

# Lowe's Companies, Inc. Option I

Summary of Benefits and Coverage: What this Plan Covers & What it Costs

Coverage Period: Beginning on or after 01/01/2017

Coverage For: Individual + Family Plan Type: PPO



**This is only a summary.** If you want more detail about your coverage and costs, you can get the complete terms in the policy or plan document at [mylowesbenefits.com](http://mylowesbenefits.com) or by calling 1-888-474-6365.

Important Questions	Answers	Why this Matters:
What is the overall deductible?	<b>\$1000</b> person / <b>\$3000</b> family in-network. <b>\$2000</b> person / <b>\$6000</b> family out-of-network. Does not apply to preventive services, drugs, non-covered services, physician outpatient, balance-billed charges and pre-certification penalties.	You must pay all the costs up to the <u>deductible</u> amount before this plan begins to pay for covered services you use. Check your policy or plan document to see when the <u>deductible</u> starts over (usually, but not always, January 1st). See the chart starting on page 2 for how much you pay for covered services after you meet the <u>deductible</u> .
Are there other deductibles for specific services?	No.	You don't have to meet <u>deductibles</u> for specific services, but see the chart starting on page 2 for other costs for services this plan covers.
Is there an <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> on my expenses?	Yes. For in-network <b>\$6000</b> person / <b>\$12000</b> family. For out-of-network <b>\$12000</b> person / <b>\$24000</b> family.	The <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> is the most you could pay during a coverage period (usually one year) for your share of the cost of covered services. This limit helps you plan for health care expenses.
What is not included in the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> ?	Premium, balance-billed charges, health care this plan doesn't cover and pre-certification penalties.	Even though you pay these expenses, they don't count toward the <u>out-of-pocket limit</u> .
Is there an overall annual limit on what the plan pays?	No.	The chart starting on page 2 describes any limits on what the plan will pay for <i>specific</i> covered services, such as office visits.
Does this plan use a network of providers?	Yes, this plan uses in-network providers. For a list of in-network providers, see <a href="http://AlabamaBlue.com">AlabamaBlue.com</a> or call 1-800-810-BLUE.	If you use an in-network doctor or other health care <u>provider</u> , this plan will pay some or all of the costs of covered services. Be aware, your in-network doctor or hospital may use an out-of-network <u>provider</u> for some services. Plans use the term in-network, <u>preferred</u> , or participating for <u>providers</u> in their <u>network</u> . See the chart starting on page 2 for how this plan pays different kinds of <u>providers</u> .
Do I need a referral to see a <u>specialist</u> ?	No. You don't need a referral to see a specialist.	You can see the <u>specialist</u> you choose without permission from this plan.
Are there services this plan doesn't cover?	Yes.	Some of the services this plan doesn't cover are listed on page 8. See your policy or plan document for additional information about <u>excluded services</u> .

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- Copayments are fixed dollar amounts (for example, \$15) you pay for covered health care, usually when you receive the service.
- Coinsurance is *your* share of the costs of a covered service, calculated as a percent of the allowed amount for the service. For example, if the plan's allowed amount for an overnight hospital stay is \$1,000, your coinsurance payment of 20% would be \$200. This may change if you haven't met your deductible.
- The amount the plan pays for covered services is based on the allowed amount. If an out-of-network provider charges more than the allowed amount, you may have to pay the difference. For example, if an out-of-network hospital charges \$1,500 for an overnight stay and the allowed amount is \$1,000, you may have to pay the \$500 difference. (This is called balance billing.)
- This plan may encourage you to use in-network providers by charging you lower deductibles, copayments and coinsurance amounts.

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an In Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you visit a health care provider's office or clinic	Primary care visit to treat an injury or illness	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible for out-of-network
	Specialist visit	0% coinsurance & \$50 copay	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible for out-of-network
	Other practitioner office visit	30% coinsurance for chiropractor	50% coinsurance for chiropractor	Subject to overall deductible; limited to a \$500 maximum payment per member per calendar year
	Preventive care/screening/immunization	No Charge	50% coinsurance	Please see <a href="http://AlabamaBlue.com/preventiveservices">AlabamaBlue.com/preventiveservices</a> ; additional services may be available; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network
If you have a test	Diagnostic test (x-ray, blood work)	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are physician services; subject to overall deductible; in-network services rendered in a physician's office covered 100% subject to applicable office visit copay; facility benefits are also available
	Imaging (CT/PET scans, MRIs)	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are physician services; subject to overall deductible; precertification is required for coverage; facility benefits are also available

