

# Northern California Pipe Trades

## H&W Trust Fund Custom HMO Plan

Summary of Benefits



### Find your doctor

Go to [blueshieldca.com/networkhmo](https://blueshieldca.com/networkhmo) and select the provider you are looking for. Enter your location, then click *Continue*.

You may need your selected PCP's ID number when you enroll in the plan for the first time. To find this number, click on the doctor's name and then select *View details* under "Primary Care Physician ID."



Summary of Benefits

**Northern California Pipe Trades H & W Trust Fund Custom HMO**

This Summary of Benefits shows the amount you will pay for Covered Services under this Blue Shield of California benefit Plan. It is only a summary and it is part of the contract for health care coverage, called the Evidence of Coverage (EOC).<sup>1</sup> Please read both documents carefully for details.

**Provider Network:**

**Access+ HMO Network**

This benefit Plan uses a specific network of Health Care Providers, called the Access+ HMO provider network. Medical Groups, Independent Practice Associations (IPAs), and Physicians in this network are called Participating Providers. You must select a Primary Care Physician from this network to provide your primary care and help you access services, but there are some exceptions. Please review your Evidence of Coverage for details about how to access care under this Plan. You can find Participating Providers in this network at blueshieldca.com.

**Calendar Year Deductibles (CYD)<sup>2</sup>**

A Calendar Year Deductible (CYD) is the amount a Member pays each Calendar Year before Blue Shield pays for Covered Services under the benefit Plan.

**When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup>**

<b>Calendar Year medical Deductible</b>	<i>Individual coverage</i>	\$0
	<i>Family coverage</i>	\$0: individual \$0: Family

**Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum<sup>4</sup>**

An Out-of-Pocket Maximum is the most a Member will pay for Covered Services each Calendar Year. Any exceptions are listed in the EOC.

**When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup>**

<i>Individual coverage</i>	\$750
<i>Family coverage</i>	\$750: individual \$1,500: Family

**No Lifetime Benefit Maximum**

Under this benefit Plan there is no dollar limit on the total amount Blue Shield will pay for Covered Services in a Member's lifetime.

**Benefits<sup>5</sup>**

**Your payment**

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Preventive Health Services<sup>6</sup></b>		
California Prenatal Screening Program	\$0	
Routine physical exams	\$20/visit	
Routine laboratory services	\$0	
Vision and hearing screening by primary care physician (through the age of 18)	\$0	
Medically necessary immunizations (according to age schedule)	\$0	
Well baby care: office visits and consultations include eye/ear screenings, immunizations and vaccines (birth through age 2)	\$0	
Well baby laboratory	\$0	
<b>Physician services</b>		
Primary care office visit	\$20/visit	
Access+ specialist care office visit (self-referral)	\$30/visit	
Other specialist care office visit (referred by PCP)	\$20/visit	
Physician home visit	\$25/visit	
Physician or surgeon services in an Outpatient Facility	\$0	
Physician or surgeon services in an inpatient facility	\$0	
<b>Other professional services</b>		
Other practitioner office visit <i>Includes nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and therapists.</i>	\$20/visit	
Teladoc consultation	\$5/consult	
Family planning		
• Counseling, consulting, and education	\$20/visit	
• Injectable contraceptive	\$0	
• Diaphragm fitting	\$0	
• Intrauterine device (IUD)	50%	
• Insertion and/or removal of intrauterine device (IUD)	\$20/visit	
• Implantable contraceptive	\$20/visit	
• Tubal ligation	\$100/surgery	
• Vasectomy	\$75/surgery	
• Infertility services	50%	
Podiatric services	\$20/visit	
<b>Pregnancy and maternity care<sup>6</sup></b>		
Physician office visits: prenatal and postnatal	\$0	
Physician services for pregnancy termination	\$0	

