

How the PPO plans compare — 2026

View this side-by-side comparison of what the UC PPO plans cover and how much you pay. This table is only a summary of benefits. For more detailed benefits, coverage and contact information, visit UCnet.

Covered service	UC Care	HealthSavings+
2026 UC Health Savings Account (HSA) contribution You can use this money toward your deductible and other out-of-pocket costs. It's yours to keep, even if you leave UC or retire.	None	Up to \$750 (self-only coverage) Up to \$1,500 (family coverage) Amounts prorated for new hires or enrollment during the year.
Medical, behavioral health and prescription drug calendar-year deductible The amount you pay before the plan begins to share in the cost for covered services.	In-network • UC Select Tier 1: N/A • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2:¹ Self-only: \$500 Family: \$1,000 Out-of-network ¹ Self-only: \$750 Family: \$1,750	In-network Self-only: \$2,500 Family: \$5,000 ² Out-of-network ³ Self-only: \$4,000 Family: \$8,000
Medical, behavioral health and prescription drug calendar-year out-of-pocket maximum (includes deductible where applicable) The most you pay for covered health care services in a calendar year.	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:¹ Self-only: \$6,100 Family: \$9,700 • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2:¹ Self-only: \$7,600 Family: \$14,200 Out-of-network ¹ Self-only: \$9,600 Family: \$20,200	In-network Self-only: \$6,700 Family: \$13,400 ² Out-of-network ³ Self-only: \$8,000 Family: \$16,000
Preventive care ⁴	In-network • UC Select Tier 1: \$0, deductible waived • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: \$0, deductible waived Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁵	In-network \$0, deductible waived Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁵
Doctor and specialist visits	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:⁶ \$30 copayment • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁷	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸
24/7 virtual primary care (provided through Accolade Care)	Accolade Care No cost for first 12 visits each year	Accolade Care \$30 per visit before deductible 30% after deductible

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Virtual behavioral health provided through Accolade Care	Accolade Care No cost for first 12 visits each year	Accolade Care \$30 per visit before deductible 30% after deductible
Outpatient behavioral health visits	In-network Office visit: \$0 for first 3 visits, then \$30 per visit; deductible waived Other outpatient visits: \$30 per visit; deductible waived Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸
Infertility treatment (provided through WINFertility) All infertility services are subject to medical necessity and prior authorization by WINFertility: (877) 451-3077. ⁷	In-network IVF, GIFT and ZIFT covered at 50% after deductible, up to a combined limit of 2 treatment cycles per lifetime, per member Amounts spent on infertility treatment do not apply toward out-of-pocket maximum All infertility services are subject to medical necessity and prior authorization	In-network IVF, GIFT and ZIFT covered at 50% after deductible, up to a combined limit of 2 treatment cycles per lifetime, per member Amounts spent on infertility treatment do not apply toward out-of-pocket maximum All infertility services are subject to medical necessity and prior authorization
Chiropractic/acupuncture	In-network • UC Select Tier 1: ⁶ Available only through Blue Shield PPO providers. • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: 30% after deductible Out-of-network Chiropractic: 50% after deductible ⁸ Acupuncture: 30% after deductible ⁸ Limited to 24 combined visits annually	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network Chiropractic: 50% after deductible ⁸ Acupuncture: 30% after deductible ⁸ Limited to 24 combined visits annually
Retail clinic (on-site health clinics located in retail stores and pharmacies) Benefits listed are for in-network providers.	UC Select Tier 1 N/A Blue Shield PPO Tier 2 30% after deductible	30% after deductible
Virtual second opinion services (provided through 2nd.MD)	2nd.MD No cost for a virtual second opinion from a leading specialist about a new diagnosis, surgery, treatment plan or medication.	2nd.MD No cost for a virtual second opinion from a leading specialist about a new diagnosis, surgery, treatment plan or medication.

