



Wellmark Value<sup>SM</sup> Health Plan HMO

# HEALTH PLAN

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

OUTLINE OF COVERAGE  
for ACA Plans

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You should read your benefits policy carefully. This Outline of Coverage for Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans provides a brief description of the important features of your benefits policy. This is not your benefits policy. Only the actual benefit provisions in your benefits policy will determine your benefits. The benefits policy itself sets forth in detail the rights and obligations of both you and Wellmark Value Health Plan.

**THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ YOUR BENEFITS POLICY CAREFULLY.**

If you have questions about the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans but have not submitted an application, please contact Wellmark’s Customer Service at **800-978-3221**. If you are a current Wellmark member, please call the number located on the back of your ID card.

Premium payments may be made on a calendar month or semi-annual calendar year basis. For example:

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Premium payment would be for the first day of the month through the last day of such month through electronic funds transfer (EFT) only.</b>
<b>Semi-Annual</b>	<b>Premium payment would be for the calendar period of either: Jan. 1 through June 30, or July 1 through Dec. 31</b>

In any year in which there is a mid year adjustment in the amount of premium(s), the member will have the following obligation:

<b>Monthly</b>	Monthly payments will continue to be made through electronic funds transfer (EFT) only. For monthly premium payments, any increase will be deducted from the member’s designated account in the first month the increase becomes effective. For each month thereafter, the increased monthly premium will automatically be deducted.
<b>Semi-Annual</b>	For semi-annual payments, the member must pay a bill for a premium payment representing the difference between the new semi-annual premium amount and the amount previously paid for such period. The member also will be required to pay subsequent semi-annual premiums that include the premium increase.

The amount of your periodic premium payment will change as provided in the benefits policy and from time to time based on changes in your coverage, including but not limited to, changes in benefits, payment obligations (such as deductible, coinsurance and copayments), the number of covered family members, members’ ages, changes in tobacco use status, or other factors that require adjustments to the total premium. These changes may occur at times other than an annual or other benefits policy renewal.

Your authorization for automatic premium withdrawals shall include authorization for automatic withdrawal of any changed amount unless you notify your bank no less than three business days before a scheduled withdrawal to stop the payment. You will be responsible for any fee assessed by your bank for stop-payment orders that you make. To make changes to your automatic premium withdrawal bank information, call the Customer Service number on your ID card by the 10th of the month prior to the next scheduled withdrawal.

# Choosing a provider

Providers who participate with this network are called Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers. **Generally, there are no benefits for services received outside of the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, except for emergencies or accidental injuries.**

Providers who do not participate with this plan are called out-of-network, nonparticipating providers. With Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans, it is usually to your advantage to visit your primary care provider (personal doctor) for most covered services. If your personal doctor is unable to diagnose or treat your condition, he or she may refer you to another Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider. Generally, benefits are available only when received from a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider. To determine if a provider participates with this medical benefits plan, ask your provider, refer to the Find a Doctor or Hospital tool on Wellmark.com, or call the Customer Service number on your ID card. Our provider directory is also available upon request by calling the Customer Service number on your ID card.

**Please note:** Even though a facility may be a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network facility, particular providers within the facility may not be Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers. Examples include out-of-network, nonparticipating physicians on the staff of a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network hospital, home medical equipment suppliers, and other independent providers. Therefore, when you are referred by a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider to another provider, or when you are admitted into a facility, always ask if the providers are Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers. Always carry your ID card and present it when you receive services. Information on it, especially the ID number, is required to process your claims correctly. Pharmacies do not participate with Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network.

## Referrals

If you require services from a provider other than your personal doctor, typically a specialist, you will be referred to a provider in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO

Network. If you require services that are not available from a specialist within the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, you will be referred to a provider outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network who has expertise in diagnosing and treating your condition. Wellmark must approve out-of-network referrals before you receive services or the services will not be covered.

**Note:** Even when your out-of-network referral is approved, you are still responsible for complying with notification requirements.

## Primary care providers (PCP)

Primary care providers are a type of provider you go to for your primary care. PCPs include family practitioners, internal medicine practitioners, obstetricians/gynecologists, pediatricians, physicians assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners.

In the case of preventive care visits and benefits, services must be received from an in-network provider for preventive benefits to be covered and cost-share waived.

## Balance billing

This is the difference between the billed charge of an out-of-network provider who does not participate in the traditional BlueCard® program and what Wellmark will pay for a specific service, procedure, or supply. When you receive emergency care, and, in some cases, non-emergency services from a provider who is not part of the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO network, you are responsible for paying this difference. You are also responsible for paying this difference even with a referral for a non-emergency service if the provider is not part of the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO network. To avoid being balance-billed in an emergency or accidental injury situation, select a health care provider who participates in the “traditional” BlueCard®

network. Non-emergency care is not covered for out-of-network providers. Balance billed amounts do not apply toward your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum and are not used to calculate your coinsurance percentage.

Benefits for most covered services are available only when received from Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers. However, when you receive services in an in-network facility and are provided covered services by an out-of-network ancillary provider, in-network cost-share will be applied and accumulate toward the out-of-pocket maximum. For this purpose, ancillary providers include pathologists, emergency room physicians, anesthesiologists, radiologists, or hospitalists. Because we do not have contracts with out-of-network providers and they may not accept our payment arrangements, you will still be responsible for any difference between the billed charge and our settlement amount for the services from the out-of-network ancillary provider.

## Blue Distinction Centers<sup>1</sup>

Blue Distinction Centers (BDC) are facilities that are recognized for their proven expertise in delivering specialty care. The Blue Distinction® program recognizes doctors and hospitals for their expertise and exceptional quality in delivering care, from general health and wellness to more complex and specialty procedures.

The following services must be received at a Blue Distinction Center in order to be covered:

- Bariatric surgery
- Organ transplants excluding kidney and small bowel transplants

These centers have demonstrated their commitment to quality care, resulting in better outcomes for these types of surgeries.

<sup>1</sup> Blue Distinction Centers (BDC) met overall quality measures for patient safety and outcomes, developed with input from the medical community. A Local Blue Plan may require additional criteria for providers located in its own service area; for details, contact your Local Blue Plan. Blue Distinction Centers+ (BDC+) also met cost measure that address consumers' need for affordable healthcare. Each provider's cost of care is evaluated using data from its Local Blue Plan. Providers in CA, ID, NY, PA, and QA may lie in two Local Blue Plans' areas, resulting in two evaluations for cost of care; and their own Local Blue Plans decide whether one or both cost of care evaluation(s) must meet BDC+ national criteria. National criteria for BDC and BDC+ are displayed on www.bcbs.com. Individual outcomes may vary. For details on a provider's in-network status or your own policy's coverage, contact your Local Blue Plan and ask your provider before making an appointment. Neither Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association nor any Blue Plans are responsible for non-covered charges or other losses or damages resulting from Blue Distinction or other provider finder information or care received from Blue Distinction or other providers.

# About Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network

**THE WELLMARK VALUE HEALTH PLAN HMO PLANS** outlined here and detailed in the policies are Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) health plans designed to provide coverage for hospital, medical, and surgical expenses incurred as a result of a covered illness or injury. Coverage is provided for miscellaneous hospital services, surgical services, anesthesia services, in-hospital medical services, and out-of-hospital care. Covered services are subject to deductible, coinsurance and copayment provisions, or other limitations set forth in the policy.

This coverage is available to you (“single” coverage) or to you and your family (“family” coverage), including your spouse and/or eligible dependent children; or to your dependents only (“child-only” coverage). A child-only policy is a single policy in which the primary applicant is age 20 or younger, or a policy of multiple siblings in which the primary applicant is the youngest child and is age 20 or younger. You will pay the premium required for coverage directly to Wellmark.

