GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Additional Benefits – This is a partial list. See additional benefits in each plan’s Summary of Benefits and Coverage.

Ambulance (Amb) – Cost of an ambulance in case of emergency.

Cost-Sharing Reductions (CSR) – Only available with silver plans. This is a form of financial help you can get if your income qualifies and you buy a silver-level plan. With Cost-Sharing Reductions, you will benefit from lower out-of-pocket costs (more like a gold or platinum plan) at the price of a silver plan.

Deductible – The amount you must pay for non-waived services before health insurance begins to pay.

Emergency Room (ER) – Emergency services you get in an emergency room. ER co-pay/co-insurance is waived if you are admitted to hospital.

Family Deductible/Maximum Out-of-Pocket (Stacked/Aggregate/Embedded) – Doesn’t apply to individual plans. With aggregate, your family must meet the family amount before the plan pays benefits. With stacked, the plan pays benefits once you meet either your individual amount or your family amount. An embedded MOOP ensures that no individual pays more than $8,150 in out-of-pocket costs (a requirement for all qualified health plans).

Hospital Services – Includes: Inpatient (including surgery, ICU/CICU, maternity, skilled nursing facilities, mental health, and substance abuse) Outpatient (including ambulatory surgery centers); Radiology (MRI, CT, PET).

Integrated Deductible – Prescription (Rx) expenses and medical expenses both contribute to a single deductible.

Integrated Maximum Out-of-Pocket – If integrated, prescription (Rx) expenses contribute to the overall maximum out-of-pocket as well as the Rx maximum out-of-pocket.

Maximum Out-of-Pocket (MOOP) – The most you could pay in out-of-pocket costs in a calendar year if you had extreme medical needs. Add this amount to your annual premium to find your worst-case scenario.

Medical Deductible – The deductible for medical services (doctor appointments, hospital stays, etc.).

Medical Deductible Waived For – The health plan pays for these services even before you meet your deductible. You pay the co-pay below.

Pediatric Dental and Vision – Included in the medical plan for children up to 21. Some services are subject to the medical deductible. See plan materials for details.

Prescription (Rx) Deductible – The deductible for prescription drugs.

Prescription Drug Coverage – Different levels of prescription drug coverage offered by the plan.

Preventive (Prev) – Care that includes screenings, tests, and counseling to prevent you from getting sick or to detect health conditions early. For lists of preventive services, go to VermontHealthConnect.gov and click on Health Plans.

Primary Care Physician or Mental Health – An office visit with a primary care provider or mental health professional.

Out-of-Pocket costs – Health care costs, such as deductible, co-pay, and co-insurance that are not covered by insurance. The premium is not considered an out-of-pocket cost.

Rx Deductible Waived for – Items that are covered prior to the prescription deductible being met. You just pay the co-pay. Wellness drugs are prescribed to prevent a disease or condition or help you manage an existing issue. Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) covers maintenance medication for members with some chronic conditions.

Rx Generic – “Generic” typically applies to prescription drugs that have the same active ingredient formulas as brand-name drugs.

Rx Maximum Out-of-Pocket – The most individuals or families will pay for prescription drugs per calendar year.

Rx Preferred Brand and Rx Non-Preferred Brand – “Preferred” and “Non-preferred” are set by each insurance carrier. To find how specific drugs are categorized, go to VermontHealthConnect.gov and click on Health Plans or call BCBSVT (800-247-2583) or MVP (844-805-0250). For an exact list of medications in each category, please refer to the carriers’ drug lists at http://info.healthconnect.vermont.gov/healthplans#Rx.

Service Category – Categories for the different types of care provided by the plans. Co-pay=$ you pay / Co-insurance=% you pay

Specialist Office Visit – An office visit with a care provider who focuses on a specific area of medicine (e.g. dermatologist), as well as occupational therapy and covered alternative treatment benefits. As of 2020, physical therapy and chiropractic services have a separate cost share.

Urgent Care (UC) – A type of walk-in clinic open seven days a week that primarily treats injuries or illness requiring immediate care, but not serious enough to require an ER visit.

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Three Steps to Choosing a Health Plan

STEP 1 BRUSH UP ON HEALTH INSURANCE BASICS.

Think about the kinds of medical care and prescriptions you need now and in the future. Some good resources to get started are at VermontHealthConnect.gov.

STEP 2 SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL HELP.

Take 10 minutes with our Plan Comparison Tool to see monthy payments, likely out-of-pocket costs, and financial help to lower your bills. The Plan Comparison Tool is at VermontHealthConnect.gov.

STEP 3 MAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Use the information from steps 1 and 2 to help you decide which plan is right for you. These plan brochures have detailed information and can help guide you.

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**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

**Wellness Benefits**
- N/A
- Individualized plans & savings
- Yes, after deductible
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**MONTHLY PREMIUMS BY TIERS**

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**FINANCIAL HELP: APTC & CSR**

If you buy health insurance on your own (not through your employer), you may qualify for financial help. For example, a family of four with an income of up to $103,000 may qualify for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTC) to help pay for premiums. A family of four with an income up to $77,250 may also qualify for lower out-of-pocket costs through Cost-Sharing Reductions (CSR). This means that instead of covering 70% of health care costs on average, the enhanced silver plan will cover between 73% and 94% of costs. You can use APTC to purchase a plan in any metal level, but you can only get CSR with silver plans. To see how your particular premiums and out-of-pocket costs might be reduced, see the Plan Comparison Tool at VermontHealthConnect.gov or call 1-855-899-9600 (toll-free).

**REMEMBER**

Once confirmed, plan selections cannot be changed until the next open enrollment period, unless someone in your household has a qualifying event, such as a birth, death or a new job. If your health coverage is cancelled due to non-payment, you may not be able to get coverage again until the following January.