



South Carolina

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## 2023 Summary of Benefits

### BlueCross Secure<sup>SM</sup> (HMO)

Jan. 1, 2023 – Dec. 31, 2023

855-204-2744 | TTY 711

Seven Days a Week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
(October 1 to March 31)

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
(All other times)

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## H7165, Plans 001 and 002

This is a summary of the health and drug service covered by BlueCross Secure (HMO): January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.

This plan, **BlueCross Secure**, is offered by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. **BlueCross Secure** is a Medicare Advantage HMO plan with a Medicare contract. Enrollment in BlueCrossBlueShield of South Carolina depends on contract renewal.

The benefit information provided is a summary of what we cover and what you pay. It does not list every service that we cover, or list every limitation, or exclusion. To get a complete list of services we cover, please request the *Evidence of Coverage* by calling Customer Service at 1-855-204-2744 (TTY users should call 711). The *Evidence of Coverage* is also available online at [www.scbluesmedadvantage.com](http://www.scbluesmedadvantage.com).

To join BlueCross Secure (HMO), you must be entitled to Medicare Part A, be enrolled in Medicare Part B, and live in our service area. Our service area includes the following counties in South Carolina:

<b>BlueCross Secure (HMO) – Greenville (001)</b>	Greenville County
<b>BlueCross Secure (HMO) - Richland (002)</b>	Richland County

BlueCross Secure (HMO) has a network of doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, and other providers. As a member of our plan, you do not need a referral from a Primary Care Provider to see a Specialist or to obtain a service. However, you are required to obtain prior authorization from our plan for some services.

For coverage and costs of Original Medicare, look in your current “**Medicare & You**” handbook. View it online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or get a copy by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Customer Service has free language interpreter services available for non-English speakers. This information is available in other formats. To get this information in other formats, please call Customer Service.

For more information or to enroll, call us at 1-800-930-2836 (TTY users should call 711), or visit us at [www.scbluesmedadvantage.com](http://www.scbluesmedadvantage.com). We are available for phone calls from October 1 to December 31; you can call us 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week. From January 1 to September 30, we’re here 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Calls to this number are answered by a licensed insurance agent.

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<b>Premiums and Benefits</b>	<b>BlueCross Secure (HMO)</b>
<b>Monthly Plan Premium</b>	
BlueCross Secure (HMO) – Greenville (001)	You pay \$0 You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.
BlueCross Secure (HMO) – Richland (002)	You pay \$10 You must continue to pay your Medicare Part B premium.
<b>Deductible</b>	No Deductible.
<b>Maximum Out-of-Pocket Responsibility</b> (Does not include prescription drugs)	You pay no more than \$6,500 annually.  Includes copays and other costs for medical services for the year.
<b>Inpatient Hospital Coverage*</b>	You pay a \$325 copay per day for days 1 - 6 (You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 7 - 90).  *Prior authorization may be required.  This benefit will begin on day 1 each time you are admitted to a specific facility type. You pay your cost share per admission.
<b>Outpatient Hospital Coverage*</b>	You pay a \$0 up to \$275 copay per visit. You pay \$0 if a polyp is found and removed during colonoscopy. You pay \$275 for each Medicare covered observation service.  *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Services</b>	You pay a \$0 up to \$275 copay per visit.  *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Doctor Visits</b>	
Primary Care Providers	You pay a \$0 copay per visit.
Specialists	You pay a \$30 copay per visit.
Telehealth	You pay \$0 per use. Members must use BlueCare On Demand for this service. See EOC or call Customer Service for more details.
<b>Preventive Care</b>	You pay a \$0 copay.  Preventive care includes: Abdominal aortic aneurysm; Alcohol misuse counseling; Bone mass measurement; Breast cancer screening (mammogram); Cardiovascular disease screenings; Colorectal cancer screenings (colonoscopy); Depression screenings; Diabetes Screening and training; Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program; HIV Screening; Obesity screening and counseling; Prostate cancer screenings (PSA); Vaccines, including flu shots and pneumococcal shots; Welcome to Medicare initial visit; Annual Wellness Visit; Annual Physical; and Health Coaching via Silver and Fit. Other preventive services are also available.  There are some covered services that have a cost, refer to the EOC for complete details.

