HEALTH INSURANCE HAS ITS OWN LANGUAGE. YOU CAN LEARN IT!

TO HAVE IT

PREMIUM
Your membership fee. It’s what you pay to be covered by your health insurance.

TO USE IT

COINSURANCE
Your split of the bill. It’s a percentage you pay of the covered service cost. The remaining percent is paid by your health insurance.

COPAY
Your utilization per visit fee. It’s a flat fee you pay each time you use a service.

OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUM
Your financial burden ceiling. It’s the most you’ll have to pay each policy year for covered services.

DEDUCTIBLE
Your full price hurdle. In a policy year, you pay the full cost of some benefits until you meet this specified dollar amount. Then—and only then—will insurance pay its share.

NETWORK
For many health plans, you pay less for care when you use “in network” providers—doctors and facilities affiliated with an insurance company. If you use a provider outside the network, you’ll typically pay much more in copays, coinsurance and deductible costs.

UNDERSTANDING HOW YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE WORKS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT’S YOUR FRAMEWORK TO HELP YOU MANAGE CHOICES AND COSTS.

All health insurance policies formally define and illustrate these terms in legally binding policy documents.

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