



Out-of-network disclosures for persons covered under a self-insured New Jersey State Health Benefits Program or School Employee’s Health Benefit Program

This summary only provides an overview of how a covered person’s health benefits plan covers out-of-network treatment. It is only guidance to help a covered person understand their out-of-network benefits. This summary does not alter your coverage in any way.

The covered person should refer to their group policy, certificate or evidence of coverage (if employer group plan), or summary of benefits and coverages for more information about your out-of-network benefits and about coverages and costs for in-network treatment.

For additional information including whether a health care professional or facility is in-network or out-of-network, the process to obtain of out-of-network costs and estimates for specific services please contact us at the toll-free telephone number on your member identification card or 1-877-StateNJ (1-877-782-8365).

Or, visit our website at: aetna.com and select legal notices, state specific and scroll to New Jersey.

Your policy covers:	What this means:	How am I protected by NJ law?
Medically necessary treatment on an emergency or urgent basis by out-of-network health care professionals/facilities	<p>Emergency - You are covered for out-of-network treatment for a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including, but not limited to, severe pain; psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance use disorder such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: placing the health of the individual or unborn child in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part. This includes any further medical examination and such treatment as may be required to stabilize the medical condition. This also includes if there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer of a pregnant woman to another hospital before delivery or such transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or unborn child.</p>	<p>Except as discussed below, you should not be billed by an out-of-network health care professional or facility, for any amount in excess of any deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amounts (also known as “cost-sharing”) applicable to the same services when received in-network. If you receive a bill for any other amount, please contact us at the number on your ID card, and/or file a complaint with the Department of Banking and Insurance: www.state.nj.us/dobi/consumer.htm</p>
	<p>Urgent – You are covered for out-of-network treatment of a non-life-threatening condition that requires</p>	<p>Your carrier and the out-of-network health care professional/facility may negotiate and settle on an amount that is ultimately paid for the emergent/urgent medical services. If that negotiated amount exceeds what was indicated on the initial Explanation of Benefits, your out-of-pocket cost-sharing liability may increase above the amount indicated on the initial Explanation of Benefits. Your total final costs will be provided on the final Explanation of Benefits if settled.</p> <p>If an agreement cannot be reached, your carrier or the out-of-network health care professional/facility may seek to enter into binding arbitration to determine the amount to be paid for the medical services. The amount awarded by the</p>

	<p>care by a health care professional within 24 hours.</p>	<p>arbitrator may exceed what the carrier has already paid to the out-of-network health care professional/facility; however, any additional amount paid by the carrier pursuant to the arbitration award <u>will not</u> increase your cost-sharing liability above the amount indicated as your responsibility on the second Explanation of Benefits associated with the last payment made to the health care professional/facility before any arbitration. If arbitration is conducted, you will also receive a final Explanation of Benefits that will show the total allowed charge/amount for the service(s).</p>
<p>Your policy covers:</p>	<p>What this means:</p>	<p>How am I protected by NJ law?</p>
<p>Inadvertent out-of-network services</p>	<p>You are covered for treatment by an out-of-network health care professional for covered services when you use an in-network health care facility (e.g. hospital, ambulatory surgery center, etc.) and, for any reason, in-network health care services are unavailable or provided by an out-of-network health care professional in that in-network facility. This includes laboratory testing ordered by an in-network health care professional and performed by an out-of-network bio-analytical laboratory (e.g., imaging, X-rays, blood tests, and anesthesia).</p>	<p>Except as provided below, you should not be billed by an out-of-network health care professional or facility, for any amount in excess of any deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amounts (also known as “cost-sharing”) applicable to the same services when received in-network. If you receive a bill for any other amount, please contact us at the number on your IDcard, and/or file a complaint with the Department of Banking and Insurance: https://www.state.nj.us/dobi/consumer.htm</p> <p>Your carrier and the out-of-network health care professional/facility may negotiate and settle on an amount that is ultimately paid for the inadvertent out-of-network services. If that negotiated amount exceeds what was indicated on the initial Explanation of Benefits, your out-of-pocket cost-sharing liability may increase above the amount indicated on the initial Explanation of Benefits. Your total final costs will be provided on the final Explanation of Benefits if settled.</p> <p>If an agreement cannot be reached, your carrier or the out-of-network health care professional/facility may seek to enter into binding arbitration to determine the amount to be paid for the inadvertent out-of-network services. The amount awarded by the arbitrator may exceed what the carrier has already paid to an out-of-network health care professional/facility; however, any additional amount paid by the carrier</p>