## Office services received from a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider

Covered office services include office visits and consultations, X-rays, laboratory testing, and minor surgery, and most outpatient X-rays and laboratory testing billed by a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network facility when your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider refers you to the facility.

## Services outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network

Generally, there are no benefits for medical services received outside of the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, except in the following situations:

- Accidental injuries
- Emergencies

## BlueCard Program

Wellmark Value Health Plan, Inc., is an affiliate of Wellmark, Inc., and is an independent licensee of the Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® Association. We have relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plans. These relationships are generally referred to as Inter-Plan Programs. Whenever you obtain services outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, the claims for these services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Programs, which include the BlueCard Program. These programs ensure that members of any Blue Plan have access to the advantages of participating providers throughout the United States. Participating providers have a contractual arrangement with the Blue Cross or Blue Shield Plan in

their home state (“Host Blue”). The Host Blue is responsible for contracting with and generally handling all interactions with its participating providers.

The BlueCard Program is one of the advantages of your coverage with Wellmark Value Health Plan, Inc. It provides conveniences and benefits outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network area for emergency care or accidental injury similar to those you would have in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network area when you obtain covered medical services from a network provider. Always carry your ID card (or BlueCard) and present it to your provider when you receive care. Information on it, especially the ID number, is required to process your claims correctly.

In an emergency situation, seek care at the nearest hospital emergency room. Whenever possible, before receiving services outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, you should always ask the provider if he or she participates with a Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that state. To locate BlueCard providers in any state, call **800-810-BLUE**, or visit [Bcbs.com](http://Bcbs.com).

When you receive covered services from BlueCard providers outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, all of the following statements are true:

- Claims are filed for you.
- These providers agree to accept payment arrangements or negotiated prices of the Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan with which the provider contracts. These payment arrangements may result in savings.

- The health plan payment is sent directly to the providers.
- You are responsible for notification requirements.

## Out-of-network/nonparticipating providers

When you receive covered services for accidental injuries, emergencies, or guest membership from out-of-network, nonparticipating providers, all of the following statements are true:

- Out-of-network, nonparticipating providers are not responsible for filing your claims. If you need a claim form or have questions on how to submit a claim, please call the Customer Service phone number located on your ID card.
- We do not have contracts with out-of-network, nonparticipating providers and they may not agree to accept our payment arrangements. Therefore, you are responsible for any difference between the amount charged and our payment.
- We make claims payments to you, not out-of-network, nonparticipating providers.
- You are responsible for notification requirements.

## Eligibility for Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network coverage

All persons seeking coverage with Wellmark Value Health Plan, Inc. must be residents of Iowa and live in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO service area. If coverage is issued, please note, there are generally no benefits for medical services outside the Wellmark

Value Health Plan HMO Network except for emergency or accidental injuries.

### Guest membership

Covered dependents attending college out of state are eligible to become a guest member any time they are outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network area for at least 90 days. Not all services covered under the medical benefits plan are covered under Guest Membership. To determine which services are covered under the Guest Membership program, call us.

To set up a guest membership, follow the guidelines listed below:

- Before a covered dependent leaves the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network

area to attend college, he or she should call the Customer Service number on his or her ID card.

### This plan does not include coverage for pediatric dental services

This health plan does not include pediatric dental services as described under the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Pediatric dental coverage is available in the insurance market and can be purchased as a stand-alone product. Please contact your insurance carrier, producer, or Iowa's Partnership Marketplace Exchange if you wish to purchase pediatric dental coverage or a stand-alone dental services product.

### Blue Distinction Centers

Generally, there are no benefits for the following services received outside of a Blue Distinction Center:

- Bariatric surgery
- Organ transplants excluding kidney and small bowel transplants

Blue Distinction Centers demonstrate quality care, treatment expertise and better overall patient results. The Blue Distinction® program recognizes doctors and hospitals for their expertise and exceptional quality in delivering care, from general health and wellness to more complex and specialty procedures.

# Benefits

## Approved hospital/health care facility services

Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans provide medically necessary services and supplies related to the treatment of an illness or injury as an inpatient in a facility.

Approved health care facilities include ambulatory surgical facilities, hospitals, and nursing facilities. All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans also consider community mental health centers and facilities for treatment of chemical dependency to be approved health care facilities.

**Note:** Even though a facility may participate in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, other providers within the facility, such as emergency room providers, anesthesiologists, home medical equipment suppliers, and others may not participate with the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network. It is important to ask if the provider participates in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network before you receive covered services.

## Inpatient services

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans cover:

- Accidental injury care
- Anesthetics and their administration
- Blood and blood administration
- Chemotherapy services
- Maternity
- Dialysis services
- Drugs and biologicals
- Education services for diabetes
- Emergency care
- General nursing care
- Inhalation therapy
- Intravenous administration
- Medical and surgical supplies such as dressing and casts
- Mental health and chemical dependency treatment
- Occupational therapy to treat the upper extremities — see *Limitations* section.
- Physical therapy — see *Limitations* section
- Speech therapy treatment — see *Limitations* section

## Outpatient services

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans cover:

- Accidental injury care
- Anesthetics and their administration
- Chemotherapy services
- Dialysis services
- Drugs and biologicals
- Education services for diabetes
- Emergency care
- Inhalation therapy
- Intravenous administration
- Medical and surgical supplies such as dressing and casts
- 180 days supply of over-the-counter drugs for smoking cessation per calendar year
- Mental health and chemical dependency treatment
- Occupational therapy to treat the upper extremities
- Physical therapy
- Rehabilitative speech therapy treatment
- Musculoskeletal services

## Approved provider services

The following list describes approved provider services for all Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans:

- Accidental injury services
- Allergy testing and treatment
- Anesthetics and their administration
- Certain dental services
- Chemotherapy
- Maternity
- Concurrent care
- Dialysis services
- Emergency care
- Genetic testing and related counseling in certain circumstances
- Medical services-other than surgical or obstetrical
- Musculoskeletal services
- Occupational therapy to treat the upper extremities
- Physical therapy

- Preventive care, including:
  - Implanted and injected contraceptives and contraceptive medical devices — oral contraceptives are covered under your drug policy
  - Immunizations
  - One routine gynecological exam per member per benefit period.
  - One routine mammogram per member per benefit period.
  - One routine physical examination and related services per member per benefit period.
  - Routine pap smears.
  - Well-child care including age appropriate pediatric preventive services until the child reaches the age of 7
- Radiation therapy
- Rehabilitative speech therapy treatment
- Surgical services
- Reconstructive surgery
- Fertility and infertility services
  - Fertility prevention, such as tubal ligation (or its equivalent) or vasectomy (initial surgery only)
  - Fertility and infertility services until you receive artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or any related fertility or infertility treatment or transfer procedure
- X-ray and laboratory services
- Pediatric vision — vision services for members under age 19 (one routine vision examination per benefit year)
- Telehealth services

**Note:** Even though a facility may participate in the Wellmark Value Health HMO Network, other providers within the facility, such as emergency room providers, anesthesiologists, home medical equipment suppliers, and others may not participate with the Wellmark Value Health HMO Network. It is important to ask if the provider participates in the Wellmark Value Health HMO Network before you receive covered services.

## Organ transplant coverage

Coverage is available under all Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans for transplants of the heart, heart and lung, lung, pancreas, kidney,

pancreas/kidney, small bowel, liver and for certain bone marrow/stem cell transfer transplants only when provided at a Blue Distinction Center.

You should follow written prior approval requirements for all transplants, except kidney.

**Note:** Transplants are subject to case management and services are required to be provided at a Blue Distinction Center (BDC). This requirement does not apply to kidney and small bowel transplants.

