



# Summary of Benefits

for **Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)**

**Available in: Bronx County**

**Plan year: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017**

In this section, you'll learn about some of the services we cover, what you'll pay for those services and other important details to help you choose the right Medicare Advantage plan for you. While the benefit information provided does not list every service that we cover or list every limitation or exclusion, you can get a complete list of those services. Just give us a call and ask for the *Evidence of Coverage*.

**Have questions? Here's how to reach us and our hours of operation:**

- If you **are not** a member of this plan, please call toll free **1-800-809-7328** (TTY: **711**), and follow the instructions to be connected to a representative.
- If you **are** a member of this plan, call our toll-free Customer Service number at **1-800-499-9554** (TTY: **711**).
- **8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week (except Thanksgiving and Christmas) from October 1 through February 14, and Monday to Friday (except holidays) from February 15 through September 30.**
- You can learn more about us on our website at **[www.empireblue.com/shop](http://www.empireblue.com/shop)**.

# What you should know about our plan



**Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)** is a Medicare Advantage and prescription drug plan, which includes hospital, medical and prescription drug benefits in one plan. To join this plan, you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, enrolled in Medicare Part B and live in our service area.

**Our service area includes:** NY: Bronx

With this plan, you must use a provider in the plan's network. If you use providers that are not in our network, the plan may not pay for these services.

You can find a doctor in the network online – visit [www.empireblue.com/shop](http://www.empireblue.com/shop) and choose Find a Doctor. *(Be sure to check that the doctor displays as "In-Network" for these plans.)* Or you can call Customer Service and request a copy of the provider directory.

## What do we cover?

- Like all Medicare health plans, we cover everything that Original Medicare covers — Part A (hospital services) and Part B (medical services), plus more. For some of these benefits, you may pay more in our plan than you would in Original Medicare. For others, you may pay less (see benefits section for more details).
- Medicare Part D drugs and Part B drugs (such as chemotherapy and some drugs administered by your provider).
- To see if your drugs are covered, you can view the plan's *Formulary* (list of covered Part D prescription drugs) and any restrictions on our website at [www.empireblue.com/shop](http://www.empireblue.com/shop). Or you can call us for a copy of the *Formulary*.

## What are my drug costs?

Our plan groups each medication into one of six “tiers.” The amount you pay depends on the drug’s tier and what stage of the benefit you have reached (refer to **The four stages of coverage**).

### How to find out what your covered drugs will cost:

**Step 1:** Find your drug on the *Formulary*.

**Step 2:** Next, identify the drug tier.

**Step 3:** Then, go to the Prescription Drug Benefits section further in this booklet to match the tier.

# Can I use any pharmacy to fill my covered prescriptions?



To receive the lowest out-of-pocket costs on your covered Part D drugs, you must generally use a pharmacy in our network. If you use a pharmacy that is not in our network, you may pay more for your covered drugs.

## You may be able to save even more money at pharmacies with preferred cost sharing

We've worked with certain network pharmacies to further reduce prices, so you can save more on your covered drugs. Having available preferred pharmacies does not mean you can't use other pharmacies in our network (*pharmacies with standard cost sharing*), but you may pay more at a pharmacy with standard cost-sharing. Pharmacies with preferred cost-sharing have lower copays and coinsurance amounts for non-specialty drugs than pharmacies with standard cost-sharing.

For a complete listing of network pharmacies, refer to our plan's *Pharmacy Directory* on our website [www.empireblue.com/shop](http://www.empireblue.com/shop) (under *Useful Tools*, select **Find a Pharmacy**). Next to the pharmacy name, you will see a preferred cost-sharing indicator (a ♦ symbol). Or you can give us a call, and we will send you a copy.

# How can I learn more about Medicare or compare my choices with other plans?



- Visit our online Medicare tutorial at <https://www.empireblue.com/medicarebasics/>.
- Refer to your current *Medicare & You* handbook. You can view it online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call Medicare for a copy at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.
- If you want to compare our plan with other Medicare health plans, ask the other plans for their Summary of Benefits booklets. Or you can go online to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and use the Medicare Plan Finder.

