

# BlueChoice Triple Option Open Access Health Plan

*The benefits of three health care plans in one*

The BlueChoice Triple Option *Open Access Health Plan* gives you three choices every time you need care. With BlueChoice Triple Option *Open Access Health Plan*, you have the flexibility to choose the providers you want to see when and where you want to see them.

## Our Focus is You



*Visit providers  
outside of the  
network—no need  
to get a referral.*

## Triple Option Plan advantages:

### Option 1—BlueChoice HMO

- Choose from more than 37,000 BlueChoice providers, specialists and hospitals in Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia.
- No PCP referral required to see a specialist.
- Receive coverage for preventive health care services at no cost.
- Avoid the unwelcome surprise of high medical costs with predictable copays and deductibles.
- Avoid balance billing when you receive care from a CareFirst BlueChoice provider.
- Enjoy your plan benefits when you're out of the area for more than 90 days with the Away From Home Care<sup>®</sup> program.

### *How the BlueChoice plan works*

Establishing a relationship with one provider is the best way for you to receive consistent, quality health care. When you enroll in this plan, you will select a PCP to manage your primary medical care. Make sure you select a PCP for not only yourself but each of your Family members as well. Your PCP must participate in the CareFirst BlueChoice provider network and must specialize in family practice, general practice, pediatrics or internal medicine.

This plan has an Open Access feature, which means you have direct access to CareFirst BlueChoice specialists without needing to obtain a referral from your PCP. However, you may choose to call your PCP when you need care.

Your PCP can:

- Maintain your medical history.
- Work with you to determine when you should see a specialist.
- Assist you in the selection of a specialist.

## Option 2—BluePreferred PPO

### *Provides greater flexibility of choice of providers locally and nationally*

This option gives you the freedom to seek care from any provider you choose in the Blue Preferred PPO network. You will receive a high level of benefits when you see a provider who participates in the CareFirst Blue Preferred network. To locate preferred providers, visit [carefirst.com/pgcps](http://carefirst.com/pgcps). Under Plan Type choose Blue Preferred.

When you are traveling your membership gives you a world of choices. More than 85% of all doctors and hospitals throughout the U.S. contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans. Whether you need care here in the U.S. or abroad, you'll have access to health care in more than 190 countries.

If you travel outside the CareFirst service area of Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia, you have the freedom to select any provider who participates in the BlueCard PPO network. To locate participating doctors in the BlueCard PPO network, visit <http://provider.bcbs.com>.

## Option 3—Provides the greatest flexibility

This option offers you the opportunity to receive care from any doctor or facility – even those who do not participate in a CareFirst provider network.

Keep in mind, when you visit non-participating providers you will likely have to:

- Pay the provider's charge in full
- File a claim (visit [carefirst.com/pgcps](http://carefirst.com/pgcps) and, under For Members, choose Forms)
- Satisfy a \$200 deductible and a 30% coinsurance amount

### *Around the world*

Like your passport, you should always carry your ID card when you travel or live outside the U.S. The BlueCard & Global Care Worldwide program provides medical assistance services and access to doctors, hospital, and other health care professionals around the world.



## Medical Assistance when outside the U.S.

Call 800-810-BLUE (2583) or toll-free at (include country code) 804-673-1177 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for information on doctors, hospitals, or other health care professionals to receive medical assistance.



## Your benefits

### **Step 1: Meet your Option 2 & 3 deductible.**

You have a deductible to meet under both options. You will be responsible for the entire cost of your medical care up to the amount of your deductible. Once your deductible is satisfied, your full benefits will become available to you.

You will have a different deductible amount for Option 2 vs. Option 3. For example, when you see a PPO provider (option 2), your expenses will count toward your \$100 deductible and the out of network (option 3) deductible is \$200.

Members should refer to their Certificate or Evidence of Coverage for detailed deductible information.