### Other covered services for all plans

General anesthesia and hospital or ambulatory surgical facility services related to the provision of dental services, subject to any other restrictions on dental coverage under your benefits policy, if the member:

- is a child under age 14 who, based on a determination by a licensed dentist and the child's treating Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider, has a dental or developmental condition for which patient management in the dental office has been ineffective and requires dental treatment in a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility; or
- has, based on a determination by a licensed dentist and the member's treating Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider, one or more medical conditions that would create significant or undue medical risk for the member in the course of delivery of any necessary dental treatment or surgery if not rendered in a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility.

**Other medically necessary covered services and supplies related to the treatment of illness and injury include:**

- Ambulance services (professional air or ground).
- Home infusion therapy.
- Home medical equipment.
- Short-term home skilled nursing if given by a registered nurse (R.N.) or licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) from an agency accredited by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Care Organizations

(JCAHO) or a Medicare-certified agency, and if coordinated by a case manager.

- Oxygen and equipment administration.
- Prescription drugs and medicines administered in the vein or muscle covered under the Blue Rx Essentials<sup>SM</sup> managed prescription drug program.
- Prosthetic devices and braces.

### Home health services

Coverage includes care provided by an agency accredited by the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) and/or a Medicare-certified agency. Services must be prescribed by a Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider, approved by our case manager, and is not more costly than alternative services that would be effective for diagnosis and treatment of your condition.

**Covered services and supplies include:**

- Home health aide services.  
Short-term home skilled nursing visits if given by a registered nurse (R.N.) or licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) from an agency accredited by the JCAHO or a Medicare-certified agency, and if coordinated by a case manager. Short-term home skilled nursing is intended to provide a safe transition from other levels of care when medically necessary, provide teaching to caregivers for ongoing care, or provide short-term treatments that can be safely administered in a home setting.
- Inhalation therapy.
- Medical equipment and supplies.
- Medical social services.
- Prescription drugs and medicines administered in the vein or muscle.
- Occupational therapy to treat the upper extremities.
- Oxygen and equipment for its administration.
- Parenteral and enteral nutrition.
- Physical therapy.
- Prosthetic devices and braces.
- Speech therapy treatment.

### Hospice services

Coverage is provided to terminally ill patients with a life expectancy of six months or less. Covered hospice services include the same services as described under "Home Health Services" as well as hospice respite care from a facility approved by Medicare or JCAHO.

Hospice respite care offers rest and relief help for the family caring for a terminally ill patient. Inpatient respite care can take place in a nursing home, nursing facility, or hospital.

### Pediatric vision

Wellmark's pediatric vision benefits are administered through Avēsis<sup>1</sup>.

Benefits are available for children under age 19. Your deductible is waived for all plans except Wellmark Value Bronze HDHP HMO. Wellmark Value Bronze HDHP HMO plans will waive the deductible for routine vision exams only. The details:

- One routine vision exam per benefit year at no cost.
- One frame and one pair of lenses per benefit year or contact lenses instead of frames and lenses.
  - Up to \$130 for one frame per benefit year (80% coinsurance for covered charges more than \$130)
  - Up to \$130 per benefit year for non-medically necessary contact lenses (85% coinsurance for covered charges more than \$130)
  - Medically necessary contact lenses

### Virtual Visit<sup>2</sup>

Virtual Visit, also referred to as Telehealth services, includes covered medical services delivered by an in-network provider via interactive audio-visual technology, web-based mobile device or similar electronic-based communication network. Virtual Visit is the quickest and easiest way to see a doctor or mental health professionals who can treat the most common medical conditions and prescribe medication, if needed, right from your computer, tablet, or phone from the comfort of home. Doctor on Demand is one provider of these services.

<sup>1</sup> Wellmark's pediatric vision coverage is administered by Avēsis, an independent company providing network and claims administration on behalf of Wellmark for pediatric vision benefits.

<sup>2</sup> Doctor On Demand, Inc., is an independent company that provides telemedicine services, which are provided by licensed physicians practicing within a group of independently owned professional practices. Doctor On Demand, Inc. does not itself provide any physician, mental health or other healthcare provider services. Doctor On Demand operates subject to state laws. Doctor On Demand offers medical care in 50 states. Doctor On Demand is not intended to replace an annual, in-person visit with a primary care physician.



# Limitations

Your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO coverage is limited as follows:

## Cosmetic surgery

Coverage is limited to corrective surgery that has the primary purpose of restoring function lost or impaired as a result of an illness, accidental injury, or birth defect.

## Breast reconstruction after a mastectomy

If you have a mastectomy and elect breast reconstruction in connection with the mastectomy, you are covered for the following:

- Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

## Musculoskeletal treatment

You are covered for outpatient nonsurgical treatment of ailments related to the musculoskeletal system, such as manipulations or related procedures to treat musculoskeletal injury or disease. You may receive chiropractic services from any Wellmark Blue HMO chiropractor for the first 12 visits in a benefit year and qualify for benefits. After your 12th visit, you must obtain approval of a treatment plan from a Wellmark Blue HMO Provider or Wellmark Blue HMO chiropractor to continue qualifying for benefits. If you do not obtain this approval of a treatment plan, continued treatment will not be covered.

## Treatment of mental health conditions and chemical dependency (MH/CD)

All plans provide coverage for mental health and chemical dependency treatment subject to these limitations:

- For mental health:
  - Treatment provided in an office visit, or outpatient setting;

- Treatment provided in an intensive outpatient setting;
- Treatment provided in an outpatient partial hospitalization setting;
- Individual, group, or family therapy provided in a clinically managed low intensity residential treatment setting, also known as supervised living;
- Treatment, including room and board, provided in a clinically managed medium or high intensity residential treatment setting;
- Psychiatric observation;
- Care provided in a psychiatric residential crisis program;
- Care provided in a medically monitored intensive inpatient setting; and
- For inpatient, medically managed acute care for patients whose condition requires the resources of an acute care general hospital or a medically managed inpatient treatment program.
- For substance abuse
  - Treatment provided in an office visit, or outpatient setting;
  - Treatment provided in an intensive outpatient setting;
  - Treatment provided in an outpatient partial hospitalization setting;
  - Drug or alcohol rehabilitation therapy or counseling provided while participating in a clinically managed low intensity residential treatment setting, also known as supervised living;
  - Treatment, including room and board, provided in a clinically managed medium or high intensity residential treatment setting;
  - Treatment provided in a medically monitored intensive inpatient or detoxification setting; and
  - For inpatient, medically managed acute care for patients whose condition requires the resources of an acute care general hospital or a medically managed inpatient treatment program.

## Occupational, physical and speech therapy

Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans provide coverage for occupational, speech and physical therapy subject to the benefit terms outlined in your policy:

- Occupational therapy does not cover:
  - Occupational therapy supplies.
  - Occupational therapy provided as an inpatient in the absence of a separate medical condition that requires hospitalization.
- Speech therapy does not cover:
  - Speech therapy services not provided by a licensed or certified speech pathologist.
  - Speech therapy to treat certain developmental, learning, or communication disorders, such as stuttering and stammering.
- Physical therapy does not cover:
  - Physical therapy provided as an inpatient in the absence of a separate medical condition that requires hospitalization.
  - Physical therapy performed for maintenance.

## Hospice respite care

Hospice respite care offers rest and relief help for the family caring for a terminally ill patient. Inpatient respite care can take place in a nursing home, nursing facility, or hospital. Benefits for hospice respite care are limited to:

- 15 days per lifetime for inpatient hospice respite care
- 15 days per lifetime for outpatient hospice respite care
- Not more than five days of hospice respite care at a time

# Exclusions

The following services are excluded or are not considered medically necessary by Wellmark Value Health Plan, Inc. and will not be covered in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO policies:

## Counseling and educational Services

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Bereavement counseling or services (including volunteers or clergy)
- Marriage and family counseling
- Learning and educational services and treatments including, but not limited to, non-drug therapy for high blood pressure control, exercise modalities for the treatment of obesity, nutritional instruction for the control of gastrointestinal conditions, reading programs for dyslexia, or Applied Behavior Analysis services, for any medical, mental health, or substance abuse condition.

