

Stay on top of your health

Use your preventive care benefits



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Regular preventive care can help you stay healthy and catch problems early, when they are easier to treat. Our health plans offer all the preventive care services and immunizations below at no cost to you.¹ As long as you use a doctor, pharmacy, or lab in your plan's network, you won't have to pay anything. If you go to doctors or facilities that are not in your plan, you may have to pay out of pocket.

If you are not sure which exams, tests, or shots make sense for you, talk to your doctor.

Preventive care vs. diagnostic care

What's the difference? Preventive care helps protect you from getting sick. If your doctor recommends you receive services even though you have no symptoms, that's preventive care. Diagnostic care is when you have symptoms, and your doctor recommends services to determine what's causing those symptoms.

Adult preventive care

General preventive physical exams, screenings, and tests (all adults):

- Alcohol misuse: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Aortic aneurysm screening (for men who have smoked)
- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure
- Bone density test to screen for osteoporosis
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) levels screening
- Colorectal cancer screenings, including fecal occult blood test, barium enema, flexible sigmoidoscopy, screening colonoscopy and related prep kit, and computed tomography (CT) colonography (as appropriate)²
- Depression screening
- Diabetes screening (type 2)³
- Eye chart test for vision⁴
- Hepatitis B virus (HBV) screening for people at increased risk of infection
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) screening
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) measurements
- Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV): screening and counseling
- Interpersonal and domestic violence: screening and counseling
- Lung cancer screening for those ages 50 to 80 who have a history of smoking 20 packs or more per year and still smoke, or who have quit within the past 15 years²
- Obesity: related screening and counseling³
- Prostate cancer screenings, including digital rectal exam and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test
- Sexually transmitted infections: related screening and counseling
- Tobacco use: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Tuberculosis screening

Women's preventive care:

- Breast cancer screenings, including exam, mammogram, and genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 when certain criteria are met⁵
- Breastfeeding: primary care intervention to promote breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling^{6,7,8,9}
- Contraceptive (birth control) counseling
- Counseling related to chemoprevention for those at high risk for breast cancer
- Counseling related to genetic testing for those with a family history of ovarian or breast cancer
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive medical services, including sterilization, provided by a doctor
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) screening⁷
- Interpersonal and domestic violence: screening and counseling
- Pelvic exam and Pap test, including screening for cervical cancer
- Pregnancy screenings, including gestational diabetes, hepatitis B, asymptomatic bacteriuria, Rh incompatibility, syphilis, HIV, and depression⁷
- Well-woman visits

Immunizations:

- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Zoster (shingles)

The preventive care services listed above are recommendations of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and are subject to change. They may not be right for every person. Ask your doctor what's right for you.

This sheet is not a contract or policy with Empire BlueCross BlueShield. If there is any difference between this sheet and the group policy, the group policy provisions will rule. Please see your combined *Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form* or *Certificate* for exclusions and limitations.

Child preventive care

Preventive physical exams, screenings, and tests:

- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure screening
- Cervical dysplasia screening
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) levels screening
- Depression screening
- Development and behavior screening
- Diabetes screening (type 2)
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight, and BMI measurements
- Hemoglobin or hematocrit (blood count) screening
- Lead testing
- Newborn screening
- Obesity: related screening and counseling
- Oral (dental health) assessment, when done as part of a preventive care visit
- Sexually transmitted infections: related screening and counseling
- Skin cancer counseling for those ages 6 months to 24 years with fair skin
- Tobacco use: related screening and behavioral counseling

Immunizations:

- Chickenpox
- Flu
- Haemophilus influenzae type B (HIB)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Meningitis
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Pneumonia
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Whooping cough

If you'd like more help understanding your preventive care benefits, call the number on the back of your member ID card.

¹ The range of preventive care services covered at no cost share when provided by plan doctors is designed to meet state and federal requirements. The Department of Health and Human Services decided which services to include for full coverage based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force A and B recommendations, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and certain guidelines for infants, children, adolescents, and women supported by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) guidelines. You may have additional coverage under your insurance policy. To learn more about what your plan covers, see your *Certificate of Coverage* or call the Member Services number on your ID card.

² You may be required to receive preapproval for these services.

³ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-recognized diabetes prevention programs are available for overweight or obese adults with abnormal blood glucose or who have abnormal CVD risk factors.

⁴ Some plans cover additional vision services. Please see your contract or *Certificate of Coverage* for details.

⁵ Check your medical policy for details.

⁶ Breast pumps and supplies must be purchased from suppliers or retailers in your plan's network for 100% coverage. We recommend using plan durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers.

⁷ This benefit also applies to those younger than age 19.

⁸ A cost share may apply for other prescription contraceptives, based on your drug benefits. Your cost share may be waived if your doctor decides that using the multisource brand or brand name is medically necessary.

⁹ Counseling services for breastfeeding (lactation) can be provided or supported by a doctor or facility in your plan's network, such as a pediatrician, OB-GYN, or family medicine doctor, and hospitals with no member cost share (deductible, copay, or coinsurance). Contact the provider to see if such services are available.