

2023 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option
Section 5(c). Services Provided by a Hospital or Other Facility, and Ambulance Services
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Benefit Description

Inpatient Hospital (cont.)

Note: **Observation services** are billed as outpatient facility care. As a result, benefits for observation services are provided at the outpatient facility benefit levels described on page [82](#). See page [155](#) for more information about these types of services.

Note: Here are some things to keep in mind:

- You do not need to precertify your delivery; see page [26](#) for other circumstances, such as extended stays for you or your newborn.
- If you need to stay longer in the hospital than initially planned, we will cover an extended stay if it is medically necessary. However, you must precertify the extended stay. See page [26](#) for information on requesting additional days.
- We pay inpatient hospital benefits for an admission in connection with the treatment of children up to age 22 with severe dental caries. We cover hospitalization for other types of dental procedures only when a non-dental physical impairment exists that makes hospitalization necessary to safeguard the health of the patient. We provide benefits for dental procedures as shown in Section 5(g).

Note: See pages [47-48](#) for other covered maternity services.

Note: See page [59](#) for coverage of blood and blood products.

Note: For certain surgical procedures, your out-of-pocket costs for facility services are reduced if you use a facility designated as a Blue Distinction Center. See pages [86-87](#) for information.

Standard Option - You Pay

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Basic Option - You Pay

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Not covered:

- *Admission to noncovered facilities, such as nursing homes, extended care facilities, schools, or residential treatment centers (except as described on pages [87-88](#) and [100-101](#))*
- *Personal comfort items, such as guest meals and beds, phone, television, beauty and barber services*
- *Private duty nursing*
- *Facility room and board expenses when, in our judgment, an admission or portion of an admission is:*
 - *Custodial or long term care (see Definitions)*
 - *Convalescent care or a rest cure*
 - *Domiciliary care provided because care in the home is not available or is unsuitable*

Standard Option - You Pay*All charges***Basic Option - You Pay***All charges*

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