## Mental health treatment

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Conditions that are not pervasive developmental and learning disorders
- Certain disorders of early childhood (such as academic underachievement disorder)
- Communication disorders (such as stuttering and stammering)
- Impulse-control disorders (such as pathological gambling)
- Sensitivity, shyness and social withdrawal disorder
- Recreational activities or therapy, social activities, meals, excursions, or other activities not considered clinical treatment, while participating in residential psychiatric treatment programs.

## Fertility and infertility

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Elective abortion
- Infertility treatment if the infertility is the result of voluntary sterilization.
- The collection or purchase of donor semen (sperm) or oocytes (eggs) when performed in connection with fertility or infertility procedures or for any other reason or service; freezing and storage of sperm, oocytes, or embryos; surrogate parent services.

- Artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization, or any related fertility or infertility treatment or transfer procedure. If you have any of these procedures done, benefits for all types of fertility or infertility treatment (including drug induced stimulation of ovulation) will end beginning on the day you receive the noncovered service.
- Reversal of a tubal ligation (or its equivalent) or vasectomy.

## Miscellaneous

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Anesthesia, local or topical billed separately from a related surgical or medical procedure
- Orthotics
- Complications of a non-covered service, supply, device, or drug. (except complications arising from an elective abortion)
- Dental services except as specified and limited in the policy
- Elastic stockings and bandages
- Extended home skilled nursing, which is treatment provided in the home by a registered nurse (R.N.) or licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) who is associated with JCAHO or a Medicare-certified agency. Additionally, this treatment is ordered by a physician and consists of four or more hours per day of continuous nursing care that requires the technical proficiency and knowledge of an R.N. or L.P.N.
- Hearing aids and exams
- Investigational treatment
- Maxillary and mandibular tooth implants (osseointegration) unrelated to accidental injuries or abnormal changes in the mouth due to injury or disease
- Motor vehicle special equipments
- Non-medical services
- Personal convenience items
- Rehabilitative speech therapy treatment not provided by a licensed or certified speech pathologist. Speech therapy benefits are not available for the treatment of certain

developmental learning or communication disorders, such as stuttering and stammering.

- Routine vision care for members over age 19
- Services furnished to you prior to the date your policy begins
- Dental extractions, dental restorations, or orthodontic treatments for temporomandibular joint syndrome
- Travel or lodging costs
- Wigs or hairpieces

## Organ transplants

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Expenses related to purchase of any organ
- Services or supplies related to mechanical or non-human organs associated with transplants
- Transplant services or supplies other than heart, heart and lung, lung, pancreas, kidney, simultaneous pancreas/kidney, small bowel, liver, or bone marrow/ stem cell transfers
- Expenses of transporting living donor
- Expenses of transporting the recipient when the transplant organ for the recipient is not available for transplant.
- Services outside a Blue Distinction Center (BDC). This requirement does not apply to kidney or small bowel transplants.

## Provider types

These providers are excluded on all Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans:

- Provider, if an immediate family member.

## Covered by other programs or laws

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Illness or injury sustained while on active military status
- Services or supplies for which we learn or are notified by you, your provider, or our third party contractor that such services or supplies are related to a work related illness or injury.

- Services or supplies when someone else has the legal obligation to pay for services, has an agreement to not submit claims for services or, without this health plan, there would not be a charge.

### Therapy, self-motivation, and other programs

All Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO plans exclude coverage for:

- Acupuncture
- Cosmetic services, supplies or drugs if provided primarily to improve physical appearance. A service, supply or drug that results in an incidental improvement in appearance may be covered if it is provided primarily to restore function lost or impaired as the result of an illness, accidental injury, or a birth defect. You are also not covered for treatment for any complications resulting from a noncovered cosmetic procedure.
- Custodial or sanitarium care or rest cures
- Educational or recreational therapy
- Massage therapy
- Occupational therapy supplies and therapy provided as an inpatient in the absence of a separate medical condition that requires hospitalization
- Rehabilitative speech therapy treatment not provided by a licensed or certified speech pathologist. Speech therapy benefits are not available for the treatment of certain developmental learning or communication disorders, such as stuttering and stammering.
- Self-help or self-cure programs, products, or drugs
- Services and supplies as an inpatient provided primarily for diagnostic evaluation, physical therapy, or occupational therapy
- Weight-reduction programs or supplies

### Additional exclusions

- Routine foot care
- Periodic physicals or health examinations, screening or immunization procedures that are performed solely for school, sport, employment, insurance, licensing, or travel
- Services provided outside a Blue Distinction Center (BDC) for bariatric surgery, and organ transplants excluding kidney or small bowel transplants.

Generally, there are no medical benefits for services received outside of the Wellmark Value Health HMO Network, except for emergencies or accidental injuries.

# Plan overview

Generally, there are no benefits for medical services received outside of the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network, except for emergencies or accidental injuries.

PLAN NAME	WELLMARK VALUE BRONZE HMO <sup>SM</sup>	WELLMARK VALUE BRONZE HDHP HMO <sup>SM</sup>
METALLIC TIER	BRONZE	BRONZE
Available on Exchange?	Yes	Yes
Preventive care	FREE <sup>1</sup>	FREE <sup>1</sup>
Annual benefit: Deductible	Single: \$8,150 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$16,300	Single: \$6,750 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$13,500
Annual benefit: Out-of-pocket maximum	Single: \$8,150 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$16,300	Single: \$6,750 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$13,500
Lifetime benefit maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Office services: Out-of-network	Not covered except for emergency and accidental injury only	Not covered except for emergency and accidental injury only
PCP <sup>3</sup> office visit, walk-in clinic, independent lab services, facility lab/X-ray, virtual visit (includes labs and X-rays done in a visit; does not include diagnostic imaging/studies and radiation therapy including but not limited to CT, MEG, MRA, MRI, PET, nuclear medicine, ultrasounds, diagnostic mammograms and diagnostic testing)	\$85 copay	Deductible
Physical therapy, Occupational therapy or Speech pathology	\$85 copay	Deductible
Specialist office visit (includes labs and X-rays done in a visit; does not include diagnostic imaging/studies and radiation therapy including but not limited to CT, MEG, MRA, MRI, PET, nuclear medicine, ultrasounds, diagnostic mammograms and diagnostic testing)	\$150 copay	Deductible
Emergency room (includes physician, facility, labs and x-rays; copays waived if admitted as inpatient)	\$1,200 copay	Deductible
All other services (i.e. X-rays outside of office visit, ultrasounds, inpatient, ambulance, skilled nursing facility, outpatient physician and facility services, diagnostic imaging/studies and radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, diagnostic mammograms, diagnostic testing, durable medical equipment)	Up to \$8,150	Deductible
Rx formulary	Blue Rx Essentials <sup>SM</sup>	Blue Rx Essentials <sup>SM</sup>
Prescription drug benefits	Generics (Tier 1): \$35 copay Preferred brand (Tier 2), Non-preferred brand (Tier 3), Preferred specialty/Non-preferred specialty: Up to \$8,150 (Health/Drug deductible & OPM aggregates)	Medical deductible applies After deductible, plans pays 100% of covered drug (Health/Drug deductible & OPM aggregates)
Pediatric dental <sup>4</sup>	Not included in health plan	Not included in health plan
Pediatric vision <sup>5</sup>	\$130 for one frame per benefit year (80% coinsurance for covered charges about \$130) \$130 for non-medically necessary contact lenses (85% coinsurance for covered charges above \$130)	\$130 for one frame per benefit year (80% coinsurance for covered charges about \$130) \$130 for non-medically necessary contact lenses (85% coinsurance for covered charges above \$130)

<sup>1</sup> Preventive care must be received from an in-network doctor in the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network.