### **Step 2: Your plan will start to pay for services**

After you satisfy your deductible, your plan will start to pay for covered services. The level of those benefits will depend on whether you see a PPO provider or indemnity.

In general, out-of-network providers do not have an agreement with CareFirst to accept the allowed benefit as payment in full for their services.

Therefore, if you receive services from an out-of-network provider, you will be balance billed based on the provider's charge. In addition, you may be required to pay the out of network total charge at time of service and may need to submit a claim to CareFirst for reimbursement. However, if you visit a participating provider, you are protected from balance billing.

### **Step 3: Your out-of-pocket maximum**

Your out-of-pocket maximum is the maximum amount you will pay during your benefit period. Should you reach your out-of-pocket maximum, your plan will pay 100% of the allowed benefit for covered services for the remainder of the benefit period. The amounts you pay toward your copays and/or coinsurance will count toward your out-of-pocket maximum.



## Important terms

**Allowed benefit** is the dollar amount CareFirst allows for the particular service in effect on the date that service is rendered.

**Balance Billing** is billing a member for the difference between the allowed charge and the actual charge.

**Copay** is a fixed dollar amount a member must pay for a covered service.

**Coinsurance** is a percentage of the provider's charge or allowed benefit a member must pay for a covered service.

# Notice of Nondiscrimination and Availability of Language Assistance Services

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, CareFirst BlueChoice, Inc. and all of their corporate affiliates (CareFirst) comply with applicable federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. CareFirst does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

CareFirst:

- Provides free aid and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

**If you need these services, please call 855-258-6518.**

If you believe CareFirst has failed to provide these services, or discriminated in another way, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance with our CareFirst Civil Rights Coordinator by mail, fax or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our CareFirst Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you.

**To file a grievance regarding a violation of federal civil rights, please contact the Civil Rights Coordinator as indicated below. Please do not send payments, claims issues, or other documentation to this office.**

## Civil Rights Coordinator, Corporate Office of Civil Rights

Mailing Address            P.O. Box 8894  
                                      Baltimore, Maryland 21224

Email Address             [civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com](mailto:civilrightscoordinator@carefirst.com)

Telephone Number        410-528-7820

Fax Number                410-505-2011

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf> or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.



## Foreign Language Assistance

*Attention (English): This notice contains information about your insurance coverage. It may contain key dates and you may need to take action by certain deadlines. You have the right to get this information and assistance in your language at no cost. Members should call the phone number on the back of their member identification card. All others may call 855-258-6518 and wait through the dialogue until prompted to push 0. When an agent answers, state the language you need and you will be connected to an interpreter.*

*አማርኛ (Amharic) ማሳሰቢያ፡- ይህ ማስታወቂያ ስለ መድን ሽፋንዎ መረጃ ይዟል። ከተወሰኑ ቀን-ገደቦች በፊት ሊፈጽሟቸው የሚገቡ ነገሮች ሊኖሩ ስለሚችሉ እነዚህን ወሳኝ ቀናት ሊይዝ ይችላሉ። ይኸን መረጃ የማግኘት እና ያለምንም ክፍያ በቋንቋዎ አገዛ የማግኘት መብት አለዎት። አባል ከሆኑ ከመታወቂያ ካርድዎ በስተጀርባ ላይ ወደተጠቀሰው የስልክ ቁጥር መደወል ይችላሉ። አባል ካልሆኑ ደግሞ ወደ ስልክ ቁጥር 855-258-6518 ደውለው 0ን እንዲጫኑ እስኪነገርዎ ድረስ ንግግሩን መጠበቅ አለብዎ። አንድ ወኪል መልስ ሲሰጥዎ፣ የሚፈልጉትን ቋንቋ ያሳውቁ፣ ከዚያም ከተርጓሚ ጋር ይገናኛሉ።*