Benefits<sup>5</sup>

Your payment

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Emergency services</b>		
Emergency room services	\$35/visit	
<i>If admitted to the Hospital, this payment for emergency room services does not apply. Instead, you pay the Participating Provider payment under Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay.</i>		
Emergency room Physician services	\$0	
<b>Urgent care center services</b>		
	\$20/visit	
<b>Ambulance services</b>		
	\$0	
<i>This payment is for emergency or authorized transport.</i>		
<b>Outpatient Facility services</b>		
Ambulatory Surgery Center	\$0	
Outpatient department of a Hospital: surgery	\$0	
Outpatient department of a Hospital: treatment of illness or injury, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and necessary supplies	\$0	
<b>Inpatient facility services</b>		
Hospital services and stay	\$0	
Transplant services		
<i>This payment is for all covered transplants except tissue and kidney. For tissue and kidney transplant services, the payment for Inpatient facility services/ Hospital services and stay applies.</i>		
• Special transplant facility inpatient services	\$0	
• Physician inpatient services	\$0	
<b>Diagnostic x-ray, imaging, pathology, and laboratory services</b>		
<i>This payment is for Covered Services that are diagnostic, non-Preventive Health Services, and diagnostic radiological procedures, such as CT scans, MRIs, MRAs, and PET scans. For the payments for Covered Services that are considered Preventive Health Services, see Preventive Health Services.</i>		
Laboratory services		
<i>Includes diagnostic Papanicolaou (Pap) test.</i>		
• Laboratory center	\$0	
• Outpatient department of a Hospital	\$0	
X-ray and imaging services		
<i>Includes diagnostic mammography.</i>		
• Outpatient radiology center	\$0	
• Outpatient department of a Hospital	\$0	

**Benefits<sup>5</sup>**

**Your payment**

	<b>When using a Participating Provider<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CYD<sup>2</sup> applies</b>
<p>Other outpatient diagnostic testing</p> <p><i>Testing to diagnose illness or injury such as vestibular function tests, EKG, ECG, cardiac monitoring, non-invasive vascular studies, sleep medicine testing, muscle and range of motion tests, EEG, and EMG.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office location \$0</li> <li>• Outpatient department of a Hospital \$0</li> </ul> <p>Radiological and nuclear imaging services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient radiology center \$0</li> <li>• Outpatient department of a Hospital \$0</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services</b></p> <p><i>Includes Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, and Speech Therapy services.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office location \$20/v visit</li> <li>Outpatient department of a Hospital \$20/v visit</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Durable medical equipment (DME)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DME \$0</li> <li>Breast pump Not covered</li> <li>Orthotic equipment and devices \$0</li> <li>Prosthetic equipment and devices \$0</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Home health services</b></p> <p><i>Up to 100 visits per Member, per Calendar Year, by a home health care agency. All visits count towards the limit, including visits during any applicable Deductible period, except hemophilia and home infusion nursing visits.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home health agency services \$20/v visit</li> <li><i>Includes home visits by a nurse, Home Health Aide, medical social worker, physical therapist, speech therapist, or occupational therapist.</i></li> <li>Home visits by an infusion nurse \$20/v visit</li> <li>Home health medical supplies \$0</li> <li>Home infusion agency services \$0</li> <li>Hemophilia home infusion services \$0</li> <li><i>Includes blood factor products.</i></li> </ul>		

## Benefits<sup>5</sup>

## Your payment

	When using a Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services</b>		
<i>Up to 100 days per Member, per Benefit Period, except when provided as part of a Hospice program. All days count towards the limit, including days during any applicable Deductible period and days in different SNFs during the Calendar Year.</i>		
Freestanding SNF	\$0	
Hospital-based SNF	\$0	
<b>Hospice program services</b>		
<i>Includes pre-Hospice consultation, routine home care, 24-hour continuous home care, short-term inpatient care for pain and symptom management, and inpatient respite care.</i>		
<b>Other services and supplies</b>		
Diabetes care services		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devices, equipment, and supplies</li> <li>• Self-management training</li> </ul>	\$0 \$20/visit	
Dialysis services	\$0	
PKU product formulas and Special Food Products	\$0	
Allergy serum	50%	

## Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

## Your payment

<i>Mental health and substance use disorder Benefits are provided through Blue Shield's Mental Health Services Administrator (MHSA).</i>	When using a MHSA Participating Provider <sup>3</sup>	CYD <sup>2</sup> applies
<b>Outpatient services</b>		
Office visit, including Physician office visit	\$20/visit	
Other outpatient services, including intensive outpatient care, Behavioral Health Treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism in an office setting, home, or other non-institutional facility setting, and office-based opioid treatment	\$0	
Partial Hospitalization Program	\$0	
Psychological Testing	\$0	
<b>Inpatient services</b>		
Physician inpatient services	\$0	
Hospital services	\$0	
Residential Care	\$0	

## Notes

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### 1 Evidence of Coverage (EOC):

The Evidence of Coverage (EOC) describes the Benefits, limitations, and exclusions that apply to coverage under this benefit Plan. Please review the EOC for more details of coverage outlined in this Summary of Benefits. You can request a copy of the EOC at any time.

Defined terms are in the EOC. Refer to the EOC for an explanation of the terms used in this Summary of Benefits.

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### 2 Calendar Year Deductible (CYD):

Calendar Year Deductible explained. A Deductible is the amount you pay each Calendar Year before Blue Shield pays for Covered Services under the benefit Plan.

If this benefit Plan has any Calendar Year Deductible(s), Covered Services subject to that Deductible are identified with a check mark (✓) in the Benefits chart above.

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### 3 Using Participating Providers:

Participating Providers have a contract to provide health care services to Members. When you receive Covered Services from a Participating Provider, you are only responsible for the Copayment or Coinsurance, once any Calendar Year Deductible has been met.

Your payment for services from "Other Providers." You will pay the Copayment or Coinsurance applicable to Participating Providers for Covered Services received from Other Providers. However, Other Providers do not have a contract to provide health care services to Members and so are not Participating Providers. Therefore, you will also pay all charges above the Allowable Amount. This out-of-pocket expense can be significant.

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### 4 Calendar Year Out-of-Pocket Maximum (OOPM):

Your payment after you reach the Calendar Year OOPM. You will continue to pay all charges above a Benefit maximum.

Essential health benefits count towards the OOPM.

Family coverage has an individual OOPM within the Family OOPM. This means that the OOPM will be met for an individual with Family coverage who meets the individual OOPM prior to the Family meeting the Family OOPM within a Calendar Year.

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### 5 Separate Member Payments When Multiple Covered Services are Received:

Each time you receive multiple Covered Services, you might have separate payments (Copayment or Coinsurance) for each service. When this happens, you may be responsible for multiple Copayments or Coinsurance. For example, you may owe an office visit Copayment in addition to an allergy serum Copayment when you visit the doctor for an allergy shot.

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### 6 Preventive Health Services:

If you only receive Preventive Health Services during a physician office visit, a Copayment or Coinsurance could apply for the visit. If you receive both Preventive Health Services and other Covered Services during the physician office visit, you may have a Copayment or Coinsurance for the visit.

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Benefit Plans may be modified to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements.

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# Northern California Pipe Trades H&W Trust Fund Custom HMO Plan

Outpatient Prescription Drug Coverage  
(For groups of 300 and above)

THIS DRUG COVERAGE SUMMARY IS ADDED TO BE COMBINED WITH THE HMO OR POS PLANS UNIFORM HEALTH PLAN BENEFITS AND COVERAGE MATRIX. THE EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE AND PLAN CONTRACT SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS.

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Highlight: **\$0 Calendar Year Pharmacy Deductible**  
**\$10 Formulary Generic/\$20 Formulary Brand/\$35 Non-Formulary Brand Drug - Retail Pharmacy**  
**\$20 Formulary Generic/\$40 Formulary Brand/\$70 Non-Formulary Brand Drug - Mail Service**