<sup>2</sup> The family deductible and out-of-pocket maximum can be met through any combination of family members. No one member will be required to meet more than the single deductible or out-of-pocket maximum amount to receive benefits for covered services during a benefit period.

<sup>3</sup> The primary care office copay applies to family practitioners, general practitioners, obstetricians/gynecologists, pediatricians, physicians assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners. This lower office copay applies to in-network chiropractors, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, and in some cases, mental health or chemical dependency visits. All other in-network practitioners are subject to the non-primary care office copay. The copay applies per practitioner, per date of service.

<sup>4</sup> This policy does not include pediatric dental services as described in the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. This coverage is available in the insurance market and can be purchased as a standalone product. Please contact your insurance carrier, producer or Iowa's Marketplace Exchange if you wish to purchase dental coverage or a stand-alone dental services product.

<sup>5</sup> Essential Health Benefit pediatric vision benefits, under this medical plan, are administered by Avésis for members under 19.

## Plan overview, continued

PLAN NAME	WELLMARK VALUE SILVER HMO <sup>SM</sup>	WELLMARK VALUE GOLD HMO <sup>SM</sup>
METALLIC TIER	SILVER	GOLD
Available on Exchange?	Yes	Yes
Preventive care	FREE <sup>1</sup>	FREE <sup>1</sup>
Annual benefit: Deductible	Single: \$8,150 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$16,300	Single: \$4,500 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$9,000
Annual benefit: Out-of-pocket maximum	Single: \$8,150 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$16,300	Single: \$4,500 Family <sup>2</sup> : \$9,000
Lifetime benefit maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited
Office services: Out-of-network	Not covered except for emergency and accidental injury only	Not covered except for emergency and accidental injury only
PCP <sup>3</sup> office visit, walk-in clinic, independent lab services, facility lab/X-ray, virtual visit (includes labs and X-rays done in a visit; does not include diagnostic imaging/studies and radiation therapy including but not limited to CT, MEG, MRA, MRI, PET, nuclear medicine, ultrasounds, diagnostic mammograms and diagnostic testing)	\$50 copay	\$30 copay
Physical therapy, Occupational therapy or Speech pathology	\$50 copay	\$30 copay
Specialist office visit (includes labs and X-rays done in a visit; does not include diagnostic imaging/studies and radiation therapy including but not limited to CT, MEG, MRA, MRI, PET, nuclear medicine, ultrasounds, diagnostic mammograms and diagnostic testing)	\$75 copay	\$70 copay
Emergency room (includes physician, facility, labs and x-rays; copays waived if admitted as inpatient)	\$600 copay	\$500 copay
All other services (i.e. X-rays outside of office visit, ultrasounds, inpatient, ambulance, skilled nursing facility, outpatient physician and facility services, diagnostic imaging/studies and radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, diagnostic mammograms, diagnostic testing, durable medical equipment)	Up to \$8,150	Up to \$4,500
Rx formulary	Blue Rx Essentials <sup>SM</sup>	Blue Rx Essentials <sup>SM</sup>
Prescription drug benefits	Generic (Tier 1): \$20 copay Preferred brand (Tier 2): \$60 copay Non-preferred brand (Tier 3): \$150 copay Preferred specialty: \$300 copay Non-preferred specialty: \$500 copay (Health/Drug OPM aggregates)	Generic (Tier 1): \$15 copay Preferred brand (Tier 2): \$50 copay Non-preferred brand (Tier 3): \$100 copay Preferred specialty: \$300 copay Non-preferred specialty: \$500 copay (Health/Drug OPM aggregates)
Pediatric dental <sup>4</sup>	Not included in health plan	Not included in health plan
Pediatric vision <sup>5</sup>	\$130 for one frame per benefit year (80% coinsurance for covered charges about \$130) \$130 for non-medically necessary contact lenses (85% coinsurance for covered charges above \$130)	\$130 for one frame per benefit year (80% coinsurance for covered charges about \$130) \$130 for non-medically necessary contact lenses (85% coinsurance for covered charges above \$130)

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<sup>5</sup> Essential Health Benefit pediatric vision benefits, under this medical plan, are administered by Avésis for members under 19.

# Blue Rx Essentials<sup>SM</sup> drug coverage

Most prescription drugs are covered under Blue Rx Essentials, your managed drug program. Wellmark Value Health Plan members must fill their prescriptions through any of the more than 68,000 participating pharmacies nationwide<sup>1</sup> — whether in or out of state — and will have their claims filed electronically by the pharmacy. Specialty drugs must be purchased through the specialty pharmacy program. Blue Rx Essentials retail pharmacies as well as specialty pharmacies have point-of-sale computer access to current information to screen for duplicate therapies or interactions with drugs dispensed by other Blue Rx Essentials Network pharmacies.

## Blue Rx Essentials<sup>SM</sup> Prescription Drug Card Plan

When filling a prescription, it is important to show your Wellmark Value Health Plan ID card to confirm that the pharmacy participates in the Blue Rx Essentials network. The pharmacist uses the Rx BIN number to file your claims electronically and to determine how much you pay when picking up your prescription. The Rx BIN number is on your Wellmark Value Health Plan ID card.

## The Blue Rx Essentials Drug List

Often there is more than one medication available to treat the same medical condition. The Blue Rx Essentials Drug List contains drugs physicians recognize as medically effective for a wide range of health conditions.

The Blue Rx Essentials Drug List is a reference list that includes generic and brand-name prescription drugs that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are covered under your Blue Rx Essentials prescription drug benefits. The Blue Rx Essentials Drug List is updated on a quarterly basis, or when new drugs become available, and as discontinued drugs are removed from the marketplace.

To determine if a drug is covered, you must consult the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List. You are covered for drugs listed on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List. **If a drug is not on the Drug List, it is not covered.** If you need help determining if a particular drug is on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List, ask your physician or pharmacist, visit our website, Wellmark.com, or call the Customer Service number on your ID card and request a copy of the Drug List.

New drugs will not be added to the Drug List until they have been evaluated by Wellmark. We will periodically update the list to reflect these evaluations and to reflect the changing drug market in general. Although only drugs

listed on the Drug List are covered, Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers are not limited to prescribing only the drugs on the list. Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers may prescribe any medication, but only medications on the Drug List are covered. A medication on the Drug List will not be covered if the drug is specifically excluded under your prescription drug plan, or other limitations apply. If a drug is not on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List and you believe it should be covered, refer to *Exception Process for Noncovered Drugs*. The Blue Rx Essentials Drug List is subject to change.

## Understanding tiers and what you pay

Drugs are categorized into tiers. The Blue Rx Essentials Drug List identifies which tier a drug is on. The tier is also important in determining the amount you pay for your prescriptions.

### Blue Rx Essentials

- **Tier 1** — Most generic drugs and some brand-name drugs that have no generic equivalent.
- **Tier 2** — Drugs appear on this tier because they either have no generic equivalent or are considered less cost-effective than Tier 1 drugs.
- **Tier 3** — Drugs appear on this tier because they are less cost-effective than Tier 1 or Tier 2 drugs.
- **Preferred Specialty** — Drugs have proven to be safe, effective, and favorably priced compared to non-preferred alternatives that treat the same condition. Drugs may also be classified as preferred because no alternative drug exists.
- **Non-preferred Specialty** — Drugs without sufficiently documented clinical evidence that they provide a significant benefit over available preferred alternatives.

In most cases, when you purchase a brand name drug that has an FDA-approved “A”-rated generic equivalent, Wellmark will pay only what it would have paid for the equivalent generic drug. You will be responsible for your payment obligation for the equivalent generic drug and any remaining cost difference up to the maximum allowed fee for the brand name drug.