*Èdè Yorùbá (Yoruba) Ìtètíléko: Àkíyèsí yìí ní iwífún nípa isẹ adójútòfò rẹ. Ó le ní àwọn déèti pàtó o sì le ní láti gbé ìgbésé ní àwọn ojò gbèdèké kan. O ni ètò láti gba iwífún yìí àti irànlówó ní èdè rẹ lófèḗ. Àwọn omọ-egbé gbòdò pe nóm̀bà fòdùn tò wà lèyìn kààdì idánimò wòn. Àwọn mírán le pe 855-258-6518 kí o sì dúró nípasè ìjíròrò tí tí a ó fì sọ fún ọ láti tẹ 0. Nígbatí așojú kan bá dáhùn, sọ èdè tí o fẹ a ó sì sọ ọ pò mò ògbufò kan.*

*Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) Chú ý: Thông báo này chứa thông tin về phạm vi bảo hiểm của quý vị. Thông báo có thể chứa những ngày quan trọng và quý vị cần hành động trước một số thời hạn nhất định. Quý vị có quyền nhận được thông tin này và hỗ trợ bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoàn toàn miễn phí. Các thành viên nên gọi số điện thoại ở mặt sau của thẻ nhận dạng. Tất cả những người khác có thể gọi số 855-258-6518 và chờ hết cuộc đối thoại cho đến khi được nhắc nhấn phím 0. Khi một tổng đài viên trả lời, hãy nêu rõ ngôn ngữ quý vị cần và quý vị sẽ được kết nối với một thông dịch viên.*

*Tagalog (Tagalog) Atensyon: Ang abisong ito ay naglalaman ng impormasyon tungkol sa nasasaklawan ng iyong insurance. Maaari itong maglaman ng mga pinakamahalagang petsa at maaaring kailangan mong gumawa ng aksyon ayon sa ilang deadline. May karapatan ka na makuha ang impormasyong ito at tulong sa iyong sariling wika nang walang gastos. Dapat tawagan ng mga Miyembro ang numero ng telepono na nasa likuran ng kanilang identification card. Ang lahat ng iba ay maaaring tumawag sa 855-258-6518 at maghintay hanggang sa dulo ng diyalogo hanggang sa diktahan na pindutin ang 0. Kapag sumagot ang ahente, sabihin ang wika na kailangan mo at ikokonekta ka sa isang interpreter.*

*Español (Spanish) Atención: Este aviso contiene información sobre su cobertura de seguro. Es posible que incluya fechas clave y que usted tenga que realizar alguna acción antes de ciertas fechas límite. Usted tiene derecho a obtener esta información y asistencia en su idioma sin ningún costo. Los asegurados deben llamar al número de teléfono que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Todos los demás pueden llamar al 855-258-6518 y esperar la grabación hasta que se les indique que deben presionar 0. Cuando un agente de seguros responda, indique el idioma que necesita y se le comunicará con un intérprete.*

*Русский (Russian) Внимание! Настоящее уведомление содержит информацию о вашем страховом обеспечении. В нем могут указываться важные даты, и от вас может потребоваться выполнить некоторые действия до определенного срока. Вы имеете право бесплатно получить настоящие сведения и сопутствующую помощь на удобном вам языке. Участникам следует обращаться по номеру телефона, указанному на тыльной стороне идентификационной карты. Все прочие абоненты могут звонить по номеру 855-258-6518 и ожидать, пока в голосовом меню не будет предложено нажать цифру «0». При ответе агента укажите желаемый язык общения, и вас свяжут с переводчиком.*

हिन्दी (Hindi) ध्यान दें: इस सूचना में आपकी बीमा कवरेज के बारे में जानकारी दी गई है। हो सकता है कि इसमें मुख्य तिथियों का उल्लेख हो और आपके लिए किसी नियत समय-सीमा के भीतर काम करना ज़रूरी हो। आपको यह जानकारी और संबंधित सहायता अपनी भाषा में निःशुल्क पाने का अधिकार है। सदस्यों को अपने पहचान पत्र के पीछे दिए गए फ़ोन नंबर पर कॉल करना चाहिए। अन्य सभी लोग 855-258-6518 पर कॉल कर सकते हैं और जब तक 0 दबाने के लिए न कहा जाए, तब तक संवाद की प्रतीक्षा करें। जब कोई एजेंट उत्तर दे तो उसे अपनी भाषा बताएँ और आपको व्याख्याकार से कनेक्ट कर दिया जाएगा।