Covered Services	Member Copayment
<b>DEDUCTIBLES</b> (Prescription drug coverage benefits are not subject to the medical plan deductible.)	
<b>Calendar Year Pharmacy Deductible</b>	None
<b>PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>Participating Pharmacy</b>
Retail Prescriptions (up to a 30-day supply)	
• Contraceptive Drugs and Devices <sup>3</sup>	\$0 per prescription
• Formulary Generic Drugs	\$10 per prescription
• Formulary Brand Drugs <sup>4, 5</sup>	\$20 per prescription
• Non-Formulary Brand Drugs <sup>4, 5</sup>	\$35 per prescription
Mail Service Prescriptions (up to a 90-day supply)	
• Contraceptive Drugs and Devices <sup>3</sup>	\$0 per prescription
• Formulary Generic Drugs	\$20 per prescription
• Formulary Brand Drugs <sup>4, 5</sup>	\$40 per prescription
• Non-Formulary Brand Drugs <sup>4, 5</sup>	\$70 per prescription
Specialty Pharmacies (up to a 30-day supply) <sup>6</sup>	
• Specialty Drugs <sup>7</sup>	20% (Up to \$100 copayment maximum per prescription)

- Amounts paid through copayments and any applicable pharmacy deductible do not accrue to the member's medical calendar year out-of-pocket maximum. Please refer to the Evidence of Coverage and Plan Contract for exact terms and conditions of coverage. Please note that if you switch from another plan, your prescription drug deductible credit, if applicable, from the previous plan during the calendar year will not carry forward to your new plan.
- Drugs obtained at a non-participating pharmacy are not covered, unless Medically Necessary for a covered emergency.
- Contraceptive Drugs and Devices covered under the outpatient prescription drug benefits will not be subject to the applicable calendar year pharmacy deductible. If a brand contraceptive is requested when a generic equivalent is available, the member will be responsible for paying the difference between the cost to Blue Shield for the brand contraceptive and its generic drug equivalent. In addition, select contraceptives may need prior authorization to be covered without a copayment.
- Select formulary and non-formulary drugs require prior authorization by Blue Shield for Medical Necessity, or when effective, lower cost alternatives are available.
- If the member requests a brand drug and a generic drug equivalent is available, the member is responsible for paying the generic drug copayment plus the difference in cost to Blue Shield between the brand drug and its generic drug equivalent.
- Network Specialty Pharmacies dispense Specialty drugs which require coordination of care, close monitoring, or extensive patient training that generally cannot be met by a retail pharmacy. Network Specialty Pharmacies also dispense Specialty drugs requiring special handling or manufacturing processes, restriction to certain Physicians or pharmacies, or reporting of certain clinical events to the FDA. Specialty drugs are generally high cost.
- Specialty drugs are available from a Network Specialty Pharmacy. A Network Specialty Pharmacy provides specialty drugs by mail or upon member request, at an associated retail store for pickup.

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Note: This plan's prescription drug coverage is on average equivalent to or better than the standard benefit set by the Federal government for Medicare Part D (also called creditable coverage). Because this plan's prescription drug coverage is creditable, you do not have to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan while you maintain this coverage. However, you should be aware that if you have a subsequent break in this coverage of 63 days or more anytime after you were first eligible to enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan, you could be subject to a late enrollment penalty in addition to your Part D premium.

## Important Prescription Drug Information

You can find details about your drug coverage three ways:

1. Check your *Evidence of Coverage*.
2. Go to <https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsca/pharmacy/home.sp> and log onto My Health Plan from the home page.
3. Call Member Services at the number listed on your Blue Shield member ID card.

At Blue Shield of California, we're dedicated to providing you with valuable resources for managing your drug coverage. Go online to the *Pharmacy* section of <https://www.blueshieldca.com/bsca/pharmacy/home.sp> and select the *Drug Database and Formulary* to access a variety of useful drug information that can affect your out-of-pocket expenses, such as:

- Look up non-formulary drugs with formulary or generic equivalents;
- Look up drugs that require step therapy or prior authorization;
- Find specifics about your prescription copayments;
- Find local network pharmacies to fill your prescriptions.

### TIPS!

Using the convenient mail service pharmacy can save you time and money. If you take a consistent dose of a covered maintenance drug for a chronic condition, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, you can receive up to a 90-day supply through the mail service pharmacy with a reduced copayment. Call the mail service pharmacy at (866) 346-7200. Members using TTY equipment can call TTY/TDD 866-346-7197.