## Guidelines for drug coverage

To be covered, a prescription drug must meet all of the following criteria:

- Listed on the Drug List.
- Can be legally obtained in the United States only with a written prescription.
- Deemed both safe and effective by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and approved for use by the FDA after 1962.
- Prescribed by a practitioner prescribing within the scope of his or her license.
- Dispensed by a recognized licensed participating retail pharmacy employing licensed registered pharmacists, through the specialty pharmacy program, through the mail order drug program, or dispensed and billed by a hospital or other facility as a take-home drug for a short-term supply.
- Medically necessary for your condition.
- Reviewed, evaluated, and recommended for addition to the Drug List by Wellmark.

## Limits on prescription drug coverage

We may exclude, discontinue, or limit coverage for any drug by removing it from the Drug List or by moving a drug to a different tier on the Drug List for any of the following reasons:

- New drugs are developed.
- Generic drugs become available.
- Over-the-counter drugs with similar properties become available or a drug’s active ingredient is available in a similar

<sup>1</sup> CVS Health, 2018

strength in an over-the-counter product or as a nutritional or dietary supplement product available over the counter.

- There is a sound medical reason.
- Scientific evidence does not show that a drug works as well and is as safe as other drugs used to treat the same or similar conditions.
- A drug receives FDA approval for a new use.

### Drugs that are not covered

Drugs not covered include but are not limited to:

- Drugs not listed on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List.
- Drugs purchased from nonparticipating pharmacies.
- Specialty drugs purchased outside the specialty pharmacy program.
- Drugs in excess of a quantity limitation.
- Drugs that are not FDA approved.
- Experimental or investigational drugs.
- Compounded drugs that do not contain an active ingredient in a form that has been approved by the FDA and that require a prescription to obtain.
- Compounded drugs that contain bulk powders or that are commercially available as a similar prescription drug.
- Drugs determined to be abused or otherwise misused by you.
- Drugs that are lost, damaged, stolen, or used inappropriately.
- Contraceptive medical devices, such as intrauterine devices and diaphragms. These are covered under your medical benefits.
- Convenience packaging. If the cost of the convenience packaged drug exceeds what the drug would cost if purchased in its normal container, the convenience packaged drug is not covered.
- Cosmetic drugs.
- Irrigation solutions and supplies.
- Therapeutic devices or medical appliances.
- Infertility drugs.
- Weight reduction drugs.
- The difference in cost between the generic drug and the brand name drug when you purchase a brand name drug that has

an FDA-approved “A”-rated medically appropriate generic equivalent.

### Refills

To qualify for refill benefits, all of the following requirements must be met:

- Sufficient time has elapsed since the last prescription was written. Sufficient time means that at least 75 percent of the medication has been taken according to the instructions given by your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider.
- The refill is not to replace medications that have been lost, damaged, stolen, or used inappropriately.
- The refill is for use by the person for whom the prescription is written (and not someone else).
- The refill does not exceed the amount authorized by your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider.
- The refill is not limited by state law.

You are allowed one early refill per medication per calendar year if you will be away from home for an extended period of time.

If traveling within the United States, the refill amount will be subject to any applicable quantity limits under this coverage. If traveling outside the United States, the refill amount will not exceed a 90-day supply. To receive authorization for an early refill, ask your pharmacist to call us.

### Quantity limitations

Most prescription drugs are limited to a maximum quantity you may receive in a single prescription. Federal regulations limit the quantity that may be dispensed for certain medications.

If your prescription is so regulated, it may not be available in the amount prescribed by your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider. In addition, coverage for certain drugs is limited to specific quantities per month, benefit year, or lifetime. Amounts in excess of quantity limitations are not covered. For a list of drugs with quantity limits, check with your pharmacist or Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider, consult the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List at Wellmark.

com, or call the Customer Service number on your ID card.

### Prior authorization of drugs

- **Purpose** — Prior authorization allows us to verify that a prescription drug is part of a specific treatment plan and is medically necessary. In some cases prior authorization may also allow a drug that is normally excluded to be covered if it is part of a specific treatment plan and medically necessary.
- **Applies to** — Prior authorization is required for a number of particular drugs. Visit Wellmark.com or check with your pharmacist or Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider to determine whether prior authorization applies to a drug that has been prescribed for you.
- **Person responsible** — You are responsible for the prior authorization.
- **Process** — Ask your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider to call us with the necessary information. If your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider has not provided the prior authorization information, participating pharmacists usually ask for it, which may delay filling your prescription. To avoid delays, encourage your provider to complete the prior authorization process before filling your prescription. We will respond to a prior authorization request within:
  - 72 hours in a medically urgent situation.
  - 15 days in a non-medically urgent situation. Calls received after 4 p.m. are considered the next business day.
- **Importance** — If you purchase a drug that requires prior authorization but do not request prior authorization, you are responsible for paying the entire amount charged.

### Prescription maximums

Generally, there is a maximum days' supply of medication you may receive in a single prescription. However, exceptions may be made for certain prescriptions packaged in a dose exceeding the maximum days' supply covered under your Blue Rx Essentials prescription drug benefits. To determine if this exception applies to your prescription, call the Customer Service number on your ID card.

Your payment obligations may be determined by the quantity of medication you purchase.

#### Prescription maximum

30 day retail  
90 day retail maintenance  
30 day mail order  
90 day mail order maintenance  
30 day specialty

#### Mail order drug program

You must purchase mail order drugs through the mail order drug program. You are not covered for mail order drugs purchased outside the mail order drug program. You must register as a mail service user in order to fill your prescriptions through the mail order drug program. For information on how to register, visit our website, Wellmark.com, or call the Customer Service number on your ID card. Mail order pharmacy providers outside our mail order program are considered nonparticipating pharmacies. You are not covered for drugs purchased from nonparticipating mail order pharmacies.

#### Specialty drugs

Specialty drugs are high-cost injectable, infused, oral, or inhaled drugs typically used for treating or managing chronic illnesses. These drugs often require special handling (e.g., refrigeration) and administration. They are not available through the mail order drug program. Specialty drugs may be covered under your Blue Rx Essentials prescription drug benefits. To determine whether a particular specialty drug is covered under your Blue Rx Essentials prescription drug benefits, consult the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List at Wellmark.com, or call the Customer Service number on your ID card.

#### CVS® specialty pharmacy program

Specialty pharmacies deliver specialty drugs directly to your home or to your physician's office. You must purchase specialty drugs through the CVS specialty pharmacy program. You must register as a specialty pharmacy program user in order to fill your prescriptions through the specialty pharmacy program. For information on how to register, call the Customer Service number on your ID card or

visit our website at Wellmark.com. You are not covered for specialty drugs purchased outside the CVS specialty pharmacy program. The specialty pharmacy program administers the distribution of specialty drugs to the home and to physicians' offices.

#### Preventive items and services

Preventive items and services received at a participating licensed retail pharmacy, including certain items or services recommended with an "A" or "B" rating by the United States Preventive Services Task Force, and immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are covered. To determine if a particular preventive item or service is covered, consult the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List or call the Customer Service number on your ID card.

#### Specialty Drug Manufacturer Discount Card Program

Certain specialty medications may qualify for manufacturer discount card programs which could lower your out-of-pocket costs for those products. You may not receive credit toward your maximum out-of-pocket for any out-of-pocket amounts that are applied to a manufacturer coupon or rebate.

This Specialty Drug Manufacturer Discount Card Program is offered as part of your plan's exclusive specialty pharmacy network with CVS/caremark's affiliate CVS Specialty. The list of specialty drugs eligible for this Specialty Drug Manufacturer Discount Card Program is subject to change as determined by CVS Specialty.

