



QUICK POINTS

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New Medicare Supplement plans announced

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota announce two new Medicare Supplement plans for Groups. These plans became effective January 1, 2008. These Medicare Supplement plans are Group Plan K Enhanced and Group Plan L Enhanced. The two new plans are demonstration products and add a travel benefit and preventive benefits to the traditional Medicare Supplement plans K and L. There is no network for these plans. Members may see any provider that participates with Medicare. Blue Cross will coordinate with Medicare for all Medicare-eligible services.

2008 Benefit summary for Medicare Supplement Plan K Enhanced

Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplement Plan K Enhanced
Inpatient hospital services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 days of hospital inpatient care at 100% after your Medicare Part A deductible • Days 61-90 and your 60 lifetime reserve days at 100% after a daily Part A coinsurance amount 	Hospital services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50%* of Medicare Part A deductible • 100% of Medicare Part A coinsurance • Medicare-eligible services in full after Medicare benefits are exhausted, subject to a lifetime maximum of an additional 365 days
Skilled nursing care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first 20 days at 100% • Days 21-100 at 100% after Part A daily coinsurance amount • NO COVERAGE after the 100th day 	Skilled nursing care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50%* of Medicare Part A coinsurance • You pay all charges after the 100th day of skilled nursing care
Home health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% 	Home health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered in full by Medicare
Hospice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally, most Medicare eligible expenses for outpatient drug and inpatient respite care. You pay part of the cost for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care • You must get care from a Medicare-certified hospice 	Hospice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50%* of Medicare coinsurance or copayments
Emergency services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as hospital and medical services 	Emergency services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Medicare Supplement Plan with 50 percent coverage (Plan K) hospital and medical services coverage

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Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplement Plan K Enhanced
Medical services, outpatient services and durable medical equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of Medicare's approved charges after annual Part B deductible Cancer screening services (see below) Diabetic supplies 	Medical services, outpatient services and durable medical equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50%* of Medicare Part B cost sharing 50%* for the first three (3) pints of blood, 100% after that You pay the Part B deductible You pay any charges above Medicare's approved amount for nonassigned claims
Foreign medical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO COVERAGE 	Foreign medical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80%* of Medically necessary services and supplies for medical emergencies when traveling outside of the United States.
Preventive care Services (screening exams) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% to 100% of Medicare's approved charges for bone mass measurement, colorectal screening exams, immunizations, pap smears and pelvic exams, prostate cancer screening exam; Welcome to Medicare exam 	Preventive care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of Medicare Part B cost sharing for Medicare Part B eligible preventive services 100% of cost sharing for cancer screening procedures at intervals listed in Certificate of Coverage
Enhanced preventive care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO COVERAGE 	Enhanced preventive care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual physical exam, eye exam, and hearing screening

* There is a \$4,440 annual out-of-pocket maximum for the Medicare Supplement Plan K Enhanced plan after which eligible expenses are paid at 100%. This out-of-pocket amount may be adjusted for inflation annually.

2008 Benefit summary for Medicare Supplement Plan L Enhanced

Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplement Plan L Enhanced
Inpatient hospital services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 days of hospital inpatient care at 100% after your Medicare Part A deductible Days 61-90 and your 60 lifetime reserve days at 100% after a daily Part A coinsurance amount 	Hospital services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75%* of Medicare Part A deductible 100% of Medicare Part A coinsurance Medicare-eligible services in full after Medicare benefits are exhausted, subject to a lifetime maximum of an additional 365 days
Skilled nursing care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first 20 days at 100% Days 21-100 at 100% after Part A daily coinsurance amount NO COVERAGE after the 100th day 	Skilled nursing care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75%* of Medicare Part A coinsurance You pay all charges after the 100th day of skilled nursing care
Home health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% 	Home health care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covered in full by Medicare
Hospice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, most Medicare eligible expenses for outpatient drug and inpatient respite care You pay part of the cost for outpatient drugs and inpatient respite care You must get care from a Medicare-certified hospice 	Hospice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75%* of Medicare coinsurance or copayments

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Medicare coverage	Medicare Supplement Plan L Enhanced
Emergency services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as hospital and medical services 	Emergency services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as Medicare Supplement Plan with 75 percent coverage (Plan L) hospital and medical services coverage
Medical services, outpatient services and durable medical equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% of Medicare's approved charges after annual Part B deductible • Cancer screening services (see below) • Diabetic supplies 	Medical services, outpatient services and durable medical equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75%* of Medicare Part B cost sharing • 75%* for the first three (3) pints of blood, 100% after that • You pay the Part B deductible • You pay any charges above Medicare's approved amount for nonassigned claims
Foreign medical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO COVERAGE 	Foreign medical services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80%* of medically necessary services and supplies for medical emergencies when traveling outside of the United States.
Preventive care services (screening exams) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80% to 100% of Medicare's approved charges for bone mass measurement, colorectal screening exams, immunizations, Pap tests and pelvic exams, prostate cancer screening exam, Welcome to Medicare exam 	Preventive care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of Medicare Part B cost sharing for Medicare Part B eligible preventive services • 100% of Medicare Part B cost sharing for cancer screening procedures at intervals listed in Certificate of Coverage
Enhanced preventive care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No coverage 	Enhanced preventive care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual physical exam, eye exam, and hearing screening

* There is a \$2,220 annual out-of-pocket maximum for the Medicare Supplement Plan L Enhanced after which eligible expenses are paid at 100%. This out-of-pocket amount may be adjusted for inflation annually.

How to identify members

Members that have Medicare Supplement Plan K Enhanced or Medicare Supplement Plan L Enhanced will have the alpha prefix XZM.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact provider service at (651) 662-5200 or toll free at 1-800-262-0820.

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