Plan designs may be modified to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements.

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# Northern California Pipe Trades H & W Trust Fund Chiropractic Benefits

## Additional coverage for your HMO Plans

Blue Shield Chiropractic Care coverage lets you self refer to a network of more than 4,000 licensed chiropractors. Benefits are provided through a contract with American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH Plans).

## How the Program Works

You can visit any participating chiropractors in California from the ASH Plans network without a referral from your HMO Primary Care Physician. Simply call a participating provider to schedule an initial exam.

At the time of your first visit, you'll present your Blue Shield identification card and pay only your copayment. Because participating chiropractors bill ASH Plans directly, you'll never have to file claim forms.

If you need further treatment, the participating chiropractor will submit a proposed treatment plan to ASH Plans for medical necessity review to continue treatment up to the calendar year maximum of 30 Visits.

## What's Covered

The plan covers medically necessary chiropractic services including:

- Initial and subsequent examinations
- Office visits and adjustments (subject to annual limits)
- Adjunctive therapies
- X-rays (chiropractic only)

## Benefit Plan Design

Calendar year Maximum	30 Visits
Calendar year Deductible	None
Calendar year Chiropractic Appliances Benefit <sup>1,2</sup>	\$50
Covered Services	Member Copayment
Chiropractic Services	\$10 per visit
Out-of-network Coverage	None

1 Chiropractic appliances are covered up to a maximum of \$50 in a calendar year as determined medically necessary by ASH Plans.

2 As determined medically necessary by ASH plans, this allowance is applied toward the purchase of items, such as supports, collars, pillows, heel lifts, ice packs, cushions, orthotics, rib belts and home traction units.

## Friendly Customer Service

Helpful ASH Plans Member Services representatives are available at (800) 678-9133 Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. to answer questions, assist with problems, or help locate a participating chiropractor.

This document is only a summary for informational purposes. It is not a contract. Please refer to the *Evidence of Coverage* and the Group Health Service Agreement for the exact terms and conditions of coverage.

# Northern California Pipe Trades H & W Trust Fund Additional Blue Shield Infertility Benefits

## How the Plan Works

Your health plan includes infertility benefits in addition to those listed in the Benefit Summary (Uniform Benefits and Coverage Matrix<sup>1</sup>). Coverage includes authorized professional, hospital, ambulatory surgery center, and ancillary services, as well as injectable drugs. Benefits are provided for a medically appropriate diagnostic work-up and ART (Assisted Reproductive Technology) procedures<sup>2</sup>.

## Coverage Details

The following ART procedures and associated services are limited, per lifetime as shown.

- Six (6) natural (without ovum/egg [oocyte or ovarian tissue] stimulation) artificial inseminations and;
- Three (3) stimulated (with ovum/egg [oocyte or ovarian tissue] stimulation) artificial inseminations and;
- One (1) gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)<sup>3</sup>
- Cryopreservation of sperm/ oocytes/ embryos when retrieved from a covered subscriber, spouse or domestic partner. Benefits include cryopreservation services for a condition which the treating physician anticipates will cause infertility in the future (except when the infertile condition is caused by elective chemical or surgical sterilization procedures). Benefits are limited to one retrieval and one year of storage per person per lifetime

EXCLUDED: in-vitro fertilization (IVF), intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI), and zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT).

All benefits are subject to a lifetime benefit maximum<sup>4</sup> and copayment.

Health Plans	Copayment
HMO plans**	50% of the allowable amount
PPO Plans**	50% of the allowable amount

1 If you are an HMO member, services that diagnose and treat the cause of infertility are included in your basic plan benefits. For PPO, members, diagnosis and treatment for the cause of infertility are only covered when the group adds "Additional Blue Shield Infertility Benefits" to the Plan.

2 These services are covered only when authorized by Blue Shield and provided by a Participating Provider (Shield Spectrum PPO Savings Plus Plans and Active Choice Plans). Procedures must be consistent with established medical practice in treatment of infertility and induced fertilization.