<b>Premiums and Benefits</b>	<b>BlueCross Secure (HMO)</b>
<b>Emergency Care</b>	<p>You pay a \$95 copay per visit, waived if admitted within 24 hours.</p> <p>You pay a \$250 service specific deductible and then 35% of the total cost for worldwide emergency care.</p>
<b>Urgently Needed Services</b>	You pay a \$40 copay per visit.
<b>Diagnostic Services/Labs/Imaging*</b>	*Prior authorization may be required for these services.
Diagnostic tests and procedures	You pay a \$0 up to \$100 copay per service. You pay \$0 for diagnostic EKG and diagnostic colorectal screening.
Lab services	You pay a \$0 copay per lab service.
Diagnostic radiology service (e.g., MRI and CT scan)	You pay a \$0 up to \$150 copay per service. You pay a \$0 copay for diagnostic mammograms and ultrasounds.
Outpatient x-rays	You pay a \$5 copay per x-ray.
<b>Hearing Services</b>	
Medicare-covered hearing exam	You pay a \$45 copay.
Routine hearing exam	You pay a \$45 copay for one per year using TruHearing providers.
Hearing aids	<p>You pay \$699 - \$999 using TruHearing network for up to 2 hearing aids per year (one per ear, each year).</p> <p>The copayment range is based on different types and styles of hearing aids. The lower range \$699 is for the Advanced hearing aid type and the higher range \$999 is for the Premium hearing aid type, a TruHearing provider must be used for in- and out-of-network hearing aid benefit.</p>
<b>Dental Services</b>	
Comprehensive Dental (Medicare Covered)	You pay a \$50 copay.
<b>Vision Services</b>	
Diabetic eye exam	You pay a \$0 copay.
Glaucoma screening	You pay a \$0 copay.
Medicare-covered eye exam	You pay a \$50 copay.
Routine eye exam	You pay a \$0 copay using the VSP network. 1 exam per year.
Eyeglasses (frames and lenses) and contacts	You pay a \$0 copay for one pair of glasses to include frames and lenses or one pair of contact lenses every 2 years using the VSP network.
Eyeglasses or contact lenses after cataract surgery	You pay a \$0 copay for Medicare-covered eyewear related to cataract surgery.
<b>Mental Health Services</b>	
Inpatient visit*	<p>You pay a \$624 copay per day, days 1 through 3. You pay a \$0 copay per day, days 4 through 90.</p> <p>*Prior authorization may be required.</p>



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Outpatient group therapy/ individual therapy	You pay a \$35 copay per visit.
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)*</b>	You pay a \$0 copay per day for days 1 - 20. You pay a \$196 copay per day for days 21 - 100. *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Physical Therapy*</b>	You pay a \$35 copay per visit. *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Ambulance*</b>	You pay a \$285 copay per one-way trip for ground ambulance. You pay a \$285 copay for a one-way trip for air ambulance. *Prior authorization may be required for non-emergency transportation.
<b>Transportation</b>	You receive 24 one-way trips per year to any health-related location. See your EOC for details.
<b>Medicare Part B Drugs*</b>	You pay 20% of the total cost of chemotherapy drugs. You pay 20% of the total cost for other Part B drugs. <b>Effective 7/1/2023:</b> You pay a \$35 copay for a 1-month supply of Medicare Part B select insulins for use in home infusion pumps.  *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Chiropractic Care (Medicare-covered)</b>	You pay a \$20 copay per visit.
<b>Dialysis*</b>	You pay 20% of the total cost. *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Foot Care (podiatry services)</b>	
Medicare-covered foot exams and treatment	You pay a \$35 copay per visit.
Routine foot care	Not covered
<b>Home Health Care*</b>	You pay 0% of the total cost. *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Meal Program</b>	You pay a \$0 copay for meals upon discharge from Hospital, Skilled Nursing or Rehab facility. Two meals per day for 5 days.  See EOC for details.
<b>Medical Equipment/Supplies</b>	
Durable Medical Equipment(e.g., wheelchairs, oxygen) *	You pay 20% of the total cost. *Prior authorization may be required.
Prosthetics (e.g., braces, artificial limbs) *	You pay 20% of the total cost. *Prior authorization may be required.
Diabetic supplies	We only cover OneTouch/LifeScan supplies, including test strips, glucose monitors, solutions, lancets and lancing devices for \$0. Note: In case of an approved medical exception, other brands may be covered, and you pay 20% of the total cost.
<b>Occupational Therapy*</b>	You pay a \$35 copay per visit. *Prior authorization may be required.

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<b>Outpatient Substance Abuse*</b>	Individual session - You pay a \$35 copay. Group session – You pay a \$40 copay. *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Over-the-Counter Service</b>	You receive \$45 per quarter for a total of \$180 per year in Over-the-Counter items with free shipping. Order placed once per quarter via phone, catalog, or vendor website. New for 2023 you can use an OTC Benefits Card at your pharmacy. See EOC for details.
<b>Physical Exam - Annual</b>	You pay a \$0 copay for one physical exam per year.
<b>Speech and Language Therapy*</b>	You pay a \$35 copay per visit. *Prior authorization may be required.
<b>Wellness Programs (e.g., fitness)</b>	You pay \$0 for basic membership to a Silver & Fit participating fitness center and a home fitness kit with fitness tracker.

