



**This is only a summary.** If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at [www.firstcarolinacare.com](http://www.firstcarolinacare.com) or by calling 1-800-811-3298.

| Important Questions  | Answers   | Why this Matters:   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>What is the overall deductible?</b>                         | \$0 individual / \$0 family for participating providers<br>\$3000 individual /\$9000 family for non-participating providers<br>Does not apply to preventive care, office visits and prescription drugs. Coinsurance and copays do not count towards the deductible. | You must pay all the costs up to the <b>deductible</b> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <b>deductible</b> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <b>deductible</b> .   |
| <b>Are there other deductibles for specific services?</b>      | No  | You don't have to meet deductibles for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.   |
| <b>Is there an out-of-pocket limit on my expenses?</b>         | Yes. For participating providers \$3500 individual / \$7000 family<br>For non-participating providers \$10000 individual / \$20000 family   | The <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.  |
| <b>What is not included in the out-of-pocket limit?</b>        | Premiums, prescription copays, no precert penalties, balance-billed charges, and health services this plan doesn't cover.   | Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <b>out-of-pocket limit</b> .  |
| <b>Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?</b> | No.   | The chart starting on page 2 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.  |
| <b>Does this plan use a network of providers?</b>              | Yes. For a list of participating providers, see <a href="http://www.firstcarolinacare.com">www.firstcarolinacare.com</a> or call 1-800-811-3298   | If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <b>provider</b> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <b>provider</b> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <b>preferred</b> , or participating for <b>providers</b> in their <b>network</b> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <b>providers</b> . |
| <b>Do I need a referral to see a specialist?</b>               | No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.  | You can see the <b>specialist</b> you choose without permission from this plan.   |
| <b>Are there services this plan doesn't cover?</b>             | Yes.  | Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 4. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <b>excluded services</b> .   |



- **Copayments** are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- **Coinsurance** is your share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the **allowed amount** for the service. For example, if the plan's **allowed amount** for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your **coinsurance** payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your **deductible**.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the **allowed amount**. If an out-of-network **provider** charges more than the **allowed amount**, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the **allowed amount** is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called **balance billing**.)
- This plan may encourage you to use participating **providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

| Common Medical Event   | Services You May Need                            | Your cost if you use a FirstHealth Entity  | Your cost if you use an In-network Provider   | Your cost if you use an Out-of-Network Provider | Limitations & Exceptions  |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| <b>If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic</b>  | Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness | \$20 copay / visit   | \$20 copay / visit  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | -----none-----  |
|  | Specialist visit                                 | \$40 copay / visit   | \$40 copay / visit  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | -----none-----  |
|  | Other practitioner office visit                  | \$20 copay / visit for chiropractor  | \$20 copay / visit for chiropractor   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Chiropractic benefits limited to 12 visits per year   |
|  | Preventive care/screening/immunization           | No Charge  | No Charge   | Not Covered                                     | Preventive services covered at no cost are defined by federal law and are subject to change |
| <b>If you have a test</b>  | Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)              | 10% coinsurance  | 10% coinsurance   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | -----none-----  |
|  | Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)                     | 10% coinsurance  | 20% coinsurance   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP           |
| <b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b><br><br><b>More information about prescription drug coverage is available at <a href="http://www.firstcarolinacare.com">www.firstcarolinacare.com</a></b> | Tier 1 Prescriptions                             | \$5 copay / prescription for 30 day supply<br>\$15 copay / prescription for 90 day supply  | \$10 copay / prescription for 30 day supply<br>\$30 copay / prescription for 90 day supply  | Not Covered                                     | Certain medications may require prior authorization, step therapy or have quantity limits   |
|  | Tier 2 Prescriptions                             | \$30 copay / prescription for 30 day supply<br>\$90 copay / prescription for 90 day supply | \$45 copay / prescription for 30 day supply<br>\$135 copay / prescription for 90 day supply | Not Covered                                     | Certain medications may require prior authorization, step therapy or have quantity limits   |
| <b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>  | Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)   | \$100 copay and 10% coinsurance  | \$200 copay and 20% coinsurance   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP           |
|  | Physician/surgeon fees                           | 20% Coinsurance  | 20% Coinsurance   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP           |

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|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| <b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>                                | Emergency room services                      | \$100 copay and 10% coinsurance / visit (hospital copayment waived if admitted) \$40 copay for physician | \$100 copay and 10% coinsurance / visit (hospital copayment waived if admitted) \$40 copay for physician | \$100 copay and 10% coinsurance / visit (hospital copayment waived if admitted) \$40 copay for physician | -----none-----  |
|   | Emergency medical transportation             | No Charge  | No Charge  | No Charge  | -----none-----  |
|   | Urgent care                                  | \$20 copay   | \$75 copay   | \$75 copay   | -----none-----  |
| <b>If you have a hospital stay</b>  | Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)           | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | \$400 copay and 20% coinsurance per admission  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP. In network cost applies if admitted for emergency medical attention. |
|   | Physician/surgeon fee                        | No Charge  | No Charge  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP. In network cost applies if admitted for emergency medical attention. |
| <b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b> | Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services | \$20 copay / visit   | \$20 copay / visit   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP   |
|   | Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services  | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP   |
|   | Substance use disorder outpatient services   | \$20 copay / visit   | \$20 copay / visit   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP   |
|   | Substance use disorder inpatient services    | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP   |
| <b>If you are pregnant</b>  | Prenatal and postnatal care                  | \$20 for 1st prenatal visit only   | \$20 for 1st prenatal visit only   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | -----none-----  |
|   | Delivery and all inpatient services          | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | \$400 copay and 20% coinsurance per admission  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance   | In network cost applies if admitted for emergency medical attention   |