#### Drug company rebates

Wellmark contracts with a pharmacy benefits manager to provide pharmacy benefits management services. Drug manufacturers offer rebates to pharmacy benefits managers. Wellmark receives a share of these rebates from its pharmacy benefits manager. Any rebates we receive will be retained by us. The rebates will not be allocated to your specific claims and they will not be considered when determining your payment obligations.

#### Exception requests for non-formulary prescription drugs

Prescription drugs that are not listed on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List are not covered. However, you may submit an exception request for coverage of a nonformulary drug (i.e., a drug that is not included on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List). The form is available at Wellmark.com or by calling the Customer Service number on your ID card. Your prescribing physician or other provider must provide a clinical justification supporting the need for the non-formulary drug to treat your condition.

The Exception Request for Non-Formulary Prescription Drugs process is only available for FDA-approved prescription drugs that are not on the Blue Rx Essentials Drug List. It is not available for items that are specifically excluded under your benefits, such as cosmetic drugs, convenience packaging, non-FDA approved drugs, infused drugs, most over-the-counter medications, nutritional, vitamin and dietary supplements, or antigen therapy. The preceding list of excluded items is illustrative only and is not a complete list of items that are not eligible for the process.

#### Prescription purchases outside the United States

To qualify for benefits for prescription drugs purchased outside the United States, all of the following requirements must be met:

- You are injured or become ill while in a foreign country.
- The prescription drug's active ingredient and dosage form are FDA-approved or an FDA equivalent and has the same name and dosage form as the FDA-approved drug's active ingredient.
- The prescription drug would require a written prescription by a licensed Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider if prescribed in the U.S.



# Notification requirements

The following are notification requirements you or your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider should follow to receive the maximum benefits available under your policy.

## Precertification

The purpose of precertification is to help determine whether a service or admission to a facility is medically necessary. If you choose to have these services performed even though we were unable to certify the medical necessity of the services, you will be responsible for the charges.

For a complete list of the services subject to precertification, visit [Wellmark.com](http://Wellmark.com) or call the Customer Service number listed on your ID card.

Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers obtain precertification for you. However, you or someone acting on your behalf are responsible for precertification if:

- You are admitted to a facility outside Iowa;
- You receive services subject to precertification from a nonparticipating provider.

If you have questions about whether or not a precertification request has been received by Wellmark, call Customer Service at the phone number on your ID card.

## Concurrent review

Concurrent review is a utilization review conducted during a member's facility stay or course of treatment at home or in a facility setting to determine whether the place or level of service is medically necessary. This care coordination program occurs without any notification required from you.

For a complete list of the services subject to concurrent review, visit [Wellmark.com](http://Wellmark.com) or call the Customer Service number on your ID card.

Wellmark may review your case to determine whether your current level of care is medically necessary. Responses to Wellmark's concurrent review requests must include supporting clinical information to determine medical necessity as a condition of your coverage.

## Laboratory services, home/durable medical equipment, or prosthetic devices outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network:

Before receiving laboratory services, home/durable medical equipment, or prosthetic devices, ask your provider to utilize a provider that has a contractual arrangement with the Blue Plan where you received services, purchased/rented equipment, or shipped equipment. If the provider does not have a contractual relationship with the Blue Plan, that provider will be considered a nonparticipating provider and you will be responsible for the entire amount charged.

## Prior approval

Before you receive treatment for certain services, supplies, or procedures, prior approval is required. Prior approval helps determine whether a proposed treatment plan is medically necessary, and is a covered benefit under the policy. Without prior approval for certain services, we cannot confirm that a proposed treatment plan is a benefit of your policy. If prior approval is requested and approved by Wellmark Value Health Plan, the service will be approved for a specific time period. (Even if you receive prior approval for a service, inpatient admissions may be subject to inpatient admission notification.)

Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers request prior approval for you. However, you or someone acting on your behalf are responsible for prior approval if:

- You are admitted to a facility outside Iowa;
- You receive services subject to prior approval from a nonparticipating provider.

For a complete list of services for which prior approval is required, or to ask about any other service, call the phone number listed on your ID card or visit [Wellmark.com](http://Wellmark.com).

## Change of residence

You must notify us prior to relocating outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan geographic service area because you will have no benefits for medical services provided outside of Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO provider network except for emergencies or accidental injuries.

## Notification

Notification of most facility admissions and certain services helps us identify and initiate discharge planning or care coordination.

Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers perform notification for you. However, you or someone acting on your behalf are responsible for notification if:

- You are admitted to a facility outside Iowa.
- You receive services subject to notification from a nonparticipating provider.

For a complete list of services subject to notification, visit [Wellmark.com](http://Wellmark.com) or call the Customer Service number listed on your ID card.

## Evaluating the latest technology

At Wellmark Value Health Plan, we regularly review the latest procedures, drugs, devices, and methods that will improve medical outcomes.

For more information, please call the Customer Service number located on the back of your ID card.

## Privacy practices notices

You can visit the following link: [Wellmark.com/inform](https://www.wellmark.com/inform) to read more about:

- How your medical information may be used and disclosed.
- How you can get access to information regarding the use of your medical information.
- How you can authorize Wellmark to release your medical information upon approval.

Or call the Customer Service number located on the back of your ID card for questions.

## Wellmark's internal protection of Personal Health Information

The steps Wellmark has taken to safeguard members' medical information include, but are not limited to:

- a. Disseminated Notice of Privacy Practices to insured members and posted it on the Wellmark website at Wellmark.com.
- b. Disseminated a Notice of Privacy Practices and other information practitioners and facilities need to know about Wellmark's privacy practices in the provider newsletter, Blue Ink<sup>SM</sup>, and on the Wellmark website.
- c. Established a Privacy Office as a primary point of contact concerning questions or issues regarding privacy matters, including toll-free phone access and email address, and published the contact information in the Notice of Privacy Practices on the Wellmark website.
- d. Established internal policies and procedures for compliance with the Privacy Rule, and disseminated the information to employees through corporate-wide privacy training, and department-specific training for Customer Service and other areas.

- e. As a condition of employment, all members of Wellmark's workforce are required to sign a Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement.
- f. In daily interaction with members and providers, Wellmark provider and Customer Service representatives inform providers and members of our procedures to verify identity and authority of callers to discuss protected health information.
- g. Limited physical and information system access to medical information, only to people who need it to do their jobs.
- h. Strict security regarding access to facility, personal computers, and medical information.

# General provisions

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to apply for Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO coverage if you reside in the Wellmark Value Health Plan service area.

If you are applying for child-only coverage, any child(ren) age 20 and under listed on the application is eligible for child-only coverage, or due to a qualifying event that occurs outside of the open enrollment period as long as he/she is not enrolled in or eligible for other coverage<sup>1</sup> at the time of the effective date of coverage.

## Premium payment

- Coverage is automatically renewed by payment of your premium and service fee in advance.
- A grace period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of each premium and fees due after the first premium and fees. During this grace period, your policy will continue in force.
- For On-Exchange coverage, a 90-day grace period applies to those who receive federal subsidy assistance in the form of an advanced premium tax credit and who have paid at least one full month's premium within the benefit year.
- We may terminate your policy if: (1) you fail to pay your premium when due; (2) there is fraudulent use of your policy; (3) Wellmark terminates or discontinues your plan; or (4) you change your residence from the geographic service area served by Wellmark Value Health Plan. You must notify us prior

to relocating outside the Wellmark Value Health Plan Service area, as you will have no benefits for services except for emergencies or accidental injuries.

## Medicare eligibility

When you become eligible for Medicare, you may convert to a Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Iowa Medicare supplement plan without answering health questions if you still reside in Iowa, and you have Medicare Parts A and B, and you apply during your six-month guaranteed enrollment period.

