

# In-Network Providers and Covered Services...What Does This Mean?



You may only use Nonstop Health to pay for covered services and prescriptions received at in-network providers and facilities. But what does this actually mean? This document explains some of the most common terms associated with Nonstop Health and provides tips and tricks for ensuring you stay in compliance with our program.

# **Key Terms**

Let's start by reviewing key terms that you'll read, see or hear about with Nonstop Health.



**In-network:** These providers have a contract with your insurance carrier, and have set up a negotiated rate for different services. As such, the provider can only charge a set price for the services you receive. This results in lower costs for you, as in-network providers almost always charge less than out-of-network providers.



**Out-of-network**: An out-of-network provider has not signed a contract with your carrier, and therefore they can set whatever price they want for healthcare services. It's important to know if and how your carrier covers out-of-network services under your plan, and how the higher prices will impact you.



**Covered services:** A covered service is one that your carrier has agreed to pay for under your medical plan. Not all services are covered by every plan, so before receiving a new service, check with your carrier. Your carrier may have a cost or visit limit for specified services, or other limitations.



Covered prescriptions: Your carrier will set a "formulary" or drug list, which lists what prescriptions are covered under your medical plan. Just because a doctor prescribes a medication doesn't mean it's automatically covered by your carrier. Before filling and paying for a new prescription, check with your carrier or ask your pharmacist if the medication is covered. If it's not covered, ask your doctor or pharmacist for an alternative covered medication.



Carrier approved: A carrier-approved service or prescription is one that your carrier has agreed to cover as part of your underlying medical plan. This includes covered services and prescriptions. However, it also can indicate that your carrier has given you explicit/written permission to see an out-of-network provider for services and those costs will be considered in-network and covered under your plan.

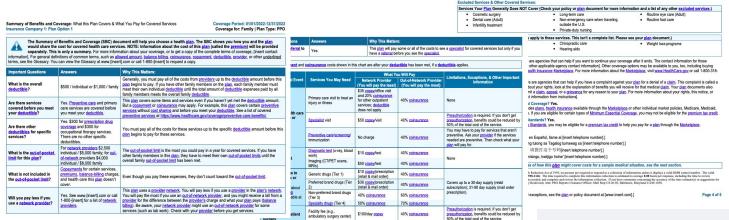


### **OUICK TIP!**

An easy way to find out if a provider is in-network or a service or prescription is covered by your medical plan is to call/email your health insurance carrier or sign up for an online account with them!

## What is a Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)?

An SBC is one of the quickest ways to find out what your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum are, what services are covered under your medical plan, and any copays or coinsurance you'll be required to pay at the time of service. Find your SBC on the Nonstop Exchange (NSE) member portal under Employee Documents.

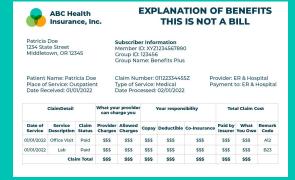


The first page of your SBC will show you the plan name, coverage period, and details on your deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.

The next few pages of your SBC provide a list of common medical events, covered services, copays/coinsurance for in-network and out-of-network providers, and any exceptions for services.

After the list of covered services, you will see a box that shows services that are excluded, as well as a box that shows "other covered services" which typically have limitations applied.

## What is an Explanation of Benefits (EOB)?



An EOB looks something like this, displaying valuable information about the healthcare services you received. An Explanation of Benefits (EOB) is a statement generated by your health insurance company summarizing how it processed a claim from a doctor, hospital, or other medical provider.

Your carrier is required to provide you with EOBs. Most carriers will mail EOBs to your home, although you can opt out of receiving paper EOBs and instead sign-up for an online account with your carrier to access your documents digitally. If you aren't sure where to find your EOBs, please contact your carrier.

#### An EOB breaks down:

- What the provider charged
- What insurance paid
- What you must pay

An EOB is **not** a bill. It is, however, a valuable tool.

- Compare the EOB and your doctor's bill to make sure all info is correct.
- Check that you're being charged correctly.
- Note the amount you are expected to pay.

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