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an In Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
<p>If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition</p> <p>More information about prescription drug coverage is available at <a href="http://caremark.com">caremark.com</a>.</p>	Tier 1 - Your Lowest-Cost Option	Retail: \$10 Copay Mail Order: \$20 Copay	Retail: N/A	3-30 day refills at retail for maintenance drugs.
	Tier 2 - Your Midrange-Cost Option	Retail: 35% Coinsurance Mail Order: 35% Coinsurance	Retail: N/A	3-30 day refills at retail for maintenance drugs. Minimum \$35 and maximum \$70 for retail, minimum \$70 and maximum \$140 for mail order
	Tier 3 - Your Highest-Cost Option	Retail: 35% Coinsurance Mail Order: 35% Coinsurance	Retail: N/A	3-30 day refills at retail for maintenance drugs. Minimum \$90 and maximum \$170 for retail, minimum \$170 and maximum \$340 for mail order
	Tier 4 - Additional High-Cost Option	Retail: \$75 Copay Mail Order: \$75 Copay	Retail: N/A	None
If you have outpatient surgery	Facility fee (e.g., ambulatory surgery center)	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; precertification is required for coverage
	Physician/surgeon fees	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; subject to applicable copay if services are performed in an in-network physician's office; precertification is required for coverage of outpatient surgery.
If you need immediate medical attention	Emergency room services	30% coinsurance & \$250 copay	30% coinsurance & \$250 copay	Deductible does not apply. Copay waived if admitted to the hospital; Non-medical emergency not covered
	Emergency medical transportation	30% coinsurance	30% coinsurance	Subject to in-network deductible; For non-emergency ambulance, \$250 copay then 30% coinsurance
	Urgent care	0% coinsurance & \$50 copay	50% coinsurance after deductible	Benefits listed are for services rendered in an urgent care facility

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If you have a hospital stay	Facility fee (e.g., hospital room)	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; out-of-network also subject to \$400 per admission copay; in Alabama, out-of-network benefits are only available for accidental injury; precertification is required for coverage
	Physician/surgeon fee	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; subject to applicable copay if services are performed in an in-network physician's office
If you have mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse needs	Mental/Behavioral health outpatient services	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are outpatient physician services and are available through the Blue Choice Behavioral Health Network or PPO physician; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; additional benefits are also available with higher patient responsibility; some services require precertification
	Mental/Behavioral health inpatient services	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are inpatient physician services and are available through the Blue Choice Behavioral Health Network or PPO physician; subject to overall deductible; additional benefits are also available; precertification is required
	Substance use disorder outpatient services	0% coinsurance & \$30 copay	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are outpatient physician services and are available through the Blue Choice Behavioral Health Network or PPO physician; subject to overall deductible for out-of-network; additional benefits are also available with higher patient responsibility; some services require precertification
	Substance use disorder inpatient services	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are inpatient physician services and are available through the Blue Choice Behavioral Health Network or PPO physician; subject to overall deductible; additional benefits are also available; precertification is required

Common Medical Event	Services You May Need	Your cost if you use an In Network Provider	Your cost if you use an Out of Network Provider	Limitations & Exceptions
If you are pregnant	Prenatal and postnatal care	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are outpatient physician services; subject to overall deductible
	Delivery and all inpatient services	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Benefits listed are inpatient physician services; subject to overall deductible
If you need help recovering or have other special health needs	Home health care	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; limited to a maximum of 120 visits per member per calendar year; precertification is required for coverage
	Rehabilitation services	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; limited to a combined maximum of 60 visits for rehabilitative occupational, physical and speech therapy per member per calendar year; clinical review after the first visit; precertification is required for coverage
	Habilitation services	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; limited to a combined maximum of 60 visits for habilitative occupational, physical and speech therapy per member per calendar year; clinical review after the first visit; precertification is required for coverage
	Skilled nursing care	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; limited to a maximum of 120 days per member per calendar year; precertification is required for coverage
	Durable medical equipment	30% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to overall deductible; precertification is required for rentals and purchases over \$500
	Hospice service	0% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	Subject to the overall deductible; services subject to 30% coinsurance after the first \$10,000; precertification is required for coverage
If your child needs dental or eye care	Eye exam	Not Covered	Not Covered	-----none-----
	Glasses	Not Covered	Not Covered	-----none-----
	Dental check-up	Not Covered	Not Covered	-----none-----

## Excluded Services & Other Covered Services:

**Services Your Plan Does NOT Cover** (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other excluded services.)

- Acupuncture
- Cosmetic surgery
- Dental care (Adult)
- Dental check-up, child
- Eye exam, child
- Glasses, child
- Long-term care
- Routine eye care (Adult)
- Weight loss programs

**Other Covered Services** (This isn't a complete list. Check your policy or plan document for other covered services and your costs for these services.)

- Bariatric surgery (1 per lifetime)
- Chiropractic care (\$500 per calendar year)
- Hearing aids (1 hearing aid per ear, per every 36 months)
- Infertility treatment (limited to diagnosis and treatment of medical condition)
- Non-emergency care when traveling outside the U.S.
- Private-duty nursing (limited to 70 visits per calendar year)
- Routine foot care (limitations may apply)

### Your Rights to Continue Coverage:

If you lose coverage under the plan, then, depending upon the circumstances, Federal and State laws may provide protections that allow you to keep health coverage. Any such rights may be limited in duration and will require you to pay a premium, which may be significantly higher than the premium you pay while covered under the plan. Other limitations on your rights to continue coverage may also apply.