Bàsòò-wùdù (Bassa) Tò Dùù Cáò! Bǎ nìà kè bá nyò bě kè m̄ gbo kpá bó nì fùà-fúá-tiǐn nyεε jè dyí. Bǎ nìà kè bédé wé jéé bě b́é m̄ ḱé dε wa ḿò m̄ ḱé nyuεε nyu hwè b́é wé b́éa ḱé zi. Ǿ m̀ò nì kpé b́é m̄ ḱé bǎ nìà kè kè gbo-kpá-kpá m̄ ḿóεε dyé dé nì bídí-wùdù mú b́é m̄ ḱé se wídí d̀ò péè. Kpooò nyò b́é m̄ dá fúùn-nòbà nìà dé waa I.D. káàò d́éin nyε. Nyò t̀òò séin m̄ dá nòbà nìà kè: 855-258-6518, ḱé m̄ m̄ f̀ò tee b́é wa ḱéε m̄ gbo ćé b́é m̄ ḱé nòbà m̀òà 0 ḱéε dyi pàd̀àn hwè. Ǿ j̀ú ḱé nyò d̀ò dyi m̄ g̀ǎ j̀úǐn, pò wuqu m̄ ḿó pòε dyie, ḱé nyò d̀ò mu bó nìin b́é Ǿ ḱé nì wuquò mú zà.

বাংলা (Bengali) লক্ষ্য করুন: এই নোটিশে আপনার বিমা কভারেজ সম্পর্কে তথ্য রয়েছে। এর মধ্যে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ তারিখ থাকতে পারে এবং নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে আপনাকে পদক্ষেপ নিতে হতে পারে। বিনা খরচে নিজের ভাষায় এই তথ্য পাওয়ার এবং সহায়তা পাওয়ার অধিকার আপনার আছে। সদস্যদেরকে তাদের পরিচয়পত্রের পিছনে থাকা নম্বরে কল করতে হবে। অন্যেরা 855-258-6518 নম্বরে কল করে 0 টিপতে না বলা পর্যন্ত অপেক্ষা করতে পারেন। যখন কোনো এজেন্ট উত্তর দেবেন তখন আপনার নিজের ভাষার নাম বলুন এবং আপনাকে দোভাষীর সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করা হবে।

اردو (Urdu) توجہ: یہ نوٹس آپ کے انشورینس کوریج سے متعلق معلومات پر مشتمل ہے۔ اس میں کلیدی تاریخیں ہو سکتی ہیں اور ممکن ہے کہ آپ کو مخصوص آخری تاریخوں تک کارروائی کرنے کی ضرورت پڑے۔ آپ کے پاس یہ معلومات حاصل کرنے اور بغیر خرچہ کیے اپنی زبان میں مدد حاصل کرنے کا حق ہے۔ ممبران کو اپنے شناختی کارڈ کی پشت پر موجود فون نمبر پر کال کرنی چاہیے۔ سبھی دیگر لوگ 855-258-6518 پر کال کر سکتے ہیں اور 0 دبانے کو کہے جانے تک انتظار کریں۔ ایجنٹ کے جواب دینے پر اپنی مطلوبہ زبان بتائیں اور مترجم سے مربوط ہو جائیں گے۔

فارسی (Farsi) توجه: این اعلامیه حاوی اطلاعاتی درباره پوشش بیمه شما است. ممکن است حاوی تاریخ های مهمی باشد و لازم است تا تاریخ مقرر شده خاصی اقدام کنید. شما از این حق برخوردار هستید تا این اطلاعات و راهنمایی را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. اعضا باید با شماره درج شده در پشت کارت شناسایی شان تماس بگیرند. سایر افراد می توانند با شماره 855-258-6518 تماس بگیرند و منتظر بمانند تا از آنها خواسته شود عدد 0 را فشار دهند. بعد از پاسخگویی توسط یکی از اپراتورها، زبان مورد نیاز را تنظیم کنید تا به مترجم مربوطه وصل شوید.

