# **Smart**Health<sup>®</sup>

# Member guide





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# **Getting started**

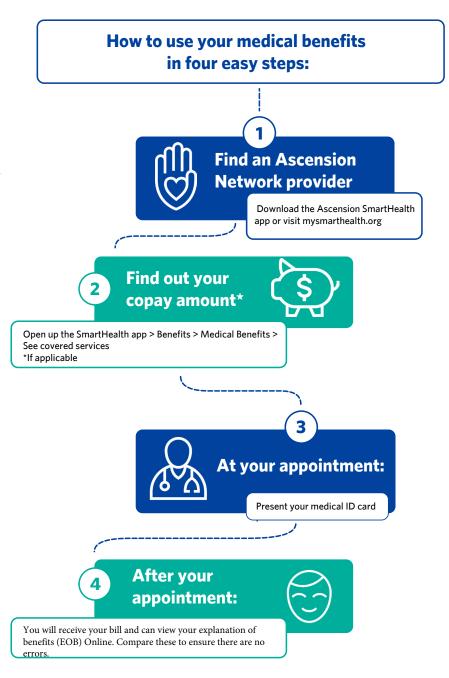


## Welcome to SmartHealth

SmartHealth is a health plan designed by Ascension for you and your covered dependents. SmartHealth covers medical, dental, vision, pharmacy and ancillary benefits for their members. Ascension's medical coverage for you and your eligible family members is provided through SmartHealth, which was designed in house leveraging our experience in healthcare. As a member of the EPO plan, it is important to remember that services are covered only if you visit doctors, specialists or sites of care in the Ascension Network (except in an emergency). This includes labs and tests. If you seek care outside of the Ascension Network without an approved referral, you will be responsible for the full cost of care.

To find an Ascension Network provider, visit mysmarthealth.
org > Find a doctor. Be sure to check that they are a participating Ascension Network (Tier 1) provider and facility before you schedule your appointment.

For more information, see page 8, mysmarthealth.org/plan-coverage/explore-plans.



# **Setting up your Ascension One app**

Ascension One is the easier way to manage care for you and your family:

- See what your plan covers.
- Find a doctor that's right for you.
- View your health spending account balance, deductible amounts, claims, EOBs and ID cards.
- View and pay your bills in one place
- Access virtual urgent care and mental healthcare services.
- View Prescription information and request prescription renewals

To download the app, visit the URL below or search your app store for "Ascension One."



Register at healthcare.ascension.org/ascension-one

Download the Ascension One app





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## **ID** cards

You will receive your medical and prescription ID cards seven to 10 business days after you become effective with SmartHealth. You can access digital versions of these cards by downloading the Ascension One app.

#### **Medical**

Members on the EPO plan will receive two separate medical ID cards, one from SmartHealth and the other from Blue Cross Blue Shield. **Use your SmartHealth EPO medical ID card when you receive care in the Ascension Network.** 





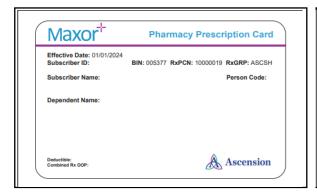
Use your Blue Cross medical ID card if a service is not available through the Ascension Network, and you have an approved referral. With questions, or to order a replacement card, call customer service at 888-492-6811.





#### **Prescription**

This ID card will be used for your prescription drug benefits and will come from MaxorPlus. With questions, or to order a replacement card, call MaxorPlus customer service at 1-888-820-4082.





#### **Dental**

Ascension and your ministry offer dental care coverage through Delta Dental of Missouri.



Find a network dentist, print a claim form, request an ID card, ask questions and more:

deltadentalmo.com/ascension (800) 335-8266

Although an ID card is not required, a card will be mailed to your home after your first enrollment with Delta Dental of Missouri. You may also visit the website to print a card to take with you. This will help dentists understand that your coverage is with Delta Dental of Missouri (if your ministry is outside Missouri).

#### **Vision**

Ascension and your ministry offer vision coverage through VSP Vision Care (VSP). You will not receive an ID card. When you make an appointment with the doctor, simply identify yourself as an Ascension associate with VSP coverage. The VSP provider's office can confirm that you are a VSP participant.

Find a VSP provider, review your benefits, ask questions and more:

vsp.com

VSP Member Services, available 24-hours a day: 800-877-7195 (TDD for the hearing impaired: 800-428-4833)



Please note: Illness and injury treatments for your eyes are covered by your SmartHealth medical plan, not through the vision plan.

## The Ascension Network

#### Find providers and facilities in your area

Download the Ascension One app or visit <u>mysmarthealth.org</u> > Find a doctor to find an in-network provider or facility.

#### Popular search terms include:

- Family medicine or family practice.
- Pediatrics.
- Internal medicine, internal medicine-pediatrics, internal medicine adolescent medicine.
- Geriatric medicine.

Be sure to check with the provider that they are a participating Ascension Network (Tier 1) provider and facility before you schedule your appointment.

It is important to remember that as an EPO member, services are covered only if you visit doctors, specialists or sites of care in the Ascension Network (except in an emergency). This includes labs and tests.