For more information on your rights to continue coverage, contact the plan administrator at the phone number listed in your benefit booklet. You may also contact your state insurance department, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa), or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 1-877-267-2323 x61565 or [www.cciio.cms.gov](http://www.cciio.cms.gov).

### Your Grievance and Appeals Rights:

If you have a complaint or are dissatisfied with a denial of coverage for claims under your plan, you may be able to appeal or file a grievance. For questions about your rights, this notice, or assistance, you can contact the plan administrator at 1-888-474-6365. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration at 1-866-444-3272 or [www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/healthreform).

### Does this Coverage Provide Minimum Essential Coverage?:

The Affordable Care Act requires most people to have healthcare coverage that qualifies as "minimum essential coverage." This plan or policy does provide minimum essential coverage.

### Does this Coverage Meet the Minimum Value Standard?:

The Affordable Care Act establishes a minimum value standard of benefits of a health plan. The minimum value standard is 60% health coverage. This plan does meet the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides.

----- *To see examples of how this plan might cover costs for a sample medical situation, see the next page.* -----

## About these Coverage Examples:

These examples show how this plan might cover medical care in given situations. Use these examples to see, in general, how much financial protection a sample patient might get if they are covered under different plans.



**This is not a cost estimator.**

Don't use these examples to estimate your actual costs under this plan. The actual care you receive will be different from these examples, and the cost of that care will also be different.

See the next page for important information about these examples.

### Having a baby (normal delivery)

- Amount owed to providers: \$7,540
- Plan pays \$4,460
- Patient pays \$3,080

#### Sample care costs:

Hospital charges (mother)	\$2,700
Routine obstetric care	\$2,100
Hospital charges (baby)	\$900
Anesthesia	\$900
Laboratory tests	\$500
Prescriptions	\$200
Radiology	\$200
Vaccines, other preventive	\$40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,540</b>

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$1000
Copays	\$50
Coinsurance	\$1880
Limits or exclusions	\$150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,080</b>

Note: These numbers assume the patient has given notice of her pregnancy to the plan. If you are pregnant and have not given notice of your pregnancy, your costs may be higher. For more information, please contact: [AlabamaBlue.com](http://AlabamaBlue.com)..

### Managing type 2 diabetes (routine maintenance of a well-controlled condition)

- Amount owed to providers: \$5,400
- Plan pays \$4,020
- Patient pays \$1,380

#### Sample care costs:

Prescriptions	\$2,900
Medical Equipment and Supplies	\$1,300
Office Visits and Procedures	\$700
Education	\$300
Laboratory tests	\$100
Vaccines, other preventive	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,400</b>

#### Patient pays:

Deductibles	\$20
Copays	\$950
Coinsurance	\$40
Limits or exclusions	\$370
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,380</b>

## Questions and answers about the Coverage Examples:

### What are some of the assumptions behind the Coverage Examples?

- Costs don't include premiums.
- Sample care costs are based on national averages supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and aren't specific to a particular geographic area or health plan.
- The patient's condition was not an excluded or preexisting condition.
- All services and treatments started and ended in the same coverage period.
- There are no other medical expenses for any member covered under this plan.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are based only on treating the condition in the example.
- The patient received all care from in-network providers. If the patient had received care from out-of-network providers, costs would have been higher.

### What does a Coverage Example show?

For each treatment situation, the Coverage Example helps you see how deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance can add up. It also helps you see what expenses might be left up to you to pay because the service or treatment isn't covered or payment is limited.

### Does the Coverage Example predict my own care needs?

- ✗ **No.** Treatments shown are just examples. The care you would receive for this condition could be different based on your doctor's advice, your age, how serious your condition is, and many other factors.

### Does the Coverage Example predict my future expenses?

- ✗ **No.** Coverage Examples are not cost estimators. You can't use the examples to estimate costs for an actual condition. They are for comparative purposes only. Your own costs will be different depending on the care you receive, the prices your providers charge, and the reimbursement your health plan allows.

### Can I use Coverage Examples to compare plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** When you look at the Summary of Benefits and Coverage for other plans, you'll find the same Coverage Examples. When you compare plans, check the "Patient Pays" box in each example. The smaller that number, the more coverage the plan provides.

### Are there other costs I should consider when comparing plans?

- ✓ **Yes.** An important cost is the premium you pay. Generally, the lower your premium, the more you'll pay in out-of-pocket costs, such as copayments, deductibles, and coinsurance. You should also consider contributions to accounts such as health savings accounts (HSAs), flexible spending arrangements (FSAs) or health reimbursement accounts (HRAs) that help you pay out-of-pocket expenses.

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You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, D.C. 20201, 1-800-368-1019, 1-800-537-7697 (TDD). Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

## **Foreign Language Assistance**

Spanish: ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)

Korean: 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

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Vietnamese: CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

Arabic: انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، توجد خدمات مساعدة فيما يتعلق باللغة، بدون تكلفة، متاحة لك. اتصل بـ 1-855-216-3144 (الهاتف النصي: 711).

German: ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

French: ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-216-3144 (ATS: 711).

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Russian: ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855-216-3144 (телетайп: 711).

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Italian: ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

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