nurse practitioner designated as specialty care	$20 per visit***, no deductible $40 per visit***, no deductible	20% coinsurance after deductible 20% coinsurance after deductible
Surgery and related anesthesia in an ambulatory surgical facility, hospital outpatient department, or surgical day care unit	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Inpatient Care (including maternity care)		
General or chronic disease hospital care (as many days as medically necessary)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Mental hospital or substance use facility care (as many days as medically necessary)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Rehabilitation hospital care (up to 60 days per calendar year)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible
Skilled nursing facility care (up to 100 days per calendar year)	20% coinsurance after deductible	40% coinsurance after deductible

* No visit limit applies when short-term rehabilitation therapy is furnished as part of covered home health care or for the treatment of autism spectrum disorders or Down syndrome.
** Cost share waived for one breast pump per birth, including supplies.
*** Copayment waived for restorative dental services and orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy for members under age 18 to treat conditions of cleft lip and cleft palate.

Covered Services	Your Cost In-Network	Your Cost Out-of-Network
Prescription Drug Benefits*		
At designated retail pharmacies (up to a 30-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)**	No deductible $10 for Tier 1 $40 for Tier 2 $65 for Tier 3 $75 for Tier 4	Not covered
Through the designated mail service pharmacy (up to a 90-day formulary supply for each prescription or refill)**	No deductible $20 for Tier 1 $80 for Tier 2 $130 for Tier 3 $225 for Tier 4	Not covered

* Generally, Tier 1 refers to low-cost generic drugs; Tier 2 refers to other generic drugs; Tier 3 refers to preferred brand-name drugs; Tier 4 refers to non-preferred brand-name drugs.
** Cost share may be waived, reduced, or increased for certain covered drugs and supplies. Retail drugs are available in a 90-day supply at three times the standard retail cost share.

Get the Most from Your Plan: Visit us at bluecrossma.org/studentbluema or call 1-888-753-6615 to learn about discounts, savings, resources, and special programs available to you, like the one listed below.

24/7 Nurse Line: Speak to a registered nurse, day or night, to get immediate guidance and advice. Call 1-888-247-BLUE (2583). No additional charge.

QUESTIONS?

For questions about Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, call 1-888-753-6615, or visit us online at bluecrossma.org/studentbluema.

Limitations and Exclusions. These pages summarize the benefits of your health care plan. Your subscriber certificate and riders define the full terms and conditions in greater detail. Should any questions arise concerning benefits, the subscriber certificate and riders will govern. Some of the services not covered are: cosmetic surgery; custodial care; most dental care; and any services covered by workers' compensation. For a complete list of limitations and exclusions, refer to your subscriber certificate and riders.

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PEDIATRIC ESSENTIAL DENTAL BENEFITS

Your health plan coverage includes a dental policy that covers pediatric dental services as required under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

This separate dental policy covers pediatric essential dental benefits for members until the end of the calendar month in which they turn age 19 as required by federal law.

You must meet a plan-year deductible for certain covered dental services. Your deductible is **$50** per member (no more than **$150** for three or more members enrolled under the same family membership).

Your out-of-pocket maximum is the most that you could pay during a plan year for deductible and coinsurance for covered dental services. Your out-of-pocket maximum is **$350** per member (no more than **$700** for two or more members enrolled under the same family membership).

To find participating dental providers, visit the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts website at **bluecrossma.com/findadoctor** or call the Member Service number on your ID card.

Pediatric Essential Dental Benefits*	Your Cost In-Network**
Group 1: Preventive and Diagnostic Services: oral exams, X-rays, and routine dental care	Nothing, no deductible
Group 2: Basic Restorative Services: fillings, root canals, stainless steel crowns, periodontal care, oral surgery, and dental prosthetic maintenance	25% coinsurance after deductible
Group 3: Major Restorative Services: tooth replacement, resin crowns, and occlusal guards	50% coinsurance after deductible
Orthodontic Services: medically necessary orthodontic care pre-authorized for a qualified member	50% coinsurance, no deductible

* All covered services are limited to members until the end of the month they turn age 19, and may be subject to an age-based schedule or frequency. For a complete list of covered services or additional information, refer to your subscriber certificate.

** There are no out-of-network benefits for dental services.

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- Free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print or other formats).
- Free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

If you need these services, call Member Service at the number on your ID card.

If you believe that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity, you can file a grievance with the Civil Rights Coordinator by mail at Civil Rights Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, 25 Technology Place, Hingham, MA 02043; phone at **1-800-472-2689 (TTY: 711)**; fax at **1-617-246-3616**; or email at **civilrightscoordinator@bcbsma.com**.

If you need help filing a grievance, the Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, online at **ocrportal.hhs.gov**; by mail at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201; by phone at **1-800-368-1019** or **1-800-537-7697 (TDD)**.

Complaint forms are available at **hhs.gov**.

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PROFICIENCY OF LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Spanish/Español: ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma. Llame al número de Servicio al Cliente que figura en su tarjeta de identificación (TTY: **711**).

Portuguese/Português: ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, são-lhe disponibilizados gratuitamente serviços de assistência de idiomas. Telefone para os Serviços aos Membros, através do número no seu cartão ID (TTY: **711**).

