

Essentials by MESSA

Medical plan highlights



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MESSA Account: Fowler Public Schools

Employee Group: All Eligible Employees

In-network health care benefits for you and your covered dependents

All services must be **medically necessary** and performed by a payable provider.

This is a brief summary of in-network benefits. If you obtain medical services from an out-of-network provider without a referral from an in-network provider, you may have to pay 100 percent of the cost or the applicable out-of-network cost share amounts. For coverage details, go to messa.org to log in to your member account or call the MESSA Member Service Center at 800.336.0013 or TTY 888.445.5614.

Plan features	In-network
Annual deductible The amount you pay for health care services before your health insurance begins to pay. If one member of the family meets the individual deductible, but the family deductible has not been met, MESSA will pay for covered services for that member only. Covered services for the remaining family members will be paid when the family deductible has been met. The annual deductible is based on the calendar year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	\$375 individual/\$750 family
Medical copayment A fixed amount you pay for a medical visit.	\$10 Blue Cross online visit, \$25 office visit, \$50 specialist visit, \$50 urgent care, \$200 emergency room
Medical coinsurance A fixed percentage you pay for a medical service.	20%
Prescription drug coverage Subject to prescription copayments and coinsurance.	Essentials by MESSA
Annual out-of-pocket maximums The most you have to pay for covered medical services and prescriptions in a calendar year, including deductible, copayments and coinsurance. Charges above approved amount and charges for services not covered under the plan do not count toward the out-of-pocket maximum.	\$9450 individual/\$18900 family
Covered service	In-network cost share
Preventive care Certain services such as annual exams, screenings, childhood and adult immunizations and certain preventive medications.	No cost to you
Prenatal and postnatal care Prenatal and postnatal doctor visits.	
Blue Cross online visit	Subject to deductible and Blue Cross online visit copayment
Office visit e.g. primary care physician, obstetrics and gynecology and pediatric visits	Subject to deductible and office visit copayment
Specialist visit	Subject to deductible and specialist visit copayment
Urgent care	Subject to deductible and urgent care copayment
Hospital emergency room (ER) Copayment waived if admitted or due to an accidental injury.	Subject to deductible and emergency room copayment
Chiropractic and Osteopathic manipulations Up to a combined 12 visits per calendar year.	Subject to deductible and office visit copayment
Allergy testing and therapy	Subject to deductible and coinsurance Specialist visit copayment may apply

Covered service	In-network cost share
Mental health and substance abuse - outpatient care	Subject to deductible and coinsurance Office visit copayment may apply
Mental health and substance abuse - inpatient care	Subject to deductible and coinsurance
Inpatient hospital	
Outpatient physical, occupational and speech therapy Up to a combined benefit maximum of 30 visits per individual per calendar year, including massage therapy performed by a chiropractor.	
Diagnostic lab and X-ray	
Radiation and chemotherapy	
Autism - applied behavior analysis (ABA) services	
Hearing care Hearing related services performed by an M.D., D.O. or an audiologist (AUD) performing for the audiogram hearing evaluation and testing.	
Ambulance	
Medical supplies	
Durable medical equipment (DME) Must be obtained from a payable DME provider.	
Prosthetics and orthotics	
Home health care	
Skilled nursing facility Up to a maximum of 120 days per calendar year.	
Human organ transplant Must be performed at an approved facility.	
Home delivery of prescription medications	
MESSA members can save time and money by ordering prescription medications through the OptumRx mail order pharmacy. For more information, go to messa.org to log in to your member account and link to the OptumRx website. For general questions about your prescription coverage, call MESSA at 800.336.0013 or TTY 888.445.5614. For questions about a prescription order, call OptumRx at 800.903.8346.	
Medical care outside the U.S.	
MESSA members have access to doctors and hospitals with the BCBS Global Core program. You may want to visit the BCBS Global Core program's website (www.bcbsglobalcore.com) to find in-network providers prior to your departure.	
Covered services and approved amounts	
In-network providers bill BCBSM directly. Payments for covered services are based on BCBSM's approved amounts. Your liability is limited to the plan deductible, copayment and coinsurance requirements.	
Out-of-network providers may or may not bill BCBSM directly. The member is responsible to the provider for any deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and amounts that are in excess of the approved amount for the services as predetermined by MESSA and BCBSM. These amounts may be substantial.	
<i>Medical benefits underwritten by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (BCBSM) & 4 Ever Life Insurance Company. BCBSM is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.</i>	
Life and accidental death & dismemberment insurance	
Life insurance: \$5,000 policy for you.	
Accidental death & dismemberment insurance (AD&D): \$5,000 policy for you.	
AD&D terminates at age 65 or when employment ends, whichever comes later. <i>Life and AD&D insurance underwritten by Life Insurance Company of North America.</i>	