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## Additional Benefits

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## Provider Network

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## Payment

You will pay the premiums, copays, deductibles, and coinsurance amounts set by the government.

## Out-of-Pocket Costs

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## Additional Benefits

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You may have to choose healthcare providers in the plan's network for the lowest costs for care.

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