## Prescription Drug Costs

**Important Message About What You Pay for Vaccines** - Our plan covers most Part D vaccines at no cost to you. Call Customer Service for more information.

**Important Message About What You Pay for Insulin** - You won't pay more than \$30 for a one-month supply of each insulin product covered by our plan, no matter what cost-sharing tier it's on.

<b>Outpatient Prescription Drugs</b>			
<b>Deductible Stage</b>	<b>You pay \$0</b>		
<b>Initial Coverage Stage</b>	<b>Preferred Retail (30-day supply)</b>	<b>Standard Retail (30-day supply)</b>	<b>Mail-Order (90-day supply)</b>
<b>Tier 1: Preferred Generic</b>	You pay \$0	You pay \$5	You pay \$0
<b>Tier 2: Generic</b>	You pay \$10	You pay \$15	You pay \$0
<b>Tier 3: Preferred Brand</b>	You pay \$42	You pay \$47	You pay \$105
<b>Select Insulins</b>	You pay \$30	You pay \$30	You pay \$90
<b>Tier 4: Non-Preferred</b>	You Pay \$100	You pay \$100	You pay \$250
<b>Tier 5: Specialty</b>	You pay 33%	You pay 33%	You pay 33%
<b>Tier 6: Select Care Drugs</b>	You pay \$0	You pay \$5	You pay \$0

**Yearly Deductible Stage:** There is no deductible stage with BlueCross Secure.

**Initial Coverage Stage:** During this stage, the plan pays its share of the cost of your Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, Tier 5 and Tier 6 drugs and you pay your share. You stay in this stage until your year-to-date "total drug costs" (your payments plus any Part D plan's payments) total \$4,660.

**Additional Gap Coverage:** You also receive some coverage for generic drugs. For drugs on Tier 1 and Tier 6 you pay the same share of the cost that you normally pay while in the Initial Coverage Stage, or 25% of the costs, whichever is lower. For all other generic drugs besides those on Tier 1 and Tier 6, you pay 25% of the costs. During this stage, you pay 25% of the price for brand name drugs (plus a portion of the dispensing fee). For generic drugs, the amount paid by the plan (75%) does not count toward your out-of-pocket costs. Only the amount you pay counts and moves you through the coverage gap. Cost-Sharing may change depending on the pharmacy you choose (preferred or non-preferred, mail-order, Long-Term Care (LTC) or home infusion, and 30 or 90-day supply) and when you enter another of the four stages of the Part D benefit. For more information on the additional pharmacy-

specific cost-sharing and the stages of the benefit, please call us or access our *Evidence of Coverage* online at [www.scbluesmedadvantage.com](http://www.scbluesmedadvantage.com).

**Catastrophic Coverage:** After your yearly out-of-pocket drug costs (including drugs purchased through your retail pharmacy and through mail order) reach \$7,400, you pay the greater of:

- **5%** of the cost, or
- **\$4.15** copay for generic (including brand drugs treated as generic) and **\$10.35** copay for all other drugs.

Limitations, copayments, and restrictions may apply. Benefits, premiums, copayments, or coinsurance may change on January 1 of each year.

Out-of-network/non-contracted providers are under no obligation to treat BlueCross Secure members, except in emergency situations. For a decision about whether we will cover an out-of-network service, we encourage you or your provider to ask us for a pre-service organization determination before you receive the service. Please call our Customer Service number, (855) 204-2744, or see your *Evidence of Coverage* for more information, including the cost-sharing that applies to out-of-network services.

## Multi-language Interpreter Services

**English:** We have free interpreter services to answer any questions you may have about our health or drug plan. To get an interpreter, just call us at [1-855-204-2744]. Someone who speaks English/Language can help you. This is a free service.

**Spanish:** Tenemos servicios de intérprete sin costo alguno para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener sobre nuestro plan de salud o medicamentos. Para hablar con un intérprete, por favor llame al 1-844-396-0183. Alguien que hable español le podrá ayudar. Este es un servicio gratuito.

