

Take care of yourself

Use your preventive care benefits

Getting regular checkups and exams can help you stay healthy and catch problems early — when they're easier to treat.

That's why our health plans offer all the preventive care services and immunizations below — at no cost to you.¹ As long as you see a doctor or use a pharmacy or lab in the plan, you won't have to pay anything for these services and immunizations. If you want to visit a doctor or pharmacy outside the plan, you may have to pay out of pocket.

Not sure which services make sense for you? Talk to your doctor. He or she can help you figure out what you need.

Preventive vs. diagnostic care

What's the difference? Preventive care helps protect you from getting sick. If your doctor recommends you have services even though you have no symptoms, that's preventive care. Diagnostic care is when you have symptoms and your doctor recommends services to determine what's causing those symptoms.

Adult preventive care

Preventive physical exams

Screening tests:

- Alcohol misuse: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Aortic aneurysm screening (men who have smoked)
- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure
- Bone density test to screen for osteoporosis
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) level
- Colorectal cancer, including fecal occult blood test, barium enema, flexible sigmoidoscopy, screening colonoscopy and related prep kit, and computed tomography (CT) colonography (as appropriate)³
- Depression screening
- Hepatitis C virus (HCV) for people at high risk for infection and a one-time screening for adults born between 1945 and 1965
- Type 2 diabetes screening*
- Eye chart test for vision²
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight and body mass index (BMI)
- HIV screening and counseling
- Lung cancer screening for those ages 55-80 who have a history of smoking 30 packs per year and still smoke, or quit within the past 15 years³
- Obesity: related screening and counseling*
- Prostate cancer, including digital rectal exam and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test
- Sexually transmitted infections: related screening and counseling
- Tobacco use: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Tuberculosis screening
- Violence, interpersonal and domestic: related screening and counseling

Immunizations:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Varicella (chickenpox)
- Zoster (shingles)

Women's preventive care:

- Well-woman visits
- Breast cancer, including exam, mammogram, and genetic testing for BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 when certain criteria are met⁴
- Breastfeeding: primary care intervention to promote breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling^{5,6,7}
- Contraceptive (birth control) counseling
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved contraceptive medical services, including sterilization, provided by a doctor
- Counseling related to chemoprevention for those with a high risk of breast cancer
- Counseling related to genetic testing for those with a family history of ovarian or breast cancer
- HPV screening
- Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence
- Pregnancy screenings, including gestational diabetes, hepatitis B, asymptomatic bacteriuria, Rh incompatibility, syphilis, HIV and depression⁶
- Pelvic exam and Pap test, including screening for cervical cancer

These preventive care services are recommendations of the Affordable Care Act (ACA or health care reform law). They may not be right for every person, so ask your doctor what's right for you.

This sheet is not a contract or policy with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia. If there is any difference between this sheet and the group policy, the provisions of the group policy will rule. Please see your combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form or Certificate for exclusions and limitations.

* CDC-recognized Diabetes Prevention programs are available for overweight or obese adults with abnormal blood glucose or who have abnormal CVD risk factors.

Child preventive care

Preventive physical exams

Screening tests:

- Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
- Blood pressure
- Cervical dysplasia screening
- Cholesterol and lipid level
- Depression screening
- Development and behavior screening
- Type 2 diabetes screening
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight and BMI
- Hemoglobin or hematocrit (blood count)
- Lead testing
- Newborn screening
- Screening and counseling for obesity
- Counseling for those ages 10–24 with fair skin about lowering their risk for skin cancer
- Oral (dental health) assessment when done as part of a preventive care visit
- Screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infections
- Tobacco use: related screening and behavioral counseling
- Vision screening when done as part of a preventive care visit²

Immunizations:

- Chickenpox
- Flu
- Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- HPV
- Meningitis
- MMR
- Pneumonia
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Whooping cough

A word about pharmacy items

For 100% coverage of your over-the-counter (OTC) drugs and other pharmacy items listed here, you must:

- Meet certain age requirements and other rules.
- Get prescriptions from plan providers and fill them at plan pharmacies.
- Have prescriptions, even for OTC items.

Adult preventive drugs and other pharmacy items — age appropriate:

- Aspirin use (81 mg and 325 mg) for the prevention of cardiovascular disease, preeclampsia and colorectal cancer by adults less than 70 years old.
- Colonoscopy prep kit (generic or OTC only) when prescribed for preventive colon screening
- Generic low to moderate dose statins for members that are 40-75 years and have 1 or more CVD risk factors (dyslipidemia, diabetes, hypertension, or smoking)
- Tobacco-cessation products, including all FDA-approved brand and generic OTC and prescription products, for those ages 18 and older
- Vitamin D for adults over age 65

Child preventive drugs and other pharmacy items — age appropriate:

- Dental fluoride varnish to prevent the tooth decay of primary teeth for children ages 0-5
- Fluoride supplements for children ages 0-6

Women's preventive drugs and other pharmacy items — age appropriate:

- Contraceptives, including generic prescription drugs, brand-name drugs with no generic equivalent and OTC items like female condoms and spermicides^{6,8,9}
- Low-dose aspirin (81 mg) for pregnant women who are at increased risk of preeclampsia
- Folic acid for women ages 55 or younger who are planning and able to get pregnant

Breast cancer risk-reducing medications, such as tamoxifen and raloxifene, that follow the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria³

¹ The range of preventive care services covered at no cost share when provided by plan doctors is designed to meet state and federal requirements. The Department of Health and Human Services decided which services to include for full coverage based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force A and B recommendations, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and certain guidelines for infants, children, adolescents and women supported by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Guidelines. You may have additional coverage under your insurance policy. To learn more about what your plan covers, see your Certificate of Coverage or call the Member Services number on your ID card.

² Some plans cover additional vision services. Please see your contract or *Certificate of Coverage* for details.

³ You may be required to get preapproval for these services.

⁴ Check your medical policy for details.

⁵ Breast pumps and supplies must be purchased from plan providers for 100% coverage. We recommend using plan durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers.

⁶ This benefit also applies to those younger than age 19.

⁷ Counseling services for breastfeeding (lactation) can be provided or supported by a plan doctor or hospital provider, such as a pediatrician, obstetrician/gynecologist or family medicine doctor, and hospitals with no member cost share (deductible, copay, coinsurance). Contact the provider to see if such services are available.

⁸ A cost share may apply for other prescription contraceptives, based on your drug benefits.

⁹ Your cost share may be waived if your doctor decides that using the multisource brand is medically necessary.