

# NYCDC of Carpenters Welfare Fund: Actives

Coverage Period: 01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage for: Individual/Family | Plan Type: POS



**This is only a summary.** If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) at [www.nycCBF.com](http://www.nycCBF.com) or by calling the Fund Office at 1-212-366-7300 or 1-800-529-3863 or at [www.empireblue.com](http://www.empireblue.com) or by calling Empire at 1-800-553-9603 or at [www.express-scripts.com](http://www.express-scripts.com) or by calling Express Scripts at 1-800-929-2091.

| Important Questions                                       | Answers   | Why this Matters:   |
|---|---|---|
| What is the overall <u>deductible</u> ?                   | In-Network: <b>\$400</b> Individual / <b>\$1,000</b> Family<br>Out-of-Network: <b>\$750</b> Individual / <b>\$1,875</b> Family<br>Doesn't apply to copays, preventive care, emergency room services, prescription drugs, dental benefits, hearing aids and vision benefits. | You must pay all the costs up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your SPD to see when the <u>deductible</u> 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 <u>deductible</u> .   |
| Are there other <u>deductibles</u> for specific services? | Yes. <b>\$50 Individual / \$150 Family</b> for Comprehensive Dental Program (“CDP”) (CDP only applies to those who live outside the Aetna DMO area.) There are no other specific <u>deductibles</u> .   | If you participate in the CDP, you must pay all of the costs for these services up to the specific <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay these services.  |
| Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?    | In-Network: <b>\$1,900</b> Individual / <b>\$4,750</b> Family<br>Prescription Drug: <b>\$3,000</b> Individual / <b>\$7,500</b> Family<br>Out-of-Network: <b>\$3,750</b> Individual / <b>\$9,375</b> Family  | The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> 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.  |
| What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?  | Premiums, balance-billed charges and health care this plan doesn't cover.   | Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .  |
| Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?   | 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.  |
| Does this plan use a <u>network of providers</u> ?        | Yes. For a list of in-network <u>providers</u> , visit <a href="http://www.empireblue.com">www.empireblue.com</a> or call 1-800-553-9603.   | If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <u>provider</u> , 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 <u>provider</u> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <u>preferred</u> , or participating for <u>providers</u> in their <u>network</u> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <u>providers</u> . |

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| <b>Do I need a referral to see a specialist?</b>   | No.  | 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 6. See your SPD 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 **in-network providers** by charging you lower **deductibles**, **copayments** and **coinsurance** amounts.

| Common Medical Event  | Services You May Need                            | 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   | 30% coinsurance after deductible  | _____none_____  |
|   | Specialist visit                                 | \$25 copay/visit   | 30% coinsurance after deductible  | _____none_____  |
|   | Other practitioner office visit                  | Acupuncture: \$25 copay/visit<br>Chiropractic care: \$20 copay/visit | Acupuncture: 30% coinsurance after deductible<br>Chiropractic care: Not covered | Chiropractic care limited to 45 visits per calendar year. Failure to pre-certify chiropractic care after 5 <sup>th</sup> visit may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary. |
|   | Preventive care/ screening/ immunization         | No Charge  | 30% coinsurance after deductible  | Subject to age and frequency limitations.   |
| <b>If you have a test</b>                                     | Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)              | 10% coinsurance after deductible                                     | 30% coinsurance after deductible  | When outside of Empire's service area, you must use a lab contracted with local Blue plan.  |
|   | Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)                     | 10% coinsurance after deductible                                     | 30% coinsurance after deductible  | Failure to pre-certify high tech radiology services may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.  |

| Common Medical Event   | Services You May Need                          | Your Cost If You Use an In-Network Provider  | Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-network Provider | Limitations & Exceptions  |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| <b>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</b><br>More information about <b>prescription drug coverage</b> is available at <a href="http://www.express-scripts.com">www.express-scripts.com</a> | Generic drugs                                  | Retail (30-day supply): \$15 copay/Rx<br>Mail Order (90-day supply): \$25 copay/Rx | Not Covered                                     | Contraceptives and certain ACA preventive medications, including over-the-counter drugs, are available at no cost with a prescription.<br>Mandatory generic feature: Brand name drugs are only covered if no generic equivalent is available. If a brand name drug is selected, you must pay the applicable copay plus the difference in cost between the brand-name drug and the generic drug.<br>Mandatory mail order program: Maintenance drugs for chronic conditions must be acquired by mail order.<br>Specialty drugs: Must use Accredo specialty pharmacy (Mail Order only). Preauthorization required. To reach the specialty pharmacy, call 1-800-803-2523. |
|  | Preferred Brand name drugs                     | Retail (30-day supply): \$25 copay/Rx<br>Mail Order (90-day supply): \$45 copay/Rx | Not Covered                                     |   |
|  | Non-Preferred Brand name drugs                 | Retail (30-day supply): \$40 copay/Rx<br>Mail Order (90-day supply): \$75 copay/Rx | Not Covered                                     |   |
|  | Specialty drugs                                | Mail Order only:<br>Applicable copay above   | Not covered                                     |   |
| <b>If you have outpatient surgery</b>  | Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center) | 10% coinsurance after deductible   | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Failure to pre-certify services may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.  |
|  | Physician/surgeon fees                         | 10% coinsurance after deductible   | 30% coinsurance after deductible                |   |
| <b>If you need immediate medical attention</b>   | Emergency room services                        | \$200 copay/visit  | \$200 copay/visit                               | Copay waived if admitted within 24 hours.   |
|  | Emergency medical transportation               | 10% coinsurance after deductible   | 10% coinsurance after deductible                | Transportation by air or land ambulance to nearest acute care hospital for emergency treatment.   |
|  | Urgent care                                    | \$25 copay/visit   | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | —————none—————  |

