

# Group Health 2009 Benefits at a Glance



**King County**

Benefits, Payroll and  
Retirement Operations

Plan Feature	Group Health Gold	Group Health Silver	Group Health Bronze
<i>Provider choice</i>	You choose a Group Health primary care physician (PCP), who provides and coordinates most of your care through the Group Health network; you may also self-refer to Group Health staff specialists. There's no coverage for out-of-network care unless indicated and approved/referred.		
<i>Annual deductible</i>	None		
<i>Copay, unless otherwise indicated</i>	You pay \$20	You pay \$35	You pay \$50
<i>After copays, the plan pays most covered services at these levels until you reach the annual out-of-pocket maximum</i>	Network: 100% Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care		
<i>Annual out-of-pocket maximum</i>	Network: \$1,000/ person or \$2,000/ family Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care	Network: \$2,000/ person or \$4,000/ family Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care	Network: \$3,000/ person or \$6,000/ family Out-of-network: Limited emergency/out-of-area care
<i>After you reach the annual out-of-pocket maximum, most benefits are paid for the rest of the calendar year at this level</i>	Network only: 100%		
<i>Lifetime maximum</i>	No limit		

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<i>Alternative care (including medically necessary acupuncture, massage therapy and naturopathy)</i>	Self-referrals to a network provider: \$20 copay/visit Up to 8 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for acupuncture Up to 3 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for naturopathy, except for chiropractic services All other alternative care requires PCP referral.	Self-referrals to a network provider: \$35 copay/visit Up to 8 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for acupuncture Up to 3 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for naturopathy, except for chiropractic services All other alternative care requires PCP referral.	Self-referrals to a network provider: \$50 copay/visit Up to 8 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for acupuncture Up to 3 visits/medical diagnosis/calendar year for naturopathy, except for chiropractic services All other alternative care requires PCP referral.
<i>Ambulance services</i>	80% (except hospital-to-hospital ground transfers, which are covered at 100% when initiated by Group Health)		

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<b>Chemical dependency treatment (requires preauthorization)</b>	For inpatient care: 100% after \$200 copay/admission For outpatient care: 100% after \$20 copay/visit Up to \$14,500 in 24 consecutive months (maximum subject to annual adjustment)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$400 copay/admission For outpatient care: 100% after \$35 copay/visit Up to \$14,500 in 24 consecutive months (maximum subject to annual adjustment)	For inpatient care: 100% after \$600 copay/admission For outpatient care: 100% after \$50 copay/visit Up to \$14,500 in 24 consecutive months (maximum subject to annual adjustment)
<b>Chiropractic care and manipulative therapy (like all services, must be medically necessary)</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit
<b>Diabetes care training</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit
<b>Diabetes supplies (insulin, needles, syringes, lancets, etc.)</b>	Covered under prescription drugs	Covered under prescription drugs	Covered under prescription drugs
<b>Durable medical equipment, prosthetics and orthopedic appliances</b>	80% when preauthorized	50% when preauthorized	50% when preauthorized
<b>Emergency room care</b>	Network: 100% after \$100 copay/visit (\$100 copay is waived, but \$200 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted) Out-of-network: 100% of reasonable and customary expenses after \$150 copay/visit (\$150 copay is waived but \$200 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted) <b>Non-emergency care is not covered.</b>	Network: 100% after \$100 copay/visit (\$100 copay is waived, but \$400 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted) Out-of-network: 100% of reasonable and customary expenses after \$150 copay/visit (\$150 copay is waived, but \$400 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted) <b>Non-emergency care is not covered.</b>	Network: 100% after \$100 copay/visit (\$100 copay is waived, but \$600 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted) Out-of-network: 100% of reasonable and customary expenses after \$150 copay/visit (\$150 copay is waived, but \$600 copay/admission for hospital care applies if admitted) <b>Non-emergency care is not covered.</b>
<b>Family planning</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit <b>Infertility treatment is not covered.</b>	100% after \$35 copay/visit <b>Infertility treatment is not covered.</b>	100% after \$50 copay/visit <b>Infertility treatment is not covered.</b>
<b>Growth hormones</b>	Covered under prescription drugs if medical coverage has been continuous for more than 12 months under this plan whether or not the growth disorder existed before plan coverage		
<b>Hearing aids</b>	100%, up to \$300/ear in 36 months		
<b>Home health care</b>	100%		
<b>Hospice care</b>	100% when preauthorized Certain limits apply; call plan for details.		
<b>Hospital care</b>	100% after \$200 copay/admission	100% after \$400 copay/admission	100% after \$600 copay/admission
<b>Inpatient care alternatives</b>	100% when preauthorized		
<b>Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic testing</b>	100%		