		pursuant to the arbitration award <u>will not</u> increase your cost-sharing liability above the amount indicated as your responsibility on the second Explanation of Benefits associated with the last payment made to the health care professional/facility before any arbitration. If arbitration is conducted, you will also receive a final Explanation of Benefits that will show the total allowed charge/amount for the service(s).
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Treatment from out-of-network health care professionals/facilities if in-network health care professionals/facilities are unavailable.	Plans are required to have adequate networks to provide you with access to professionals/facilities within certain time/distance requirements so you can obtain medically necessary treatment of all illnesses or injuries covered by your plan.	You can request treatment from an out-of-network health care professional/facility when an in-network health care professional/facility is unavailable through an appeal, often called a request for an "in-plan exception." Please see the Department of Banking and Insurance's guide at: https://nj.gov/dobi/appeal/ .

Your Policy DOES NOT Cover :	What this Means:	How Am I Protected by NJ law?
HMO and Liberty Plans Voluntary out-of-network services	You are not covered for treatment by an out-of-network health care professional/facility when you knowingly, voluntarily and specifically select an out-of-network professional/facility for treatment when you have the opportunity to be serviced by an in-network healthcare professional/facility.	As discussed above, you can request treatment from an out-of-network health care professional/facility when an in-network health care professional/facility is unavailable through an appeal, called a request for "in-plan exception."

<u>If your policy covers:</u>	<u>What this means:</u>	<u>How am I protected by NJ law?</u>
<p data-bbox="207 258 451 321">Freedom and Value HDHP plans</p> <p data-bbox="240 510 418 604">Voluntary out-of-network services</p>	<p data-bbox="500 226 963 856">You are covered for treatment by an out-of- network health care professional/facility when you knowingly, voluntarily and specifically select an out-of-network health care professional/facility, even if you have the opportunity to be serviced by an in- network health care professional/facility. <u>We will cover voluntary out-of-network service at the plan coinsurance listed in your Schedule of Benefits. Member cost-share may vary by service and be subject to a plan deductible. Your Schedule of Benefits describes your cost-share for covered out of network services. Some covered out-of-network services require you to precertify them with Aetna.</u></p> <p data-bbox="500 898 963 1350">Please be advised that the allowed charge/amount (discussed above) is <u>not</u> the same as the amount billed by your Out-of-Network Health Care Professional/Facility, and is usually less. We calculate the allowed charge/ amount <u>as explained in your Booklet/ Certificate. Please refer to your plan document for how the plan determines allowed and recognized charges for covered voluntary out-of-network services.</u></p>	<p data-bbox="995 226 1490 783">Carriers must provide ready access to information about how to determine when a health care professional/facility is in-network. Please contact us if you have any questions about the status of a particular professional/facility. Additionally, health care professionals/ facilities must disclose to you, in writing or on a website, the plans in which they participate as in-network providers. Note, indications that a professional/facility “accepts” a certain health plan does not necessarily indicate in- network status. So, when seeking treatment, you can check with both us and your prospective health care professional/facility.</p> <p data-bbox="995 825 1490 1318">Carriers must provide a method to enable you to be able to calculate an estimate of out-of-network costs when voluntarily seeking to use an out-of-network health care professional/facility. You can contact us via the methods above to obtain more information regarding the allowed charge/amounts for specific services if you can provide a current procedural terminology (CPT) code. If you do not have a CPT code, you can estimate your costs by contacting your health care professional for the codes.</p> <p data-bbox="995 1329 1490 1780">You can also log into the Aetna secure member website to use the cost estimator tool to obtain an estimate of your costs for covered out of network services. If a service or procedure is not listed in the cost estimator tool in your secure member website, you can obtain an estimated cost by completing the appropriate Member Request for Estimate Form on our website. To use the cost estimator, please visit our site at: https://www.aetna.com and click the “login” button.</p>

	<p>You will be responsible for payment of: a) Your cost-sharing portion of the allowed charge/amount as disclosed above; PLUS, b) the difference between our allowed charge/amount and the amount the out-of-network health care professional/facility bills for the services (commonly referred to as the “balance bill”).</p>	<p>For a price estimate form, please visit this section of Aetna.com:</p> <p><u>https://www.aetna.com/individuals-families/member-rights-resources/rights/state-specific-information.html</u></p> <p>Once on the page, scroll to New Jersey for the applicable form. You can also visit our website above for more information.</p>
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Civil Rights Coordinator,
P.O. Box 14462, Lexington, KY 40512,
1-800-648-7817, TTY: 711,
Fax: 859-425-3379, CRCoordinator@aetna.com.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at **<https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>**, or at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, or at **1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)**.

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