3 This procedure is covered only when performed on a subscriber or covered spouse/ domestic partner.

4 The lifetime benefit maximums for the above described procedures apply to all services related to or performed in conjunction with such procedures.

\*\* Services provided under this benefit are not subject to any applicable calendar year medical deductible and do not accrue to the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum. Services continue to be the member's responsibility after the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum is reached.

This is only a summary for informational purposes. It is not a contract. Please refer to the *plan contract* and *Evidence of Coverage* for a detailed description of covered benefits and limitations.

# Northern California Pipe Trades H & W Trust Fund Additional Hearing Aid and Ancillary Equipment Benefit

## Attachment to Benefit Summary (Uniform Benefits and Coverage Matrix)

Additional coverage for HMO plans

### How the Plan Works

In addition to the benefits set forth in the Benefit Summary (Uniform Benefits and Coverage Matrix), your group has added hearing aid benefits to your benefit plan. Coverage includes hearing aid services, subject to the conditions and limitations listed below. This rider provides a \$2,000 allowance every 24 months towards the purchase of hearing aids and ancillary equipment. The calendar year deductible does not apply to the services provided in this hearing aid services benefit and hearing aid expenses in excess of the maximum allowance are not included in the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum amount.

### Coverage Details

The hearing aid allowance includes:

- A hearing aid instrument, monaural or binaural, including ear mold(s) and the initial battery and cords
- Hearing aid examination (for evaluation and/or fitting, counseling, and adjustments)
- Hearing aid device checks
- Electroacoustic evaluations for hearing aids

### Benefit Plan Design

<b>Plan Options</b>	<b>Benefit Allowance</b>
HMO Plans	\$2,000 allowance every 24 months

The following services are not covered:

- Purchase of batteries or other ancillary equipment, except those covered under the terms of the initial hearing aid purchase
- Charges for a hearing aid which exceed specifications prescribed for correction of a hearing loss
- Replacement parts for hearing aids, repair of hearing aid after the covered warranty period and replacement of a hearing aid more than once in any period of 24 months
- Surgically implanted hearing devices

All benefits are subject to the general provisions, limitations and exclusions listed in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

# Blue Shield of California

## Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

### Discrimination is against the law

Blue Shield of California complies with applicable state laws and federal civil rights laws, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Blue Shield of California does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Blue Shield of California:

- Provides aids and services at no cost to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (including large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, and other formats)
- Provides language services at no cost to people whose primary language is not English such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact the Blue Shield of California Civil Rights Coordinator.

If you believe that Blue Shield of California has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability, you can file a grievance with:

Blue Shield of California  
Civil Rights Coordinator  
P.O. Box 629007  
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-9007

**Phone: (844) 831-4133 (TTY: 711)**

**Fax: (844) 696-6070**

**Email: [BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com](mailto:BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com)**

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW.  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, DC 20201  
(800) 368-1019; TTY: (800) 537-7697

Complaint forms are available at [www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html).

# Notice of the Availability of Language Assistance Services

## Blue Shield of California

**IMPORTANT:** Can you read this letter? If not, we can have somebody help you read it. You may also be able to get this letter written in your language. For help at no cost, please call right away at the Member/Customer Service telephone number on the back of your Blue Shield ID card, or (866) 346-7198.

**IMPORTANTE:** ¿Puede leer esta carta? Si no, podemos hacer que alguien le ayude a leerla. También puede recibir esta carta en su idioma. Para ayuda sin cargo, por favor llame inmediatamente al teléfono de Servicios al miembro/cliente que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación de Blue Shield o al (866) 346-7198. (Spanish)

**重要通知：** 您能讀懂這封信嗎？如果不能，我們可以請人幫您閱讀。這封信也可以用您所講的語言書寫。如需免費幫助，請立即撥打登列在您的Blue Shield ID卡背面上的會員/客戶服務部的電話，或者撥打電話 (866) 346-7198。(Chinese)

