

Glossary of Health Insurance Terms

Premium	The money you pay each month to have a health insurance policy. Plans with low premiums can save you money each month, but you might pay more when you use healthcare services.
Deductible	What you will pay for medical care BEFORE your health insurance plan will pay, not including care with a co-pay or preventive care. • Do you have a lot of healthcare needs? Consider a lower deductible plan. • Never go to the doctor? A higher deductible plan might be the right choice.
Co-Pay	The money you pay to see the doctor or to get a test or medicine. PRO Pick a plan with an affordable co-pay so you can go to the doctor, get a test, or pick up a medication.
Co-insurance	The percentage you pay for a visit, test or drug <i>after</i> you meet your deductible. You only pay co-insurance until you meet your out-of-pocket max. PRO Wondering what you'll owe? \$1000 bill x 10% co-insurance = \$100 cost for your care
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	The most money you will ever pay to use healthcare in a year, not including monthly premiums. If you have expensive healthcare needs, a lower out-of-pocket max and higher monthly premium might be right for you.
Provider	A doctor, nurse, or hospital that provides healthcare. PRO Make sure your favorite providers are in-network when picking a plan.
In-network vs Out-of-network	In-network providers accept your insurance and out-of-network providers don't. PRO Save money by picking an in-network doctor. Get a cost estimate before you get care from an out-of-network doctor.
Preventive Care	Screenings like annual physicals that help you catch things early when they are easier to treat. PRO Preventive care is covered by your monthly premium. No out of pocket costs!

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