Chinese/简体中文: 注意：如果您讲中文，我们可向您免费提供语言协助服务。请拨打您 ID 卡上的号码联系会员服务部（TTY 号码：**711**）。

Haitian Creole/Kreyòl Ayisyen: ATANSYON: Si ou pale kreyòl ayisyen, sèvis asistans nan lang disponib pou ou gratis. Rele nimewo Sèvis Manm nan ki sou kat Idantitifkasyon w lan (Sèvis pou Malantandan TTY: **711**).

Vietnamese/Tiếng Việt: LƯU Ý: Nếu quý vị nói Tiếng Việt, các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ được cung cấp cho quý vị miễn phí. Gọi cho Dịch vụ Hội viên theo số trên thẻ ID của quý vị (TTY: **711**).

Russian/Русский: ВНИМАНИЕ: если Вы говорите по-русски, Вы можете воспользоваться бесплатными услугами переводчика. Позвоните в отдел обслуживания клиентов по номеру, указанному в Вашей идентификационной карте (телетайп: **711**).

Arabic/عربية:

انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث اللغة العربية، فتتوفر خدمات المساعدة اللغوية مجانًا بالنسبة لك. اتصل بخدمات الأعضاء على الرقم الموجود على بطاقة هُويتك (جهاز الهاتف النصي للصم والبكم "TTY": **711**).

Mon-Khmer, Cambodian/ខ្មែរ: ការជូនដំណឹង៖ ប្រសិនបើអ្នកនិយាយភាសា ខ្មែរ សេវាជំនួយភាសាឥតគិតថ្លៃ គឺអាចរកបានសម្រាប់អ្នក។ សូមទូរស័ព្ទទៅផ្នែកសេវាសមាជិកតាមលេខនៅលើប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់ខ្លួនរបស់អ្នក (TTY: **711**)។

French/Français: ATTENTION : si vous parlez français, des services d'assistance linguistique sont disponibles gratuitement. Appelez le Service adhérents au numéro indiqué sur votre carte d'assuré (TTY : **711**).

Italian/Italiano: ATTENZIONE: se parlate italiano, sono disponibili per voi servizi gratuiti di assistenza linguistica. Chiamate il Servizio per i membri al numero riportato sulla vostra scheda identificativa (TTY: **711**).

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Greek/Ελληνικά: ΠΡΟΣΟΧΗ: Εάν μιλάτε Ελληνικά, διατίθενται για σας υπηρεσίες γλωσσικής βοήθειας, δωρεάν. Καλέστε την Υπηρεσία Εξυπηρέτησης Μελών στον αριθμό της κάρτας μέλους σας (ID Card) (TTY: **711**).

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Hindi/हिंदी: ध्यान दें: यदि आप हिन्दी बोलते हैं, तो भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ, आप के लिए नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। सदस्य सेवाओं को आपके आई.डी. कार्ड पर दिए गए नंबर पर कॉल करें (टी.टी.वाई.: **711**).

Gujarati/ગુજરાતી: ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હો, તો તમને ભાષાકીય સહાયતા સેવાઓ વિના મૂલ્યે ઉપલબ્ધ છે. તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ પર આપેલા નંબર પર Member Service ને કૉલ કરો (TTY: **711**).

Tagalog/Tagalog: PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng wikang Tagalog, mayroon kang magagamit na mga libreng serbisyo para sa tulong sa wika. Tawagan ang Mga Serbisyo sa Miyembro sa numerong nasa iyong ID Card (TTY: **711**).

Japanese/日本語: お知らせ：日本語をお話しになる方は無料の言語アシスタンスサービスをご利用いただけます。IDカードに記載の電話番号を使用してメンバーサービスまでお電話ください（TTY: **711**）。

German/Deutsch: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsche sprechen, steht Ihnen kostenlos fremdsprachliche Unterstützung zur Verfügung. Rufen Sie den Mitgliederdienst unter der Nummer auf Ihrer ID-Karte an (TTY: **711**).

Persian/پارسیان:
توج: اگر زبان شما فارسی است، خدمات کمک زبانی ب صورت رایگان در اختیار شما قرار می گیرد. با شمار تلفن مندرج بر روی کارت شناسایی خود با بخش «خدمات اعضا» تماس بگیرید (TTY: **711**).

Lao/ພາສາລາວ: ຂໍ້ຄວນໃສ່ໃຈ: ຖ້າເຈົ້າເວົ້າພາສາລາວໄດ້, ມີການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາໃຫ້ທ່ານໂດຍບໍເສຍຄ່າ. ໂທຫາຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກທີ່ໝາຍເລກໂທລະສັບຢູ່ໃນບັດຂອງທ່ານ (TTY: **711**).

Navajo/Diné Bizaad: BAA ÁKOHWIINDZIN DOOÍGÍ: Diné k'ehjí yáníłt'i'go saad bee yát'i' éí t'áájíík'e bee níká'a'doowołgo éí ná'ahoot'i'. Díí bee anítahígí ninaaltsoos bine'dééʼ nóomba biká'ígíiji' béésh bee hodíílnih (TTY: **711**).

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