2027 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan
FEP Blue Standard and FEP Blue Basic
Section 5(e). Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

Note: For Standard Option, we state whether or not the calendar year deductible applies for each benefit listed in this Section. There is no calendar year deductible under Basic Option.

Benefit Description

Residential Treatment Center

Precertification prior to admission is required.

We cover inpatient care provided and billed by an RTC when the care is medically necessary for the treatment of a medical, mental health, and/or substance use disorder:

- Room and board, such as semiprivate room, nursing care, meals, special diets, ancillary charges, and covered therapy services when billed by the facility

Note: RTC benefits are not available for facilities licensed as a skilled nursing facility, group home, halfway house, or similar type facility.

Note: Benefits are not available for noncovered services, including: respite care; outdoor residential programs; services provided outside of the provider's scope of practice; recreational therapy; educational therapy; educational classes; biofeedback; Outward Bound programs; hippotherapy/equine therapy provided during the approved stay; personal comfort items, such as guest meals and beds, phone, television, beauty and barber services; custodial or long-term care; and domiciliary care provided because care in the home is not available or is unsuitable.

Note: For outpatient residential treatment center services, see the next Section.

Standard Option - You Pay
Preferred facilities: $450 per admission copayment for unlimited days (no deductible)

Member facilities: $450 per admission copayment for unlimited days, plus 35% of the Plan allowance (no deductible)

Non-member facilities: 35% of the Plan allowance (no deductible), and any remaining balance after our payment

Note: Non-member facilities must, prior to admission, agree to abide by the terms established by the Local Plan for the care of the particular member and for the submission and processing of related claims.

Basic Option - You Pay

Preferred facilities: $500 per day copayment up to $3,500 per admission

Member/Non-member facilities: You pay all charges