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<b>Maternity care</b>	<i>For delivery and related hospital care:</i> 100% after \$200 copay/admission <i>For prenatal and postpartum care:</i> 100% after \$20 copay/visit	<i>For delivery and related hospital care:</i> 100% after \$400 copay/admission <i>For prenatal and postpartum care:</i> 100% after \$35 copay/visit	<i>For delivery and related hospital care:</i> 100% after \$800 copay/admission <i>For prenatal and postpartum care:</i> 100% after \$50 copay/visit
<b>Mental health care (when deemed appropriate, 2 unused outpatient visits may be traded for 1 inpatient day, or vice versa; requires preauthorization)</b>	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$200 copay per admission, up to 12 days/year <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$20 copay/individual, family, couple or group session, up to 20 visits/year	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$400 copay per admission, up to 12 days/year <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$35 copay/individual, family, couple or group session, up to 20 visits/year	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$600 copay per admission, up to 12 days/year <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$50 copay/individual, family, couple or group session, up to 20 visits/year
<b>Neurodevelopmental therapy for covered dependents age 6 and under</b>	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$200 copay/admission, up to 60 days/year (combined with rehabilitative services) <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$20 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/year (combined with rehabilitative services)	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$400 copay/admission, up to 60 days/year (combined with rehabilitative services) <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$35 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/year (combined with rehabilitative services)	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$600 copay/admission, up to 60 days/year (combined with rehabilitative services) <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$50 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/year (combined with rehabilitative services)
<b>Out-of-area coverage—for example, while traveling or for your covered children away at school</b>	Reciprocal benefits are available through Kaiser Permanente and affiliated HMOs; otherwise, only emergency services are covered out of area.		
<b>Phenylketonuria (PKU) formula</b>	100%		
<b>Physician and other medical/surgical services</b>	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$20 copay/office visit	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$35 copay/office visit	<i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% <i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$50 copay/office visit
<b>Prescription drugs—Up to a 30-day supply through network pharmacies</b>	Generic: 100% after \$10 copay Preferred brand: 100% after \$20 copay Non-preferred brand: 100% after \$30 copay Growth hormones: 100% There's no reimbursement for prescriptions filled at out-of-network or out-of-area pharmacies.		
<b>Prescription drug—Up to a 90-day supply through mail-order network only</b>	Generic: 100% after \$20 copay Preferred brand: 100% after \$40 copay Non-preferred brand: 100% after \$60 copay		
<b>Preventive care (well-child check-ups, immunizations, routine health and hearing exams. etc.)</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit (according to well-child/adult preventive schedule)	100% after \$35 copay/visit (according to well-child/adult preventive schedule)	100% after \$50 copay/visit (according to well-child/adult preventive schedule)
<b>Radiation therapy, chemotherapy and respiratory therapy</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit

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<b>Reconstructive services (includes benefits for mastectomy-related services; reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses and complications resulting from mastectomy, including lymphedema)—Call plan for more information.</b>	100% depending on services provided; copays may apply (including \$200 copay/admission if hospital care is required)	100% depending on services provided; copays may apply (including \$400 copay/admission if hospital care is required)	100% depending on services provided; copays may apply (including \$600 copay/admission if hospital care is required)
<b>Rehabilitative services—Inpatient and outpatient</b>	<p><i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$200 copay/admission, up to 60 days/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)</p> <p><i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$20 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)</p>	<p><i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$400 copay/admission, up to 60 days/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)</p> <p><i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$35 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)</p>	<p><i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$600 copay/admission, up to 60 days/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)</p> <p><i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$50 copay/visit, up to 60 visits/calendar year (combined with neurodevelopmental therapy)</p>
<b>Skilled nursing facility</b>	100% up to 60 days/calendar year at a Group Health-approved nursing facility		
<b>Smoking cessation</b>	100% for nicotine replacement therapy (including gum, patches or prescription medication) through the Group Health-designated tobacco cessation program, Free & Clear® Quit for Life™ Program, when prescribed by Group Health PCP No annual or lifetime limit		
<b>Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders</b>	<p><i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$200 copay/admission</p> <p><i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$20 copay/visit</p> <p>Up to \$1,000/calendar year and a \$5,000 lifetime maximum</p>	<p><i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$400 copay/admission</p> <p><i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$35 copay/visit</p> <p>Up to \$1,000/calendar year and a \$5,000 lifetime maximum</p>	<p><i>For inpatient care:</i> 100% after \$600 copay/admission</p> <p><i>For outpatient care:</i> 100% after \$50 copay/visit</p> <p>Up to \$1,000/calendar year and a \$5,000 lifetime maximum</p>
<b>Transplants (certain services only)</b>	100% after applicable copays Medical coverage must have been continuous for more than 12 months under this plan before a transplant will be covered.		
<b>Urgent care (ear infections, high fevers, minor burns)</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit	100% after \$35 copay/visit	100% after \$50 copay/visit
<b>Vision exams</b>	100% after \$20 copay/visit, up to 1 exam/person in 12 consecutive months (Group Health covers exams only; your separate Vision Service Plan covers eye exams, prescription lenses and frames)	100% after \$35 copay/visit, up to 1 exam/person in 12 consecutive months (Group Health covers exams only; your separate Vision Service Plan covers eye exams, prescription lenses and frames)	100% after \$50 copay/visit, up to 1 exam/person in 12 consecutive months (Group Health covers exams only; your separate Vision Service Plan covers eye exams, prescription lenses and frames)