If you seek care outside of the Ascension Network without an approved referral, you will be responsible for the full cost of care.\*

## Prior authorization vs. referral



#### Prior authorization

A prior authorization is an approval that a member must receive from their health plan before receiving certain treatment, medications or services. Your doctor will request a prior authorization for you. You must have a prior authorization from SmartHealth before the service or procedure is completed.



#### Referral

If a service does not exist within the Ascension Network, your Ascension Network provider must submit a referral request, subject to review and approval by SmartHealth. Referrals must be within the Blue Cross Blue Shield Network. If this referral request is denied, you or your provider can submit an appeal.

Please note: In case of an emergency, prior authorization is NOT required. If you are admitted to an out-of-network hospital because of an urgent or emergency care need, SmartHealth should be notified by the second business day of your stay by your doctor or admitting facility.

\*Instances that do not require a referral to go out of network: Urgent care, behavioral health and substance abuse visits, as well as medical emergencies, will be covered through any provider. For more information, visit mysmarthealth.org/plan-coverage.

# **Pharmacy benefits**

SmartHealth offers comprehensive pharmacy benefits, administered through MaxorPlus. Ascension Rx, the preferred pharmacy for SmartHealth members for specialty and maintenance medications, offers home delivery services on certain maintenance medications in 90-day supplies. Outpatient specialty prescription medications must be filled by Ascension Rx Specialty Pharmacy to avoid paying the full out-of-pocket cost. For more information on how to enroll with Ascension Rx, visit ascensionrx.com.

For more information about SmartHealth pharmacy benefits, including the plan's prescription drug formulary, copay amounts and other details, visit <a href="mailto:mysmarthealth.org/plan-coverage/pharmacy">mysmarthealth.org/plan-coverage/pharmacy</a>.

## **Plan extras**

#### **Care management**

Ascension's Care Management teams work in partnership with your doctors and multidisciplinary team members to better manage your medical, behavioral, and social conditions. Our care managers can also provide you with the education, resources and encouragement you need to support your healthcare journey.

Ascension's Care Management team is made up of registered nurses, social workers and wellness coaches, who can help with:

- Complex Care and disease management.
- Behavioral Health
- · High-risk maternity.
- Transitional care management.
- Wellness and prevention programs.
- Resource referrals.

These services are available at no extra cost to you and your covered dependents. To get started, call **855-288-6747** or email **acmmembers@ascension.org**.

#### Pharmacy care management

Managing your medications can be complicated. The pharmacy care management team of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians can help ensure your medications are working for you, help you understand what your medications are for, identify possible lower cost options and answer any medication questions or concerns.

#### How the program works:

The pharmacist will conduct a personalized one-on-one review of your medications by phone or video chat. During the review the pharmacist may discuss:

- Understanding your medications, what they are for, what they do, when and how to best take them.
- Safety and effectiveness of the medications.
- Any side effects you might be experiencing.
- Tips and tools to help you to remember to take your medications.
- Prescription costs and possible lower-cost alternatives.
- Any of your medication concerns or questions.
- Strategies to help you reach your chronic disease state goals (e.g. diabetes, hypertension, heart failure).

Each consultation can range from 10-30 minutes, and the pharmacist can follow up with you as needed to help reach your health goals.

#### How to qualify:

Members with certain types of prescriptions, a large number of prescriptions, multiple chronic conditions and high prescription costs are automatically identified and will receive an offer to participate from the pharmacy care management team.

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A member may also ask to participate by calling or emailing the pharmacy care management team.

These services are available at no extra cost to you and your covered dependents. To get started, call 877-560-4303 or email rxmedadherence@ascension.org.

#### **Enhanced Disease Management program for diabetes**

Ascension's care management team offers an Enhanced Disease Management program for patients with diabetes. The program is designed to help you (or your covered dependents) better self-manage your diabetes while giving you the confidence you need to make informed choices regarding your health. If you are interested in enrolling in the EDM program, please call 855-288-6747.

# SmartHealth Center of Excellence Travel Benefit program for substance use disorder and addiction treatment

This program offers help to members struggling with substance use disorder and addiction. The treatment facility is the Ascension Illinois Foglia Family Foundation Residential Treatment Center outside of Chicago. This benefit includes:

- Assistance with travel arrangements.
- Coverage of travel to the facility for you and your travel companion.
- Reduced out-of-pocket costs for those on the SmartHealth PPO plan.

# Understanding your plan



# **Key terms to know**

#### **Covered services**

Any service, procedure or supply covered by your SmartHealth plan.

#### Copay

A specific, fixed amount the member must pay at the time and place services are rendered. Copays may be different amounts for different services, and a deductible may need to be met before copay rates apply. This also counts toward your out-of-pocket limits. Example: Within the Ascension Network, members pay a set copay for office visits.

#### **Coinsurance**

The share of the cost of covered services for which the member is responsible after the applicable annual deductible is met. Coinsurance payments accumulate throughout the calendar year until the individual or family out-of-pocket maximum is reached. For example, if you have a \$1,000 deductible and a 20% coinsurance responsibility, and you receive a service at a cost of \$2,000, you would be responsible for paying the full deductible (\$1,000) and 20% of the remaining balance (\$200) for a total of \$1,200, while the plan pays the remaining \$800. The \$1,200 you pay would apply to your individual and family out-of-pocket maximum for the benefit year.