Now that you are familiar with how Medicare works and some of the benefits included in our plans, it's time to consider the type of plan you may need. On the following pages, you can review our available plans with varying coverage levels to help you choose the right plan for you.



## Be in the know

Before you continue, here are a few important things to know as you review our available plan options:

- Services with a <sup>1</sup> may require prior authorization.
- Services with a <sup>2</sup> may require a referral from your doctor.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### How much is my premium?

**\$0.00** per month

You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.

### How much is my deductible?

This plan does not have a medical deductible.

**\$250.00** per year for Part D prescription drugs

Drugs listed on **Tier 1: Preferred Generic and Tier 6: Select Care Drugs** are excluded from the Part D deductible

### Is there a limit on how much I will pay for my covered medical services? (does not include Part D drugs)

**\$6,600** per year from in-network providers

Like all Medicare health plans, our plan protects you by having yearly limits on your out-of-pocket costs for medical and hospital care.

Your limit for services received from in-network providers will count toward the yearly limit. If you reach the limit on out-of-pocket costs, you will not have to pay any out-of-pocket costs for the rest of the year for covered in-network Part A and Part B services.

You will still need to pay your monthly premiums (if you have one) and cost sharing for your Part D prescription drugs.

### Inpatient Hospital<sup>1</sup>

#### In-network:

- **Days 1 - 5: \$345 per day, per admission / Days 6 - 90: \$0 per day, per admission**

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Inpatient Hospital<sup>1</sup> - continued

This plan covers unlimited inpatient days.

In-network per day cost-sharing applies to each inpatient admission. (note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost-sharing per day applies).

### Doctor's Office Visits<sup>1,2</sup>

#### Primary care physician visit:

In-network: \$15.00 copay

#### Specialist visit:

In-network: \$45.00 copay

### Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams

#### Preventive care screenings:

In-network: \$0.00 copay

#### Annual physical exam:

In-network: \$0.00 copay

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Preventive Care Screenings and Annual Physical Exams - continued

#### Covered Preventive care screenings:

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening
- Alcohol misuse counseling
- Annual “Wellness” visit
- Bone mass measurement
- Breast cancer screening (mammogram)
- Cardiovascular disease (behavioral therapy)
- Cardiovascular screening
- Cervical and vaginal cancer screening
- Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy, fecal occult blood test, flexible sigmoidoscopy)
- Depression screening
- Diabetes screenings and monitoring
- HIV screening
- Lung cancer screenings
- Medical nutrition therapy services
- Obesity screenings and counseling
- Prostate cancer screenings (PSA)
- Sexually transmitted infections screenings and counseling
- Tobacco use cessation counseling (counseling for people with no sign of tobacco-related disease)
- Vaccines, including flu shots, hepatitis B shots, pneumococcal shots
- “Welcome to Medicare” preventive visit (one-time)

Any additional preventive services approved by Medicare during the contract year will be covered. This plan covers preventive care screenings and annual physical exams at 100% when you use in-network providers.

#### Emergency Care

##### **\$75.00 copay**

This plan offers limited coverage for urgent and emergency care outside of the United States. This plan may provide coverage up to a \$25,000 limit. If the cost of the service exceeds \$25,000, you are responsible for the difference.

#### Urgently Needed Services

##### **\$65.00 copay**



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### **Diagnostic Radiology Services** (such as MRIs, CT scans)<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: \$75.00 - \$150.00 copay**

Costs for these services may vary based on place of service.

### **Diagnostic Tests and Procedures**<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: \$0.00 - \$55.00 copay**

Costs for these services may vary based on place of service.

### **Lab Services**<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: \$0.00 copay**

### **Outpatient X-rays**<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: \$75.00 - \$150.00 copay**

Costs for these services may vary based on place of service.