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Urgent care	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:⁶ \$30 copayment • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: \$30 copayment; deductible waived Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸
Emergency care	\$300 copayment per visit if not admitted; \$250 if admitted	30% after deductible
Ambulance emergency transport	\$200 copayment per trip; deductible waived	30% after deductible
X-ray and lab procedures	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:⁶ \$30 copayment • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: 30% after deductible Out-of-network ⁴ 50% after deductible ⁵	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network ⁴ 50% after deductible ⁸
Outpatient surgery	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:⁶ \$100 copayment • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸
Hospitalization (medical and behavioral health)	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:⁶ \$250 per admission • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: Medical: 30% after deductible Behavioral health: \$250 per admission Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸
Maternity care	In-network • UC Select Tier 1:⁶ \$30 for initial visit; \$0 for childbirth/delivery services; \$250 copayment for hospital admission • Blue Shield PPO Tier 2: 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁵	In-network 30% after deductible Out-of-network 50% after deductible ⁸
Coverage outside the U.S. ⁹	You pay 20% of the cost after the deductible	You pay 30% of the cost after the deductible

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Prescription drugs (provided through Navitus)	In-network Preferred pharmacies (select UC Medical Center pharmacies, Costco, CVS, Safeway/Vons, Walgreens, Walmart) and Costco mail order Tier 1 (preferred generics): \$10 (30-day supply) \$20 (31–90-day supply) Tier 2 (preferred brand): \$30 (30-day supply) \$60 (31–90-day supply) Tier 3 (non-preferred): \$50 (30-day supply) \$100 (31–90-day supply) Tier 4 (specialty products): 30%, up to \$150 (30-day supply) All other Navitus in-network pharmacies (participating pharmacies) Tier 1 (preferred generics): \$10 (30-day supply) \$20 (31–60-day supply) \$30 (61–90-day supply) Tier 2 (preferred brand): \$30 (30-day supply) \$60 (31–60-day supply) \$85 (61–90-day supply) Tier 3 (non-preferred): \$50 (30-day supply) \$100 (31–60-day supply) \$130 (61–90-day supply) Out-of-network You pay 50% of the cost.	In-network Participating pharmacies Retail: You pay the full cost of prescriptions until you reach the plan deductible. After that, you pay 30% for most covered drugs. Fill up to a 90-day supply through Costco mail order, a UC Medical Center pharmacy, or a Retail 90 pharmacy. Out-of-network You pay the full cost of prescriptions until you reach the plan deductible. After that, you pay 50% for most covered drugs.

¹ The UC Select and Blue Shield PPO Tier 2 in-network deductibles and out-of-network deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums do not cross-accumulate (that is, they are separate and do not count toward each other). In-network (UC Select Tier 1 and Blue Shield PPO Tier 2) medical and prescription drug out-of-pocket copayment maximums do count toward each other.

² The self-only deductible and out-of-pocket maximum apply only to individuals enrolled under self-only coverage. For family coverage, the cost shares of all family members apply to one shared family deductible and family out-of-pocket maximum.

³ With the HealthSavings+, amounts paid toward the in-network deductible and in-network out-of-pocket maximum also count toward the out-of-network deductible and out-of-pocket maximum, and amounts paid for out-of-network emergency services count toward the in-network out-of-pocket maximum. However, the out-of-network deductible and the out-of-network out-of-pocket maximum do not count toward the in-network deductible or in-network out-of-pocket maximum.

⁴ Not all services provided during a preventive care visit may be considered preventive health. For more information about what services are covered, go to blueshieldca.com.

⁵ Note about out-of-network providers: In addition to any deductible and coinsurance, you are responsible for any billed charge that exceeds Blue Shield's maximum allowed amount for services. These additional amounts do not apply toward your out-of-pocket maximum.

⁶ Not all services are available through UC Select Tier 1 providers but can be obtained through the Blue Shield PPO Tier 2 provider network.

⁷ If found medically necessary by WINFertility, IUI is a covered service of your infertility benefit if utilized prior to exhausting the lifetime maximum of 2 cycles of treatment.

⁸ For outpatient nonemergency services in an out-of-network facility or ambulatory surgery center, the plan will pay a per-visit maximum of: UC Care \$175; HealthSavings+ \$210. For inpatient nonemergency services in an out-of-network facility, the plan will pay a per-day maximum of: UC Care \$300; HealthSavings+ \$360. UC Care: Inpatient per-day maximum does not apply to mental/behavioral and substance use services.

⁹ When services are coordinated through the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core network.