

TEXAS 2017 EHB BENCHMARK PLAN

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Plan Type	Small Group Market
Issuer Name	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas
Product Name	Blue Choice PPO
Plan Name	Blue Choice PPO RSH3
Supplemented Categories (Supplementary Plan Type)	Pediatric dental (FEDVIP) Pediatric vision (FEDVIP)

BENEFITS AND LIMITS

A Benefit	B EHB	C Is the Benefit Covered?	D Quantitative Limit on Service?	E Limit Quantity	F Limit Unit	G Exclusions	H Explanations
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness	Yes	Covered	No				
Specialist Visit	Yes	Covered	No				
Other Practitioner Office Visit (Nurse, Physician Assistant)	Yes	Covered	No				
Outpatient Facility Fee (e.g., Ambulatory Surgery Center)	Yes	Covered	No				
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgical Services	Yes	Covered	No				
Hospice Services	Yes	Covered	No				Preauthorization is required.
Routine Dental Services (Adult)	No	Covered	No				
Infertility Treatment	No	Not Covered	No				State law mandates an offer of coverage for in vitro in the group market. Diagnosis covered but treatment not covered unless a rider is purchased to cover In-vitro ONLY. NOT artificial Insemination.
Long-Term/Custodial Nursing Home Care	No	Not Covered	No				
Private-Duty Nursing	No	Not Covered	No				
Routine Eye Exam (Adult)	No	Covered	Yes	1	Exam(s) per Year		
Urgent Care Centers or Facilities	Yes	Covered	No				
Home Health Care Services	Yes	Covered	Yes	60	Visit(s) per Year	Benefits will not be provided for Home Health Care for Food or home delivered meals; Social case work or homemaker services; Services provided primarily for Custodial Care; Transportation services; Home Infusion Therapy; and Durable medical equipment.	
Emergency Room Services	Yes	Covered	No				
Emergency Transportation/Ambulance	Yes	Covered	No				
Inpatient Hospital Services (e.g., Hospital Stay)	Yes	Covered	No				All usual Hospital services and supplies, including semiprivate room, intensive care, and coronary care units; Preauthorization is required.
Inpatient Physician and Surgical Services	Yes	Covered	No				
Bariatric Surgery	No	Not Covered	No				
Cosmetic Surgery	No	Not Covered	No				Covered only for the correction of congenital deformities in children, conditions resulting from accidental injuries, and reconstructive surgery following cancer surgery including prosthesis in the event of a mastectomy.
Skilled Nursing Facility	Yes	Covered	Yes	25	Visit(s) per Year		
Prenatal and Postnatal Care	Yes	Covered	No				
Delivery and All Inpatient Services for Maternity Care	Yes	Covered	No				Will cover 48-hour hospital stay for uncomplicated vaginal delivery and 96-hour hospital stay for uncomplicated caesarean section.
Mental/Behavioral Health Outpatient Services	Yes	Covered	No				Preauthorization is required.
Mental/Behavioral Health Inpatient Services	Yes	Covered	No				Preauthorization is required.
Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services	Yes	Covered	No				Certain services require preauthorization.
Substance Abuse Disorder Inpatient Services	Yes	Covered	No				Preauthorization is required.
Generic Drugs	Yes	Covered	No				
Preferred Brand Drugs	Yes	Covered	No				
Non-Preferred Brand Drugs	Yes	Covered	No				