### **Therapeutic Radiology Services** (such as radiation treatment for cancer)<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: 20% coinsurance**

### **Hearing Services**<sup>1,2</sup>

#### **Medicare covered hearing services**

(Exam to diagnose and treat hearing and balance issues):

**In-network: \$45.00 copay**

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Hearing Services<sup>1,2</sup> - continued

#### Routine hearing services:

This plan covers 1 routine hearing exam(s) and hearing aid fitting / evaluation(s) every year. \$1,250.00 maximum plan benefit for hearing aids every year.

**In-network: \$0.00 copay for routine hearing exam(s). \$0.00 copay for hearing aids.**

### Dental Services

**Medicare covered dental services** (this does not include services in connection with care, treatment, filling, removal or replacement of teeth):

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

#### Preventive dental services:

**This plan covers: 1 oral exam(s) every year, 1 cleaning(s) every year.**

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

#### Comprehensive dental services:

Not Covered

### Vision Services

#### Medicare covered vision services:

**Exam to diagnose and treat diseases and conditions of the eye**

**In-network: \$0.00 - \$45.00 copay**

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### **Vision Services - continued**

#### **Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery**

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

#### **Routine vision services:**

##### **Routine eye exam**

**This plan covers 1 routine eye exam(s) every year.**

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

#### **Routine eye wear**

**This plan covers up to \$100.00 for eye glasses or contact lenses every year.**

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

### **Mental Health Care**

#### **Inpatient visit:<sup>1</sup>**

**In-network: Days 1-4: \$300 per day, per admission / Days 5-90: \$0 per day, per admission**

Our plan covers up to 190 days in a lifetime for inpatient mental health care in a psychiatric hospital. The inpatient hospital care limit does not apply to inpatient mental services provided in a general hospital.

This plan covers unlimited inpatient days.

In-network per day cost-sharing applies to each inpatient admission. (note: transfers to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital is considered a new admission and cost-sharing per day applies).

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Mental Health Care - continued

**Outpatient individual and group therapy visit:**<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-network: \$40.00 copay**

### Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)<sup>1</sup>

**In-network: Days 1 - 20: \$0 per day / Days 21 - 100: \$156 per day**

This plan covers up to 100 days in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

The copays for SNF benefits are based on benefit periods. A benefit period begins the day you're admitted to the hospital or skilled nursing facility and ends when you haven't received any inpatient hospital care or skilled nursing care for 60 days in a row. If you are admitted to an SNF after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. There's no limit to the number of benefit periods.

### Outpatient Rehabilitation<sup>1,2</sup>

**Cardiac (heart) rehab services** (for a maximum of 2 one-hour sessions per day for up to 36 sessions up to 36 weeks):

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

**Pulmonary (lung) rehab services** (for a maximum of 2 one-hour sessions per day for up to 36 sessions):

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

**Occupational therapy visit:**

**In-network: \$30.00 copay**

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Outpatient Rehabilitation<sup>1,2</sup> - continued

**Physical therapy and speech/language therapy visit:**

**In-network: \$30.00 copay**

### Ambulance<sup>1</sup>

**Ground/Water Ambulance:**

**In-network: \$325.00 copay** per trip

**Air Ambulance:**

**In-network: 20% coinsurance** per trip

### Transportation<sup>1</sup>

Not Covered

### Foot Care (*podiatry services*)<sup>1,2</sup>

**Medicare covered podiatry:**

**In-network: \$45.00 copay**

Foot exams and treatment are covered if you have diabetes-related nerve damage and/or meet certain conditions.

**Routine foot care:**

Not Covered

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Medical Equipment/Supplies<sup>1</sup>

**Durable Medical Equipment** (wheelchairs, oxygen, etc.)

**In-network: 20% coinsurance**

**Medical supplies and prosthetic devices** (braces, artificial limbs, etc.)

**In-network: 20% coinsurance**

**Diabetic supplies and services**

**In-network: \$0.00 copay**

### Wellness Programs

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### Medicare Part B Drugs<sup>1</sup>

**In-network: 20% coinsurance**

# The four stages of drug coverage



What you pay for your covered drugs depends, in part, on which coverage stage you are in.



Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>Deductible</b>	<b>Initial Coverage</b>	<b>Coverage Gap</b>	<b>Catastrophic Coverage</b>
<p>If you have a deductible, you will pay <b>100%</b> of your drug cost until your deductible is met. (If you have no deductible, or if a specific drug tier does not apply to the deductible, you will skip to Stage 2.)</p>	<p>You will pay a copay or coinsurance, and your plan pays the rest for your covered drugs</p>	<p>In this stage, you pay a greater share of the costs. It begins after you and your plan have paid a certain amount, which can vary by plan, on covered drugs during Stages 1 and 2. See Stage 2: Initial Coverage below for the exact amount. After you enter the coverage gap, you pay <b>40%</b> of the plan's cost for covered brand-name drugs and <b>51%</b> of the plan's cost for covered generic drugs until your costs total <b>\$4,950</b>. Some plans have additional coverage. See the Coverage Gap section on later pages for details.</p>	<p>In this stage, after your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through your retail pharmacy and through mail order) reach <b>\$4,950</b>, you pay the greater of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>5%</b> of the cost, or</li> <li>• <b>\$3.30</b> copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and a <b>\$8.25</b> copayment for all other drugs.</li> </ul>

**Which coverage stage am I in?**  
 You will get an *Explanation of Benefits* (EOB) each month you fill a prescription. It will show which coverage stage you're in and how close you are to entering the next one.

# Outpatient Prescription Drug Benefits

## How much do I pay for Part D drugs?

### Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

#### Stage 1: Deductible

**\$250.00** deductible per year for Part D prescription drugs

Drugs listed on **Tier 1: Preferred Generic** and **Tier 6: Select Care Drugs** are excluded from the Part D deductible

#### Stage 2: Initial Coverage

After you pay your yearly deductible (if your plan has one), you pay the following until your total yearly drug costs reach **\$3,700**. Total yearly drug costs are the total drug costs paid by both you and our Part D plan.

You may get your drugs at network retail pharmacies and mail-order pharmacies.

You may get drugs from an out-of-network pharmacy, but may pay more than you pay at an in-network pharmacy.

If you reside in a long-term care facility, you pay the same as at a standard retail pharmacy.

#### Stage 2: Initial Coverage - Preferred Retail Cost Sharing

##### Tier 1: Preferred Generic

One-month supply:

**\$3.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$9.00** copay

These drugs are excluded from the deductible.



## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Stage 2: Initial Coverage - Preferred Retail Cost Sharing - continued

#### Tier 2: Generic

One-month supply:  
**\$10.00** copay  
Three-month supply:  
**\$30.00** copay

#### Tier 3: Preferred Brand

One-month supply:  
**\$41.00** copay  
Three-month supply:  
**\$123.00** copay

#### Tier 4: Nonpreferred Drugs

One-month supply:  
**\$95.00** copay  
Three-month supply:  
**\$285.00** copay

#### Tier 5: Specialty Tier

One-month supply:  
**28%** of the cost  
Three-month supply:  
**N/A**

#### Tier 6: Select Care Drugs

One-month supply:  
**\$0.00** copay  
Three-month supply:  
**\$0.00** copay  
These drugs are excluded from the deductible.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Stage 2: Initial Coverage - Standard Retail Cost Sharing

#### Tier 1: Preferred Generic

One-month supply:

**\$8.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$24.00** copay

These drugs are excluded from the deductible.

#### Tier 2: Generic

One-month supply:

**\$15.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$45.00** copay

#### Tier 3: Preferred Brand

One-month supply:

**\$46.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$138.00** copay

#### Tier 4: Nonpreferred Drugs

One-month supply:

**\$100.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$300.00** copay

#### Tier 5: Specialty Tier

One-month supply:

**28%** of the cost

Three-month supply:

**N/A**

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Stage 2: Initial Coverage - Standard Retail Cost Sharing - continued

#### Tier 6: Select Care Drugs

One-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

These drugs are excluded from the deductible.