**QUAN TRỌNG:** Quý vị có thể đọc lá thư này không? Nếu không, chúng tôi có thể nhờ người giúp quý vị đọc thư. Quý vị cũng có thể nhận lá thư này được viết bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Để được hỗ trợ miễn phí, vui lòng gọi ngay đến Ban Dịch vụ Hội viên/Khách hàng theo số ở mặt sau thẻ ID Blue Shield của quý vị hoặc theo số (866) 346-7198. (Vietnamese)

**MAHALAGA:** Nababasa mo ba ang sulat na ito? Kung hindi, maari kaming kumuha ng isang tao upang matulungan ka upang mabasa ito. Maari ka ring makakuha ng sulat na ito na nakasulat sa iyong wika. Para sa libreng tulong, mangyaring tumawag kaagad sa numerong telepono ng Miyembro/Customer Service sa likod ng iyong Blue Shield ID kard, o (866) 346-7198. (Tagalog)

**Baa' ákohwiindzindoogí:** Díí naaltsoosísh yíiniłta'go bíinihah? Doo bíinihahgóó éí, naaltsoos nich'í' yiidóoltahígíí łá' nihee hółó. Díí naaltsoos áldó' t'áá Diné k'ehjí ádoolníł nínízingo bíighah. Doo bąąh ílínígí shiká' adoowoł nínízingo nihich'í' béesh bee hodíilnih dóó námboo éí díí Blue Shield bee néfho'díłzinígí bine'déé' bikáá' éí doodagó éí (866) 346-7198 jí' hodíilnih. (Navajo)

**중요:** 이 서신을 읽을 수 있으세요? 읽으실 수 경우, 도움을 드릴 수 있는 사람이 있습니다. 또한 다른 언어로 작성된 이 서신을 받으실 수도 있습니다. 무료로 도움을 받으시려면 Blue Shield ID 카드 뒷면의 회원/고객 서비스 전화번호 또는 (866) 346-7198로 지금 전환하세요. (Korean)

**ԿԱՐԵՎՈՐ Է.** Կարողանում ե՞ք կարդալ այս նամակը: Եթե ոչ, ապա մենք կօգնենք ձեզ: Դուք պետք է նաև կարողանաք ստանալ այս նամակը ձեր լեզվով: Օտարալեզուներն անվճար է: Խնդրում ենք անմիջապես զանգահարել Հաճախորդների սպասարկման բաժնի հեռախոսահամարով, որը նշված է ձեր Blue Shield ID քարտի ետևի մասում, կամ (866) 346-7198 համարով: (Armenian)

**ВАЖНО:** Не можете прочесть данное письмо? Мы поможем вам, если необходимо. Вы также можете получить это письмо написанное на вашем родном языке. Позвоните в Службу клиентской/членской поддержки прямо сейчас по телефону, указанному сзади идентификационной карты Blue Shield, или по телефону (866) 346-7198, и вам помогут совершенно бесплатно. (Russian)

**重要：** お客様は、この手紙を読むことができますか？もし読むことができない場合、弊社が、お客様をサポートする人物を手配いたします。また、お客様の母国語で書かれた手紙をお送りすることも可能です。無料のサポートを希望される場合は、Blue Shield IDカードの裏面に記載されている会員/お客様サービスの電話番号、または、(866) 346-7198にお電話をおかけください。(Japanese)

**مهم:** آیا می‌توانید این نامه را بخوانید؟ اگر پاسختان منفی است، می‌توانیم کسی را برای کمک به شما در اختیارتان قرار دهیم. حتی می‌توانید نسخه‌ی مکتوب این نامه را به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک رایگان، لطفاً بدون فوت وقت از طریق شماره تلفنی که در پشت کارت شناسایی Blue Shield تان درج شده است و یا از طریق شماره تلفن 346-7198 (866) با خدمات اعضا/مشتری تماس بگیرید.  
(Persian)

**ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ:** ਕੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ? ਜੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿਚ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਅਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਮੁਫਤ ਵਿਚ ਮਦਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ Blue Shield ID ਕਾਰਡ ਦੇ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ/ਕਸਟਮਰ ਸਰਵਿਸ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ, ਜਾਂ (866) 346-7198 ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (Punjabi)