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Specialty Drugs	Yes	Covered	No				
Outpatient Rehabilitation Services	Yes	Covered	Yes	35	Visit(s) per Year		Limited to combined 35 visits per year, including Chiropractic.
Habilitation Services	Yes	Covered	Yes	35	Visit(s) per Year		Habilitative and rehabilitative limits cannot be combined for plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2017. Habilitation services includes autism services, and the benchmark plan does not impose age or maximums on autism coverage.
Chiropractic Care	Yes	Covered	Yes	35	Visit(s) per Year		Limited to combined 35 visits per year, including Chiropractic.
Durable Medical Equipment	Yes	Covered	No			Durable medical equipment not provided for Home Health Care. Rental covered under medical/surgical. Excluded from pharmacy benefits, but permitted for diabetes and self-administered injections. Female contraception and breast pumps covered under medical/surgical benefits.	
Hearing Aids	Yes	Covered	No				To restore or correction of impaired speech or hearing loss.
Imaging (CT/PET Scans, MRIs)	Yes	Covered	No				
Preventive Care/Screening/Immunization	Yes	Covered	No				
Routine Foot Care	No	Not Covered	No			Any services or supplies in connection with routine foot care, including the removal of warts, corns, or calluses, or the cutting and trimming of toenails in the absence of diabetes, circulatory disorders of the lower extremities, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral neuropathy, or chronic arterial or venous insufficiency are excluded. Foot care in connection with diabetes, circulatory disorders of the lower extremities, peripheral vascular disease, peripheral neuropathy, or chronic arterial or venous insufficiency is covered.	
Acupuncture	No	Not Covered	No				
Weight Loss Programs	No	Not Covered	No				Certain weight loss services such as nutritional and diet counseling are available through a diabetes management plan, autism benefits, and for adults at higher risk of chronic disease.
Routine Eye Exam for Children	Yes	Covered	No				
Eye Glasses for Children	Yes	Covered	No				
Dental Check-Up for Children	Yes	Covered	No				
Rehabilitative Speech Therapy	Yes	Covered	No				
Rehabilitative Occupational and Rehabilitative Physical Therapy	Yes	Covered	No				
Well Baby Visits and Care	Yes	Covered	No				
Laboratory Outpatient and Professional Services	Yes	Covered	No				
X-rays and Diagnostic Imaging	Yes	Covered	No				
Basic Dental Care - Child	Yes	Covered	No				
Orthodontia - Child	Yes	Covered	No				
Major Dental Care - Child	Yes	Covered	No				
Basic Dental Care - Adult	No	Covered	No				
Orthodontia - Adult	No	Not Covered	No				
Major Dental Care – Adult	No	Covered	No				
Abortion for Which Public Funding is Prohibited	No	Not Covered	No				

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Transplant	Yes	Covered	No				Preauthorization is required.
Accidental Dental	Yes	Covered	No				
Dialysis	Yes	Covered	No				
Allergy Testing	Yes	Covered	No			Excludes inpatient allergy testing or treatment from medical benefits, excludes allergy injections from immunizations covered as preventive care, and excludes allergy serums and allergy testing materials. Testing is covered on an outpatient basis and subject to cost sharing.	
Chemotherapy	Yes	Covered	No				
Radiation	Yes	Covered	No				
Diabetes Education	Yes	Covered	No				
Prosthetic Devices	Yes	Covered	No				Medically necessary foot orthotics are not subject to a calendar year maximum.
Infusion Therapy	Yes	Covered	No				
Treatment for Temporomandibular Joint Disorders	Yes	Covered	No			Excludes any non-surgical (dental restorations, orthodontics, or physical therapy) or non-diagnostic services or supplies (oral appliances, oral splints, oral orthotics, devices, or prosthetics) provided for the treatment of the temporomandibular joint and all adjacent or related muscles and nerves.	Though state law only mandates coverage for temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders for large group plans and HMOs, the benchmark plan covers TMJ. Therefore, it is considered part of the EHB package for Texas.
Nutritional Counseling	No	Not Covered	No				Certain weight loss services such as nutritional and diet counseling are available through a diabetes management plan, autism benefits, and for adults at higher risk of chronic disease.
Reconstructive Surgery	Yes	Covered	No				Examples of covered services include: Treatment provided for reconstructive surgery following cancer surgery; Reconstruction of the breast on which mastectomy has been performed.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG EHB-BENCHMARK PLAN BENEFITS BY CATEGORY AND CLASS

CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
Analgesics	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs	20
Analgesics	Opioid Analgesics, Long-acting	10
Analgesics	Opioid Analgesics, Short-acting	12
Anesthetics	Local Anesthetics	3
Anti-Addiction/ Substance Abuse Treatment Agents	Alcohol Deterrents/Anti-craving	3
Anti-Addiction/ Substance Abuse Treatment Agents	Opioid Dependence Treatments	2
Anti-Addiction/ Substance Abuse Treatment Agents	Opioid Reversal Agents	0
Anti-Addiction/ Substance Abuse Treatment Agents	Smoking Cessation Agents	3
Antibacterials	Aminoglycosides	5
Antibacterials	Antibacterials, Other	17
Antibacterials	Beta-lactam, Cephalosporins	10
Antibacterials	Beta-lactam, Other	0
Antibacterials	Beta-lactam, Penicillins	5
Antibacterials	Macrolides	5
Antibacterials	Quinolones	10
Antibacterials	Sulfonamides	4
Antibacterials	Tetracyclines	4
Anticonvulsants	Anticonvulsants, Other	4
Anticonvulsants	Calcium Channel Modifying Agents	4
Anticonvulsants	Gamma-aminobutyric Acid (GABA) Augmenting Agents	4
Anticonvulsants	Glutamate Reducing Agents	3
Anticonvulsants	Sodium Channel Agents	7
Antidementia Agents	Antidementia Agents, Other	1
Antidementia Agents	Cholinesterase Inhibitors	3
Antidementia Agents	N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) Receptor Antagonist	1
Antidepressants	Antidepressants, Other	8
Antidepressants	Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors	4
Antidepressants	SSRIs/SNRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors/ Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors)	11
Antidepressants	Tricyclics	9
Antiemetics	Antiemetics, Other	8
Antiemetics	Emetogenic Therapy Adjuncts	6
Antifungals	No USP Class	19
Antigout Agents	No USP Class	6
Anti-inflammatory Agents	Glucocorticoids	26
Anti-inflammatory Agents	Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs	20
Antimigraine Agents	Ergot Alkaloids	2

CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
Antimigraine Agents	Prophylactic	3
Antimigraine Agents	Serotonin (5-HT) 1b/1d Receptor Agonists	7
Antimyasthenic Agents	Parasympathomimetics	3
Antimycobacterials	Antimycobacterials, Other	2
Antimycobacterials	Antituberculars	10
Antineoplastics	Alkylating Agents	4
Antineoplastics	Antiandrogens	4
Antineoplastics	Antiangiogenic Agents	2
Antineoplastics	Antiestrogens/Modifiers	3
Antineoplastics	Antimetabolites	4
Antineoplastics	Antineoplastics, Other	4
Antineoplastics	Aromatase Inhibitors, 3rd Generation	3
Antineoplastics	Enzyme Inhibitors	3
Antineoplastics	Molecular Target Inhibitors	12
Antineoplastics	Monoclonal Antibodies	0
Antineoplastics	Retinoids	3
Antiparasitics	Anthelmintics	4
Antiparasitics	Antiprotozoals	11
Antiparasitics	Pediculicides/Scabicides	6
Antiparkinson Agents	Anticholinergics	2
Antiparkinson Agents	Antiparkinson Agents, Other	3
Antiparkinson Agents	Dopamine Agonists	4
Antiparkinson Agents	Dopamine Precursors/ L-Amino Acid Decarboxylase Inhibitors	2
Antiparkinson Agents	Monoamine Oxidase B (MAO-B) Inhibitors	2
Antipsychotics	1st Generation/Typical	10
Antipsychotics	2nd Generation/Atypical	9
Antipsychotics	Treatment-Resistant	1
Antispasticity Agents	No USP Class	4
Antivirals	Anti-cytomegalovirus (CMV) Agents	2
Antivirals	Anti-hepatitis B (HBV) Agents	7
Antivirals	Anti-hepatitis C (HCV) Agents	7
Antivirals	Antitherpetic Agents	5
Antivirals	Anti-HIV Agents, Integrase Inhibitors (INSTI)	2
Antivirals	Anti-HIV Agents, Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTI)	5
Antivirals	Anti-HIV Agents, Nucleoside and Nucleotide Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NRTI)	12
Antivirals	Anti-HIV Agents, Other	3
Antivirals	Anti-HIV Agents, Protease Inhibitors	9
Antivirals	Anti-influenza Agents	4

CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
Anxiolytics	Anxiolytics, Other	4
Anxiolytics	Benzodiazepines	0
Anxiolytics	SSRIs/SNRIs (Selective Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors/ Serotonin and Norepinephrine Reuptake Inhibitors)	5
Bipolar Agents	Bipolar Agents, Other	7
Bipolar Agents	Mood Stabilizers	5
Blood Glucose Regulators	Antidiabetic Agents	21
Blood Glucose Regulators	Glycemic Agents	1
Blood Glucose Regulators	Insulins	10
Blood Products/Modifiers/ Volume Expanders	Anticoagulants	7
Blood Products/Modifiers/ Volume Expanders	Blood Formation Modifiers	6
Blood Products/Modifiers/ Volume Expanders	Coagulants	0
Blood Products/Modifiers/ Volume Expanders	Platelet Modifying Agents	8
Cardiovascular Agents	Alpha-adrenergic Agonists	4
Cardiovascular Agents	Alpha-adrenergic Blocking Agents	4
Cardiovascular Agents	Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonists	8
Cardiovascular Agents	Angiotensin-converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors	10
Cardiovascular Agents	Antiarrhythmics	10
Cardiovascular Agents	Beta-adrenergic Blocking Agents	13
Cardiovascular Agents	Calcium Channel Blocking Agents	9
Cardiovascular Agents	Cardiovascular Agents, Other	4
Cardiovascular Agents	Diuretics, Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors	2
Cardiovascular Agents	Diuretics, Loop	4
Cardiovascular Agents	Diuretics, Potassium-sparing	4
Cardiovascular Agents	Diuretics, Thiazide	6
Cardiovascular Agents	Dyslipidemics, Fibric Acid Derivatives	2
Cardiovascular Agents	Dyslipidemics, HMG CoA Reductase Inhibitors	7
Cardiovascular Agents	Dyslipidemics, Other	7
Cardiovascular Agents	Vasodilators, Direct-acting Arterial	3
Cardiovascular Agents	Vasodilators, Direct-acting Arterial/Venous	3
Central Nervous System Agents	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Agents, Non-amphetamines	4
Central Nervous System Agents	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Agents, Amphetamines	4
Central Nervous System Agents	Central Nervous System, Other	7
Central Nervous System Agents	Fibromyalgia Agents	3
Central Nervous System Agents	Multiple Sclerosis Agents	6
Dental and Oral Agents	No USP Class	8
Dermatological Agents	No USP Class	82
Enzyme Replacement/ Modifiers	No USP Class	4
Gastrointestinal Agents	Antispasmodics, Gastrointestinal	4

CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
Gastrointestinal Agents	Gastrointestinal Agents, Other	9
Gastrointestinal Agents	Histamine2 (H2) Receptor Antagonists	4
Gastrointestinal Agents	Irritable Bowel Syndrome Agents	3
Gastrointestinal Agents	Laxatives	4
Gastrointestinal Agents	Protectants	2
Gastrointestinal Agents	Proton Pump Inhibitors	6
Genitourinary Agents	Antispasmodics, Urinary	7
Genitourinary Agents	Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy Agents	9
Genitourinary Agents	Genitourinary Agents, Other	6
Genitourinary Agents	Phosphate Binders	3
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Adrenal)	No USP Class	31
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Prostaglandins)	No USP Class	1
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/ Modifiers)	Anabolic Steroids	2
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/ Modifiers)	Androgens	4
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/ Modifiers)	Estrogens	6
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/ Modifiers)	Progesterone Agonists/Antagonists	0
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/ Modifiers)	Progestins	5
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/ Replacement/ Modifying (Sex Hormones/ Modifiers)	Selective Estrogen Receptor Modifying Agents	1
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/ Modifying (Pituitary)	No USP Class	5
Hormonal Agents, Stimulant/Replacement/ Modifying (Thyroid)	No USP Class	3
Hormonal Agents, Suppressant (Adrenal)	No USP Class	1
Hormonal Agents, Suppressant (Parathyroid)	No USP Class	3
Hormonal Agents, Suppressant (Pituitary)	No USP Class	6
Hormonal Agents, Suppressant (Thyroid)	Antithyroid Agents	2
Immunological Agents	Angioedema (HAE) Agents	1
Immunological Agents	Immune Suppressants	17
Immunological Agents	Immunizing Agents, Passive	0
Immunological Agents	Immunomodulators	12
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Agents	Aminosaliclates	3
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Agents	Glucocorticoids	5
Inflammatory Bowel Disease Agents	Sulfonamides	1
Metabolic Bone Disease Agents	No USP Class	12
Ophthalmic Agents	Ophthalmic Prostaglandin and Prostanoid Analogs	3
Ophthalmic Agents	Ophthalmic Agents, Other	20
Ophthalmic Agents	Ophthalmic Anti-allergy Agents	9
Ophthalmic Agents	Ophthalmic Antiglaucoma Agents	17
Ophthalmic Agents	Ophthalmic Anti-inflammatories	11
Otic Agents	No USP Class	8

CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Antihistamines	10
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Anti-inflammatories, Inhaled Corticosteroids	7
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Antileukotrienes	3
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Bronchodilators, Anticholinergic	3
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Bronchodilators, Sympathomimetic	10
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Cystic Fibrosis Agents	2
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Mast Cell Stabilizers	1
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors, Airways Disease	5
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Pulmonary Antihypertensives	5
Respiratory Tract/ Pulmonary Agents	Respiratory Tract Agents, Other	2
Skeletal Muscle Relaxants	No USP Class	6
Sleep Disorder Agents	GABA Receptor Modulators	3
Sleep Disorder Agents	Sleep Disorders, Other	5
Therapeutic Nutrients/ Minerals/ Electrolytes	Electrolyte/Mineral Modifiers	7
Therapeutic Nutrients/ Minerals/ Electrolytes	Electrolyte/Mineral Replacement	4
Therapeutic Nutrients/ Minerals/ Electrolytes	Vitamins	0