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|---|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| <b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b> | Home health care          | \$20 copay / visit   | \$20 copay / visit   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP. Home Health Care benefits limited to 30 visits per year   |
|   | Rehabilitation services   | Outpatient: \$20 copay / visit<br>Inpatient: \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission | Outpatient: \$40 copay / visit<br>Inpatient: \$400 copay and 20% coinsurance per admission | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP. Outpatient Physical, speech or occupational therapy visits are limited to 60 visits per year. Inpatient physical, speech, or occupational therapy is limited to 45 days per year. |
|   | Habilitation services     | Not Covered  | Not Covered  | Not Covered                                     | Excluded service   |
|   | Skilled nursing care      | \$200 copay and 10% coinsurance per admission  | \$400 copay and 20% coinsurance per admission  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP. Skilled nursing care benefits are limited to 100 days per cause   |
|   | Durable medical equipment | 10% coinsurance  | 20% coinsurance  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP.   |
|   | Hospice service           | No Charge  | No Charge  | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Requires Precertification. Failure to obtain will result in penalty of 20% of MAP. Hospice service is limited to 6 months of service   |
| <b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b>                         | Eye exam                  | \$20 copay / visit   | \$20 copay / visit   | Deductible and 40% coinsurance                  | Limited to 1 vision exam in a primary care providers office each year for children through age 17. For visual impairment screening in children younger than age 5, see Preventive Benefits.  |
|   | Glasses                   | Not Covered  | Not Covered  | Not Covered                                     | Excluded Service   |
|   | Dental check-up           | Not Covered  | Not Covered  | Not Covered                                     | Excluded Service   |

**Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:**

**Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other excluded services.)**

- Acupuncture
- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (Adult)
- Habilitation services
- Hearing aids
- Infertility treatment
- Long-term care
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Routine foot care
- Weight loss programs

**Other Covered Services (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)**

- Bariatric surgery
- Chiropractic care

**Your Rights to Continue Coverage:**

If you lose coverage under the plan, then, depending upon the circumstances, Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a **premium**, which may be significantly higher than the premium you pay while covered under the plan. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan at [contact number]. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).

**Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:**

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to **appeal** or file a **grievance**. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact: For all issues except prescription drug issues, call the FirstCarolinaCare Insurance Co. Appeals and Grievance Coordinator, 800-574-8556. For prescription drug appeals and grievances, call the MedImpact Healthcare Systems Appeal Coordinator at 800-788-2949.

You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).


Additionally, a state consumer assistance program may be able to help you: <http://www.ncdoi.com/Smart/>

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Health Insurance Smart NC  
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-----To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next page-----

About these Coverage Examples:

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



**This is not a cost estimator.**

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under this plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care will also be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

| Having a baby<br>(normal delivery)   |                |
|--|----------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Amount owed to providers: \$7,540</li> <li>■ Plan pays \$6,140</li> <li>■ Patient pays \$1,400</li> </ul> |                |
| <b>Sample care costs:</b>  |                |
| Hospital charges (mother)  | \$2,700        |
| Routine obstetric care   | \$2,100        |
| Hospital charges (baby)  | \$900          |
| Anesthesia   | \$900          |
| Laboratory tests   | \$500          |
| Prescriptions  | \$200          |
| Radiology  | \$200          |
| Vaccines, other preventive   | \$40           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$7,540</b> |
| <b>Patient pay:</b>  |                |
| Deductibles  | \$0            |
| Co-pays  | \$440          |
| Co-insurance   | \$810          |
| Limits or exclusions   | \$150          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$1,400</b> |

| Managing type 2 diabetes<br>(routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)   |                |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Amount owed to providers: \$5,400</li> <li>■ Plan pays \$4,450</li> <li>■ Patient pays \$950</li> </ul> |                |
| <b>Sample care costs:</b>  |                |
| Prescriptions  | \$2,900        |
| Medical equipment & supplies   | \$1,300        |
| Office visits & procedures   | \$700          |
| Education  | \$300          |
| Laboratory tests   | \$100          |
| Vaccines, other preventive   | \$100          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$5,400</b> |
| <b>You pay:</b>  |                |
| Deductibles  | \$0            |
| Co-pays  | \$600          |
| Co-insurance   | \$270          |
| Limits or exclusions   | \$80           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$950</b>   |

## Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:

### What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include **premiums**.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from in-network **providers**. If the patient had received care from out-of-network **providers**, costs would have been higher.

### What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how **deductibles**, **copayments**, and **coinsurance** can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

### Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

✘ **No**. Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

### Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

✘ **No**. Coverage Examples are **not** cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your **providers** charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

### Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

✔ **Yes**. When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples. When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

### Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

✔ **Yes**. An important cost is the **premium** you pay. Generally, the lower your **premium**, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as **copayments**, **deductibles**, and **coinsurance**. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.