

Take care of yourself

Remember to get preventive care

Getting regular checkups and exams can help you stay well and catch problems early. It may even save your life.

Our health plans cover 100% payment of the services listed in this preventive care flier.¹ When you get these services from doctors in your plan's network, you don't have to pay anything out of your own pocket. You may have to pay part of the costs if you use a doctor outside the network.

Preventive versus diagnostic care

What's the difference? Preventive care helps protect you from getting sick. Diagnostic care is used to find the cause of existing illnesses.

For example, say your doctor suggests you have a colonoscopy because of your age when you have no symptoms. That's preventive care. On the other hand, say you have symptoms and your doctor suggests a colonoscopy to see what's causing them. That's diagnostic care.

[Here's a listing of the types of preventive services we cover. See your benefit plan to learn more.](#)

Child preventive care (birth through 18 years, unless otherwise noted)

Preventive care physical exams are covered. So are the screenings, tests and vaccines listed here. The preventive care services listed below may not be right for every person. Ask your doctor what's right for you.

Preventive physical exams

Screening tests (depending on your age) may include

- Behavioral screening and 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
- Fluoride supplements for children from birth through 6 years old⁶
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight and body mass index (BMI)
- Hemoglobin or hematocrit (blood count)
- HPV screening (female)
- Iron supplements for children 0-12 months⁶
- Lead testing
- Newborn screening
- Screening and counseling for obesity

- Oral (dental health) assessment when done as part of a preventive care visit
- Screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infections
- Vision screening² when done as part of a preventive care visit

Immunizations

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Influenza (flu)
- Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Polio
- Rotavirus
- Varicella (chicken pox)



Adult preventive care (19 years and older, unless otherwise noted)

Preventive care physical exams are covered. So are the screenings, tests and vaccines listed here. The preventive care services listed below may not be right for every person. Ask your doctor what's right for you.

Preventive physical exams

Screening tests and services (depending on your age) may include

- Aortic aneurysm screening (men who have smoked)
- Blood pressure
- Bone density test to screen for osteoporosis
- Breast cancer, including exam and mammogram
- Breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling (female)^{3,4}
- Cholesterol and lipid (fat) level
- Colorectal cancer, including fecal occult blood test, barium enema, flexible sigmoidoscopy, screening colonoscopy and CT colonography (as appropriate)
- Contraceptive (birth control) counseling, FDA-approved contraceptive medical services provided by a doctor, including sterilization (female), and FDA-approved prescribed or women's over-the-counter contraceptives^{4,5}
- Depression screening
- Type 2 diabetes screening
- Eye chart test for vision²
- Hearing screening
- Height, weight and BMI
- HIV screening and counseling
- HPV screening (female)⁴
- Intervention services (includes counseling and education):
 - Behavioral counseling to promote a healthy diet
 - Counseling related to aspirin use for the prevention of cardiovascular disease including aspirin for men ages 45-79 and women ages 55-79⁶
 - Counseling related to genetic testing for women with a family history of ovarian or breast cancer, including genetic testing for BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 when certain criteria are met⁷
- Counseling related to chemoprevention for women with a high risk of breast cancer
- Folic acid for women 55 years old or younger⁶
- Primary care intervention to promote breastfeeding^{3,4}
- Screening and behavioral counseling related to alcohol misuse
- Screening and behavioral counseling related to tobacco use including tobacco cessation products⁸
- Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence
- Screening and counseling for obesity
- Vitamin D for women over 65⁶
- Pelvic exam and Pap test, including screening for cervical cancer
- Prostate cancer, including digital rectal exam and PSA test
- Screenings during pregnancy (including, but not limited to, gestational diabetes, hepatitis, asymptomatic bacteriuria, Rh incompatibility, syphilis, iron deficiency anemia, gonorrhea, chlamydia and HIV)⁴
- Screening and counseling for sexually transmitted infections

Immunizations

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- HPV
- Influenza (flu)
- Meningococcal (meningitis)
- MMR
- Pneumococcal (pneumonia)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Zoster (shingles)

This sheet is not a contract or policy with Anthem Blue Cross. If there is any difference between this sheet and the group policy, the provisions of the group policy will govern. Please see your combined Evidence of Coverage and Disclosure Form or Certificate for Exclusions & Limitations.

1 The range of preventive care services covered at no cost share when provided in-network are designed to meet the requirements of federal and state law. The Department of Health and Human Services has defined the preventive services to be covered under federal law with no cost-share as those services described in the 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 the 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 Customer Care number on your ID card.

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

3 Breast pumps and supplies must be purchased from an in-network medical provider for 100% coverage; we recommend using an in-network durable medical equipment (DME) supplier.

4 This benefit also applies to those younger than 19.

5 To get 100% coverage for birth control, you must present a prescription at an in-network pharmacy for a generic drug, a brand-name drug that doesn't have a generic equivalent, or an OTC item like female condoms or spermicide. A cost-share may apply for other prescription contraceptives, based on your drug benefits.

6 To get 100% coverage, you will need to present a prescription from a doctor or other health care provider at an in-network pharmacy.

7 Check your medical policy for details.

8 For those 18 years and older. 100% coverage of tobacco cessation products requires a prescription from a doctor that must be presented at an in-network pharmacy. Coverage is provided for select generic products, brand-name products with no generic alternatives, and FDA-approved over-the-counter products.