| Common Medical Event  | Services You May Need                        | Your Cost If You Use an In-Network Provider   | Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-network Provider | Limitations & Exceptions   |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>If you have a hospital stay</b>  | Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)           | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Failure to pre-certify admissions may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary. This benefit reduction also applies to certain Same-Day Surgery and professional services rendered during an inpatient admission. |
|   | Physician/surgeon fee                        | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | 30% coinsurance after deductible                |  |
| <b>If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs</b> | Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services | Office visit: \$20 copay/visit<br>Other outpatient services: 10% coinsurance after deductible | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Failure to pre-certify partial hospital intensive outpatient programs may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.   |
|   | Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services  | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Failure to pre-certify admissions may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.   |
|   | Substance use disorder outpatient services   | Office visit: \$20 copay/visit<br>Other outpatient services: 10% coinsurance after deductible | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Failure to pre-certify partial hospital intensive outpatient programs may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.   |
|   | Substance use disorder inpatient services    | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Failure to pre-certify admissions may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.   |
| <b>If you are pregnant</b>  | Prenatal and postnatal care                  | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | _____none_____   |
|   | Delivery and all inpatient services          | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | 30% coinsurance after deductible                | Out-of-network birthing centers not covered.   |

| Common Medical Event  | Services You May Need                         | Your Cost If You Use an In-Network Provider   | Your Cost If You Use an Out-of-network Provider                 | Limitations & Exceptions  |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>If you need help recovering or have other special health needs</b> | Home health care                              | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | Not Covered   | Limited to 200 visits per calendar year (1 visit equals 4 hours of care). Treatment maximums are combined for in-network and out-of-network care.   |
|   | Rehabilitation services                       | Inpatient: 10% coinsurance after deductible<br>Outpatient office setting: \$20 copay/visit<br>Outpatient hospital setting: \$25 copay/visit | Not Covered   | Physical therapy limited to 45 outpatient visits and 30 inpatient days per calendar year. Occupational and speech therapy limited to 45 outpatient visits per calendar year. Inpatient occupational and speech therapy not covered. |
|   | Habilitation services                         | Inpatient: 10% coinsurance after deductible<br>Outpatient office setting: \$20 copay/visit<br>Outpatient hospital setting: \$25 copay/visit | Not Covered   | All rehabilitation and habilitation visits count toward your rehabilitation visit limit.  |
|   | Skilled nursing care                          | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | Not Covered   | Limited to 60 days per calendar year. Failure to pre-certify services may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.  |
|   | Durable medical equipment                     | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | Not Covered   | Failure to pre-certify services may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.  |
|   | Hospice service                               | 10% coinsurance after deductible  | Not Covered   | Limited to 210 days per lifetime. Failure to pre-certify services may result in a benefit reduction up to 50% to a maximum of \$2,500 or denial of claim if not medically necessary.  |
|   | <b>If your child needs dental or eye care</b> | Eye exam  | No Charge   | Amount over \$25 Plan allowance   |
| Glasses   |   | No Charge   | Amount over \$100 Plan allowance                                |   |
| Dental check-up   |   | Aetna DMO: No Charge<br>Aetna CDP: Amount over Plan allowance   | Aetna DMO: Not Covered<br>Aetna CDP: Amount over Plan allowance | Dental benefits separately administered by Aetna. If you are enrolled in the CDP, services subject to a deductible of \$50 individual / \$150 family. Frequency limits apply.   |

## Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

### Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover (This isn't a complete list. Check your SPD for other excluded services.)

- Birthing centers (out-of-network)
- Cosmetic surgery
- Long-term care
- Inpatient occupational and speech therapy
- Private-duty nursing
- Routine foot care
- Weight loss programs (except as required by the ACA)

### Other Covered Services (This isn't a complete list. Check your SPD for other covered services and your costs for these services.)

- Dental care (Adult)
- Bariatric surgery
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Hearing aids (limited to \$350/ear, 1 every 4 years)
- Infertility treatment
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S. See [www.BCBS.com/bluecardworldwide](http://www.BCBS.com/bluecardworldwide)

## 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 1-800-529-3863. 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 Empire Appeal and Grievance Dept., P.O. Box 1407, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008-1407, or Express Scripts, 811 Royal Ridge Parkway, Irving, TX 75063, Attn: Administrative Reviews; or Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration, 1-866-444-EBSA (3272), [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform); or New York State Department of Insurance, 1-(800) 342-3736. Additionally, a consumer assistance program can help you file your appeal. Contact: Community Service Society of New York, Community Health Advocates, 105 East 22nd Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10010, (888) 614-5400, <http://www.communityhealthadvocates.org>.

## Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have health care coverage that qualifies as “minimum essential coverage.” **This plan does provide minimum essential coverage.**

## Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% (actuarial value). **This health coverage does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.**

## Language Access Services:

Spanish (Español): Para obtener asistencia en Español, llame al 1-212-366-7300 o 1-800-529-3863.

—————*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 (normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays \$6,360
- Patient pays \$1,180

#### Sample care costs:

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 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> |

#### Patient pays:

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Deductibles          | \$400          |
| Copays               | \$80           |
| Coinsurance          | \$670          |
| Limits or exclusions | \$30           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$1,180</b> |

### Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$4,000
- Patient pays \$1,400

#### Sample care costs:

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Prescriptions                  | \$2,900        |
| Medical Equipment and Supplies | \$1,300        |
| Office Visits and Procedures   | \$700          |
| Education                      | \$300          |
| Laboratory tests               | \$100          |
| Vaccines, other preventive     | \$100          |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>\$5,400</b> |

#### Patient pays:

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Deductibles          | \$400          |
| Copays               | \$820          |
| Coinsurance          | \$100          |
| Limits or exclusions | \$80           |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$1,400</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.

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