#### **Deductible**

#### Coinsurance: who pays what and when



The amount of covered expenses that an individual or family must pay out of pocket before the plan begins to pay for covered services. Deductible amounts are accumulated per calendar year. Once the deductible is reached, the member may still be responsible for other cost-sharing amounts, such as coinsurance or copays, until the out-of-pocket limit is met for the year.

#### In-network

This refers to any provider, service or procedure that is contracted with the applicable network. With the EPO plan, services are covered only if you visit doctors, specialists or sites of care in the Ascension Network (except in an emergency). This includes labs and tests. If you seek care outside of the Ascension Network without an approved referral, you will be responsible for the full cost of care.

#### **Out-of-network**

This refers to any provider, service or procedure that is not contracted with a network covered under the plan. Out-of-network services will not be covered unless in the event of a medical emergency.

#### **Out-of-pocket maximum**

The out-of-pocket maximum is the maximum amount of covered expenses required to be paid each calendar year, including deductibles, copays and similar charges. Once you reach your out-of-pocket maximum, you will not pay any further covered expenses for the year. Note: The amount of the annual out-of-pocket maximum differs based on the plan option you choose.

#### **Schedule of benefits**

This document outlines the various services covered under SmartHealth by tier, as well as any fees associated with each type of healthcare service covered (deductibles, coinsurance, copays and maximums) and whether prior authorization is required.

Visit mysmarthealth.org to locate your schedule of benefits.

#### **Summary of benefits coverage**

This document will help you choose a SmartHealth coverage option by showing you how you and the plan would share the cost for covered healthcare services under each option.

Visit <u>mysmarthealth.org</u> to locate your summary of benefits coverage.

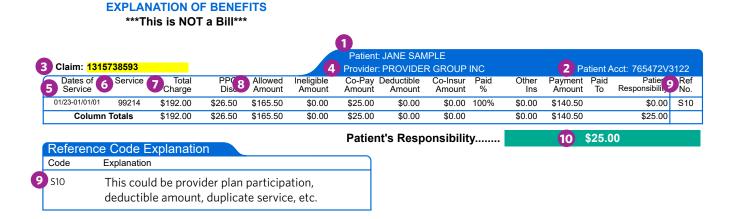
# **Healthcare claims process**

- 1. You visit your provider and show them your ID card.
- 2. You pay the copay at the time of service (this varies depending on your plan, i.e PPO or HDHP).
- 3. Your provider sends the claim to the appropriate location specified on the back of your ID card.
- **4. The claim is processed** by Automated Benefit Services (ABS), Ascension's wholly owned administrator.
- **5. ABS reviews the claim** for accuracy and completeness, then determines which services will be covered by SmartHealth.
- **6. SmartHealth pays or denies the claim** this could be the entire bill or just a portion of the services, depending on your plan.
- 7. You can view your explanation of benefits (EOB) online.
- **8.** You then receive a bill from your provider with your remaining balance. (If SmartHealth covered the bill at 100%, it would show \$0 patient responsibility.)
- 9. Verify that your EOB and bill match for that date of service and for the services provided.
- 10. You pay the remaining balance to your provider.

# How to read an explanation of benefits (EOB)

An EOB is a great way to keep track of your healthcare benefits an d how your medical plan processes a healthcare claim. You will receive one of these for every service or claim billed to SmartHealth. They look similar to a bill, but they function a little differently. The EOB will be a letterthat includes a chart, outlining how your claim was processed. You should make sure your EOB and bill from your provider match. EOBs will no longer be sent via mail (paper) beginning 8/1/2024. To access your EOB electronically, visit healthcare.ascension.org/ascension-one.

- **1. Patient name:** The recipient of the service provided.
- 2. Patient account number: Your identification number with your doctor's office.
- **3. Claim number:** The number by which you and your SmartHealth medical plan will be able to refer to this claim should you have any questions or concerns.
- **4. Provider:** The name of the healthcare provider or facility that rendered the services.
- 5. Date of service: The start and end date of the referenced service.
- **6. Type of service:** A standard numerical description of the service received.
- 7. Total charge: The amount billed to your insurance by the provider or facility.
- **8. Allowed amount:** The sum your health plan paid for your services.
- Ref no.: This code will provide a brief description of service in the "Reference Code Explanation" section.
- 10. Patient responsibility: Any balance the provider billed that was not covered by your insurance.



What is balance billing? This happens when your insurance does not have an agreement with the healthcare provider (i.e. an out-of-network provider). This lack of agreement may mean the provider charges more than your medical plan has paid the provider. The amount you owe after insurance will be billed to you directly. This is not allowed for Tier 1 and Tier 2 providers; however, if you go to an out-of-network provider, balance billing may occur. If you receive a bill from a Tier 1 or Tier 2 provider for an amount above your patient responsibility, please contact SmartHealth customer service at 888-492-6811.

# Know where to go