## Subrogation

Once you receive benefits under your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO benefits policy arising from an illness or injury, we will assume any legal right you have to collect compensation, damages, or any other payment related to that illness or injury. We will assume all rights for recovery, to the extent of our payment, regardless of whether our payment is made before or after settlement of any third-party claim, and regardless of whether you have received full or complete compensation for any injury or illness. You and your covered family member(s) agree to notify us if you have the potential right to receive payment from someone else and to cooperate with us to ensure that our rights to subrogation are protected. We reserve the right to offset any amounts owed to us against any future claim settlement amounts.

## Coordination of benefits

Coordination of benefits applies when you have more than one insurance policy or plan that provides the same or similar benefits as this policy, including other individual or group sponsored coverage in which you are enrolled.

Benefits payable under this policy, when combined with those paid under your other coverage will not be more than 100 percent of either our payment arrangement amount or the other plan's payment arrangement amount. The method we use to calculate the payment arrangement amount may be different from your other plan's method.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions on Coordination of Benefits, Wellmark Value Health Plan will always pay as though it is the primary carrier when you use your ID card for prescription drugs purchased at a pharmacy.

## Other information

- Premium rates for a specified individual are determined by the base premium rate for the block of business that reflects the actual and anticipated experience for all policies included in the block. Base premium rates are adjusted to reflect the particular benefit plan chosen as well as age, geographic area and tobacco use.

<sup>1</sup> Other coverage includes Group Health coverage or other creditable coverage (not including HIPIOWA, Medicaid, or hawk-i)

# Health and wellness programs

Helping you maintain or improve your health is important. That's why Wellmark is more than just a health insurance company — we are people helping people. In support of your health care coverage, we provide programs and services with your health and wellness needs in mind.

## BeWell 24/7<sup>SM</sup>

When you call BeWell 24/7, you'll be connected with a real person who can help you with a variety of health-related concerns. For example:

- **Locate health care providers and facilities** — whether you're at home or traveling.
- **Estimate your costs** for common medical procedures and services.
- **Coordinate health care appointments,** in-home health help and record retrieval.
- **Discuss treatment options** and answer your health and wellness questions.
- **Make arrangements for community-based services** you or a family member needs like in-home safety modifications, meals, medical equipment, transportation and more.

BeWell 24/7. It's real help from real people around the clock. Exclusively for Wellmark members. Just call 844-84-BEWELL (239355).

## Blue365<sup>®</sup>

When you become a member of The Blues<sup>®</sup>, you have access to discounts and services through Blue365, a program designed by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

You'll find substantial savings and helpful information in these categories:

- **Health and wellness** — referrals and savings on elective procedures, such as laser vision correction surgery, discounts on weight-loss programs like Jenny Craig,<sup>®</sup> and fitness clubs like SNAP Fitness.<sup>™</sup>
- **Family care** — support and information for parents or dependents in need of caregiver services.
- **Financial well-being** — access to help planning for your future.
- **Travel** — discounts on healthy vacations, lodging like Westin<sup>®</sup> Hotels, destination-specific travel tips, and assistance with passport issues and inquiries.

## Pregnancy Care program

Our Pregnancy Care program provides valuable information and support for moms-to-be and new mothers, from the first trimester through the early weeks of parenthood. This program provides resources to help all expecting mothers better understand and manage their pregnancy. The goal is to help moms-to-be avoid complications and preterm birth, as well as provide nurse support for high-risk pregnancies.

## Complex Case Management program

Our Complex Case Management program is designed to provide you with long-term health care needs resulting from extreme illness or injury. You, your Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network provider, and the hospital work with our case managers to identify and arrange treatment plans in an effort to meet your special needs and to assist in preserving your health insurance benefits.

Wellmark Value Health Plan may from time to time make available to you certain health support services for a fee or for no fee. Wellmark Value Health Plan may offer financial and other incentives to you to use such services. As part of the provision of such services, Wellmark Value Health Plan may: (1) use your personal health information (including but not limited to: substance abuse, mental health, and AIDS/HIV information), and (2) disclose such information to your health care providers and Wellmark Value Health Plan's vendors, for purposes of providing such services to you. When using such information, Wellmark Value Health Plan will do so according to the terms of Wellmark's Privacy Practices Notices, which can be accessed at [Wellmark.com/Inform](http://Wellmark.com/Inform). Wellmark Value Health Plan may also, from time to time, make available to you certain value-added benefits for a fee or no fee. Examples include, discounts on alternative/preventive therapies, fitness, exercise and diet assistance and elective procedures, as well as resources to help you make more informed health decisions.

# Terms to know

## Blue Distinction Center

Blue Distinction Centers (BDC) are provider facilities that are recognized for their proven expertise in delivering specialty care. These centers have demonstrated their commitment to quality care, resulting in better outcomes for certain types of surgeries. The Blue Distinction® program recognizes doctors and hospitals for their expertise and exceptional quality in delivering care, from general health and wellness to more complex and specialty procedures.

## Coinsurance

The amount, calculated using a fixed percentage, you pay each time you receive services. Your coinsurance is based on the payment arrangement amount minus deductible and contract limitations for all covered services provided by Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network providers.

## Copayments

Specific dollar amounts you pay at the time you receive covered services.

## Deductible

The fixed dollar amount you pay for most covered services before benefits are available during a benefit period. There are single and family deductibles.

## Family deductible

This can be met through any combination of family members. No one member will be required to meet more than the single deductible amount before he or she receives benefits for a covered service during a benefit period.

## Out-of-pocket maximum (OPM)

The amount you pay out of your pocket for most covered services during a benefit period. The deductible, copayment and coinsurance provisions, specific to your medical coverage, apply toward meeting the OPM. For HSA plans, the deductible, coinsurance, and applicable drug copayments apply toward meeting the OPM.

## Payment arrangement

Wellmark Value Health Plan has contracting relationships with network providers. We use different methods to determine payment arrangements, including negotiated fees. These payment arrangements usually result in savings.

The savings from payment arrangements and other important amounts will appear on your Explanation of Benefits statement as follows:

- **Network savings** — Reflects the amount you save on a claim by receiving services from a participating or network provider. For the majority of services, the savings reflects the actual amount you save on a claim. However, depending on many factors, the amount we pay a provider could be different from the covered charge. Regardless of the amount we pay a participating or network provider, your payment responsibility will always be based on the lesser of the covered charge or the maximum allowable fee.
- **Amount not covered** — Reflects the portion of provider charges not covered under this health plan and for which you are responsible. This amount may include services or supplies not covered; amounts in excess of a service maximum, benefit year maximum, or lifetime benefits maximum; denials for failure to follow

a required precertification; and the difference between the amount charged and the maximum allowable fee for services from a nonparticipating provider.

- **Amount paid by health plan** — Reflects our payment responsibility to a provider or to you. We determine this amount by subtracting the following amounts (if applicable) from the amount charged:
  - Deductible
  - Coinsurance
  - Copayment
  - Amounts representing any general exclusions and conditions
  - Network savings

## Payment method for services

Provider payment arrangements are calculated using industry methods, including but not limited to fee schedules, per diems, percentage of charge, capitation, or episodes of care. Some provider payment arrangements may include an amount payable to the provider based on the provider's performance. Performance-based amounts that are not distributed are not allocated to your specific claims and are not considered when determining any amounts you may owe. We reserve the right to change the methodology we use to calculate payment arrangements based on industry practice or business need. Network providers agree to accept our payment arrangements as full settlement for providing covered services, except to the extent of any amounts you may owe.

## Wellmark Value Health Plan HMO Network savings

The amount saved due to contracts Wellmark Value Health Plan has with providers.





*This is a general description of plans. It is not a statement of contract. Actual coverage is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the policy itself and enrollment regulations in force when the policy becomes effective.*

## If you have questions or need additional information:

Please call your agent or Wellmark Value Health Plan.



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