## What You Need to Know **About Paying for Your Healthcare**

## **Key terms**

Your copay is the fixed amount you pay for a covered healthcare service. This is usually paid at the time you receive the service. The dollar amount can vary by the type of service (doctor office visit vs. ER visit).

Your out-of-pocket maximum is the most you will pay for covered healthcare services in a given plan year.

Your deductible is the amount you pay for covered healthcare services before your health plan starts to chip in. Note: Preventive services such as wellness exams and preventive screenings are generally not subject to the deductible.

Your coinsurance is the percentage you pay for covered healthcare services after your deductible has been met.



annual wellness exam. Preventive services are covered at 100% (in-network) and the deductible is waived. That means Joe does not have to pay anything.

He has not yet met his **deductible** for the plan year so he has to pay the full amount.

well. He makes an appointment with his doctor. When he checks into the office, he pays a co-pay.

needs emergency surgery. He has already met his deductible so he only has to pay his share of the co-insurance until he reaches the out-ofpocket maximum. From that point on, his health plan will pay the rest.

plan year, his health plan will pay 100% of the covered services.



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