### Stage 2: Initial Coverage - Standard Mail Order Cost Sharing

#### Tier 1: Preferred Generic

One-month supply:

**\$3.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$9.00**

These drugs are excluded from the deductible.

#### Tier 2: Generic

One-month supply:

**\$10.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$30.00** copay

#### Tier 3: Preferred Brand

One-month supply:

**\$41.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$123.00** copay

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Stage 2: Initial Coverage - Standard Mail Order Cost Sharing - continued

#### Tier 4: Nonpreferred Drugs

One-month supply:

**\$95.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$285.00** copay

#### Tier 5: Specialty Tier

One-month supply:

**28%** of the cost

Three-month supply:

**N/A**

#### Tier 6: Select Care Drugs

One-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

These drugs are excluded from the deductible.

### Stage 3: Coverage Gap

After you enter the coverage gap, you pay **40%** of the plan's cost for covered brand name drugs and **51%** of the plan's cost for covered generic drugs until your costs total **\$4,950**, which is the end of the coverage gap. Not everyone will enter the coverage gap.

You may pay even less for the generic drugs on the formulary. Your cost varies by tier. You will need to use your formulary to locate your drug's tier. For additional gap coverage, see the chart that follows to find out how much your drugs will cost you.

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Stage 3: Coverage Gap - Preferred Retail Cost Sharing

#### Tier 6: Select Care Drugs

Drugs Covered:

**All**

One-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

### Stage 3: Coverage Gap - Standard Retail Cost Sharing

#### Tier 6: Select Care Drugs

Drugs Covered:

**All**

One-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

### Stage 3: Coverage Gap - Standard Mail Order Cost-Sharing

#### Tier 6: Select Care Drugs

Drugs Covered:

**All**

One-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

Three-month supply:

**\$0.00** copay

## Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

### Stage 4: Catastrophic Coverage

After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through your retail pharmacy and through mail order) reach **\$4,950**, you pay the greater of:

- 5% of the cost, or
- **\$3.30** copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and a **\$8.25** copayment for all other drugs.

## Additional Benefits

### Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

#### Chiropractic Care<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: \$20.00 copay**

Medicare coverage includes manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation (when one or more of the bones of your spine move out of position).

#### Home Health Care<sup>1,2</sup>

**In-Network: \$0.00 copay**

#### Outpatient Substance Abuse<sup>1,2</sup>

Individual & Group therapy visit:

**In-Network: \$40.00 copay**

#### Outpatient Surgery<sup>1,2</sup>

Ambulatory surgical center:

**In-Network: 15% coinsurance**

Outpatient hospital:

**In-Network: 20% coinsurance**

#### Renal Dialysis

**In-Network: 20% coinsurance**

# More ways we support your health

## Empire BlueCross BlueShield: We're here to help.

Empire BlueCross BlueShield is more than a company that provides medical coverage. We're a group of people committed to your health. Now, when times are tougher for many of us, Empire BlueCross BlueShield is committed to helping everyone get the tools and solutions they need to lead healthier lives.

## Looking for Medicare coverage that goes beyond original Medicare?

Empire BlueCross BlueShield works with the federal government to bring you even more benefits than you get with Original Medicare. Lower copays, extra benefits, pharmacy and medical coverage, advice from nurses and many other important health benefits are yours from one company — all **with \$0 monthly plan premiums**.

Our plan gives you extra benefits not included in Original Medicare, such as:

### Empire MediBlue Plus (HMO)

**LiveHealth Online:** LiveHealth Online provides members with access to a doctor via live, two-way video on a computer, smartphone or tablet.

**24/7 Nurse HelpLine:** 24-hour access to a nurse helpline, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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This information is not a complete description of benefits. Contact the plan for more information.

Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply.

Benefits, premiums and/or co-payments/co-insurance may change on January 1 of each year.

The Formulary, pharmacy network, and/or provider network may change at any time. You will receive notice when necessary.

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