

Understanding Your EOB

Explanation of Benefits Statements

An Explanation of Benefits (EOB) Statement is a notification provided to members when a health care benefits claim is processed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX). The EOB displays the expenses submitted by the provider and shows how the claim was processed.



The EOB has four sections:

- Claim Information includes the member and patient name, the member's group and ID numbers, and the claim number.
- Summary highlights the financial information – the amount billed, total benefits approved and the amount you may owe the provider.
- Service Information identifies the health care facility or physician, dates of service and charges.
- **Coverage Information** shows what was paid to whom, what discounts and deductions apply, and what part of the total expense was not covered.

The EOB may include additional information:

- Amounts Not Covered will show provider discounts, or what benefit limitations or exclusions apply.
- Out-of-Pocket Expenses will show an amount when a claim applies toward your deductible or counts toward your out-of-pocket expenses.
- Appeals explains your rights regarding review of claim denials.
- Fraud Hotline is a toll-free number to call if you think you are being charged for services you did not receive or if you suspect any fraudulent activity.

Your EOBs Are Available Online!

Sign up for Blue Access for Members[™] (BAM) at **bcbstx.com** for convenient and confidential access to your claim information and history.

Choose to opt out of receiving EOBs by mail to save time and resources. Go to BAM, click on User Profile and change your User Preferences.

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- Account name (member's company or organization)
- 2 Date claim was finalized

Sample

EOB

- 6 Toll-free number to call for additional information
- 4 Member's name and mailing address
- 6 BCBSTX messages
- 6 Member's name
- Employer or group identification number*
- Image: Member number that appears on the ID card*
- Claim number*
- Person who received the services*
- Usual Summary box, including the total billed by the provider for the services, the benefits approved and paid by BCBSTX, and the remainder you may owe. (See also 14, 20 and 21).
- Provider name (top line) and description of service (below)

- ^(B) Beginning and ending service dates
- ⁽⁰⁾ Amount billed by the provider for each service
- Portion of the billed amount not covered by the plan (a footnote explains the reason, for example, provider discounts)
- 6 Amount covered by the plan*
- 1 Total charges included on this claim
- ¹⁰ Plan reductions subtracted from billed amount, such as PPO allowances
- Deductible and copayment or coinsurance amounts ; can also display applicable penalities and/or reductions for failure to preauthorize
- Payment approved before benefits are coordinated with other insurers, such as Medicare
- 2 Amount the member may be responsible for paying
- 2 Total benefit approved for provider
 - * Please provide this information when contacting us about a claim. Not all EOBs are the same. The format and content of your EOB depends on your benefit plan and the services provided. Deductible and copayment amounts vary.