**ប្រការសំខាន់៖** តើអ្នកអាចលិខិតនេះ បានដែរឬទេ? បើមិនអាចទេ យើងអាចឲ្យគេជួយអ្នកក្នុងការអានលិខិតនេះ។ អ្នកក៏អាចទទួលបានលិខិតនេះជាភាសារបស់អ្នកផងដែរ។ សម្រាប់ជំនួយដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទភ្លាមៗទៅកាន់លេខទូរស័ព្ទសេវាសមាជិក/អតិថិជនដែលមាននៅលើខ្ទងប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់ Blue Shield របស់អ្នក ឬតាមរយៈលេខ (866) 346-7198។ (Khmer)

**المهم:** هل تستطيع قراءة هذا الخطاب؟ أن لم تستطع قراءته، يمكننا إحضار شخص ما ليساعدك في قراءته. قد تحتاج أيضاً إلى الحصول على هذا الخطاب مكتوباً بلغتك. للحصول على المساعدة بدون تكلفة، يرجى الاتصال الآن على رقم هاتف خدمة العملاء/أحد الأعضاء المدون على الجانب الخلفي من بطاقة الهوية Blue Shield أو على الرقم (866) 346-7198. (Arabic)

**TSEEM CEEB:** Koj pos tuaj yeem nyeem tau tsab ntawv no? Yog hais tias nyeem tsis tau, peb tuaj yeem nrhiav ib tug neeg los pab nyeem nws rau koj. Tej zaum koj kuj yuav tau txais muab tsab ntawv no sau ua koj hom lus. Rau kev pab txhais dawb, thov hu kiag rau tus xov tooj Kev Pab Cuam Tub Koom Xeeb/Tub Lag Luam uas nyob rau sab nraum nrob qaum ntawm koj daim npav Blue Shield ID, los yog hu rau tus xov tooj (866) 346-7198. (Hmong)

**สำคัญ:** คุณอ่านจดหมายฉบับนี้ได้หรือไม่ หากไม่ได้ โปรดขอความช่วยเหลือจากผู้อ่านได้ คุณอาจได้รับจดหมายฉบับนี้เป็นภาษาของคุณ หากต้องการความช่วยเหลือโดยไม่มีค่าใช้จ่าย โปรดติดต่อฝ่ายบริการลูกค้า/สมาชิกทางเบอร์โทรศัพท์ในบัตรประจำตัว Blue Shield ของคุณ หรือโทร (866) 346-7198 (Thai)

**महत्वपूर्ण:** क्या आप इस पत्र को पढ़ सकते हैं? यदि नहीं, तो हम इसे पढ़ने में आपकी मदद के लिए किसी व्यक्ति का प्रबंध कर सकते हैं। आप इस पत्र को अपनी भाषा में भी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। निःशुल्क मदद प्राप्त करने के लिए अपने Blue Shield ID कार्ड के पीछे दिए गये मੈਂबर/कस्टमर सर्विस टेलीफोन नंबर, या (866) 346-7198 पर कॉल करें। (Hindi)

**ສິ່ງສໍາຄັນ:** ທ່ານສາມາດອ່ານຈົດໝາຍນີ້ໄດ້ບໍ່? ຖ້າອ່ານບໍ່ໄດ້, ພວກເຮົາສາມາດໃຫ້ບາງຄົນຊ່ວຍອ່ານໃຫ້ທ່ານຟັງໄດ້. ທ່ານຍັງສາມາດຂໍໃຫ້ແປຈົດໝາຍນີ້ເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານໄດ້. ສໍາລັບຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແບບບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ, ກະລຸນາ ໂທຫາເບີໂທຂອງຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກ/ລູກຄ້າໃນທັນທີເບີໂທລະສັບຢູ່ດ້ານຫຼັງບັດສະມາຊິກ Blue Shield ຂອງທ່ານ, ຫຼືໂທໂປຫາເບີ(866) 346-7198. (Laotian)

## Have questions? Get answers.

If you have any questions about the health plans described in this brochure, call Member Services at **(855) 256-9404**, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday.

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