**Chinese Mandarin:** 我们提供免费的翻译服务，帮助您解答关于健康或药物保险的任何疑问。如果您需要此翻译服务，请致电 1-844-396-0188。我们的中文工作人员很乐意帮助您。这是一项免费服务。

**Chinese Cantonese:** 您對我們的健康或藥物保險可能存有疑問，為此我們提供免費的翻譯服務。如需翻譯服務，請致電 1-844-725-1516。我們講中文的人員將樂意為您提供幫助。這是一項免費服務。

**Tagalog:** Mayroon kaming libreng serbisyo sa pagsasaling-wika upang masagot ang anumang mga katanungan ninyo hinggil sa aming planong pangkalusugan o panggagamot. Upang makakuha ng tagasaling-wika, tawagan lamang kami sa 1-844-389-4839. Maaari kayong tulungan ng isang nakakapagsalita ng Tagalog. Ito ay libreng serbisyo.

**French:** Nous proposons des services gratuits d'interprétation pour répondre à toutes vos questions relatives à notre régime de santé ou d'assurance-médicaments. Pour accéder au service d'interprétation, il vous suffit de nous appeler au 1-844-396-0190. Un interlocuteur parlant Français pourra vous aider. Ce service est gratuit.

**Vietnamese:** Chúng tôi có dịch vụ thông dịch miễn phí để trả lời các câu hỏi về chương sức khỏe và chương trình thuốc men. Nếu quý vị cần thông dịch viên xin gọi 1-800-389-4838 sẽ có nhân viên nói tiếng Việt giúp đỡ quý vị. Đây là dịch vụ miễn phí.

**German:** Unser kostenloser Dolmetscherservice beantwortet Ihren Fragen zu unserem Gesundheits- und Arzneimittelplan. Unsere Dolmetscher erreichen Sie unter 1-844-396-0191. Man wird Ihnen dort auf Deutsch weiterhelfen. Dieser Service ist kostenlos.

**Korean:** 당사는 의료 보험 또는 약품 보험에 관한 질문에 답해 드리고자 무료 통역 서비스를 제공하고 있습니다. 통역 서비스를 이용하려면 전화 1-844-396-0187 번으로 문의해 주십시오. 한국어를 하는 담당자가 도와 드릴 것입니다. 이 서비스는 무료로 운영됩니다.



**Russian:** Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно страхового или медикаментного плана, вы можете воспользоваться нашими бесплатными услугами переводчиков. Чтобы воспользоваться услугами переводчика, позвоните нам по телефону 1-844-389-4840. Вам окажет помощь сотрудник, который говорит по-русски. Данная услуга бесплатная.

**Arabic:** إننا نقدم خدمات المترجم الفوري المجانية للإجابة عن أي أسئلة تتعلق بالصحة أو جدول الأدوية لدينا. للحصول على مترجم فوري، ليس عليك سوى الاتصال بنا على 1-844-396-0189 سيقوم شخص ما يتحدث العربية بمساعدتك. هذه خدمة مجانية.

**Hindi:** हमारे स्वास्थ्य या दवा की योजना के बारे में आपके किसी भी प्रश्न के जवाब देने के लिए हमारे पास मुफ्त दुभाषिया सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं। एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त करने के लिए, बस हमें [1-844-725-1519] पर फोन करें। कोई व्यक्ति जो हिन्दी बोलता है आपकी मदद कर सकता है। यह एक मुफ्त सेवा है।

**Italian:** È disponibile un servizio di interpretariato gratuito per rispondere a eventuali domande sul nostro piano sanitario e farmaceutico. Per un interprete, contattare il numero 1-844-396-0184. Un nostro incaricato che parla Italianovi fornirà l'assistenza necessaria. È un servizio gratuito.

**Português:** Dispomos de serviços de interpretação gratuitos para responder a qualquer questão que tenha acerca do nosso plano de saúde ou de medicação. Para obter um intérprete, contacte-nos através do número 1-844-396-0182. Irá encontrar alguém que fale o idioma Português para o ajudar. Este serviço é gratuito.

**French Creole:** Nou genyen sèvis entèprèt gratis pou reponn tout kesyon ou ta genyen konsènan plan medikal oswa dwòg nou an. Pou jwenn yon entèprèt, jis rele nou nan 1-844-398-6232. Yon moun ki pale Kreyòl kapab ede w. Sa a se yon sèvis ki gratis.

**Polish:** Umożliwiamy bezpłatne skorzystanie z usług tłumacza ustnego, który pomoże w uzyskaniu odpowiedzi na temat planu zdrowotnego lub dawkowania leków. Aby skorzystać z pomocy tłumacza znającego język polski, należy zadzwonić pod numer 1-844-396-0186. Ta usługa jest bezpłatna.

**Japanese:** 当社の健康 健康保険と薬品 処方薬プランに関するご質問にお答えするために、無料の通訳サービスがあります。通訳をご用命になるには、1-844-396-0185 にお電話ください。日本語を話す人 者が支援いたします。これは無料のサービスです。



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