اللغة العربية (Arabic) تنبيه: يحتوي هذا الإخطار على معلومات بشأن تغطيتك التأمينية، وقد يحتوي على تواريخ مهمة، وقد تحتاج إلى اتخاذ إجراءات بحلول مواعيد نهائية محددة. يحق لك الحصول على هذه المساعدة والمعلومات بلغتك بدون تحمل أي تكلفة. ينبغي على الأعضاء الاتصال على رقم الهاتف المذكور في ظهر بطاقة تعريف الهوية الخاصة بهم. يمكن للأخريين الاتصال على الرقم 855-258-6518 والانتظار خلال المحادثة حتى يطلب منهم الضغط على رقم 0. عند إجابة أحد الوكلاء، اذكر اللغة التي تحتاج إلى التواصل بها وسيتم توصيلك بأحد المترجمين الفوريين.

中文繁体 (Traditional Chinese) 注意：本聲明包含關於您的保險給付相關資訊。本聲明可能包含重要日期及您在特定期限之前需要採取的行動。您有權利免費獲得這份資訊，以及透過您的母語提供的協助服務。會員請撥打印在身分識別卡背面的電話號碼。其他所有人士可撥打電話 855-258-6518，並等候直到對話提示按下按鍵 0。當接線生回答時，請說出您需要使用的語言，這樣您就能與口譯人員連線。

*Igbo (Igbo)* Nrubama: Okwa a nwere ozi gbasara mkpuchi nchekwa onwe gi. O nwere ike inwe ubochi ndi di mkpa, i nwere ike ime ihe tupu ufodu ubochi njedebe. I nwere ikike inweta ozi na enyemaka a n'asusu gi na akwughi ugwo o bula. Ndi otu kwesiri ikpo akara ekwentu di n'azu nke kaadi njirimara ha. Ndi ozu niile nwere ike ikpo 855-258-6518 wee chere ububu ahuru roo mgbe amanyere ipi 0. Mgbe onye nnochite anya zara, kwuo asusu i choro, a ga-ejiko gi na onye okowa okwu.

*Deutsch (German)* Achtung: Diese Mitteilung enthält Informationen über Ihren Versicherungsschutz. Sie kann wichtige Termine beinhalten, und Sie müssen gegebenenfalls innerhalb bestimmter Fristen reagieren. Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und weitere Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Als Mitglied verwenden Sie bitte die auf der Rückseite Ihrer Karte angegebene Telefonnummer. Alle anderen Personen rufen bitte die Nummer 855-258-6518 an und warten auf die Aufforderung, die Taste 0 zu drücken. Geben Sie dem Mitarbeiter die gewünschte Sprache an, damit er Sie mit einem Dolmetscher verbinden kann.

*Français (French)* Attention: cet avis contient des informations sur votre couverture d'assurance. Des dates importantes peuvent y figurer et il se peut que vous deviez entreprendre des démarches avant certaines échéances. Vous avez le droit d'obtenir gratuitement ces informations et de l'aide dans votre langue. Les membres doivent appeler le numéro de téléphone figurant à l'arrière de leur carte d'identification. Tous les autres peuvent appeler le 855-258-6518 et, après avoir écouté le message, appuyer sur le 0 lorsqu'ils seront invités à le faire. Lorsqu'un(e) employé(e) répondra, indiquez la langue que vous souhaitez et vous serez mis(e) en relation avec un interprète.

*한국어(Korean)* 주의: 이 통지서에는 보험 커버리지에 대한 정보가 포함되어 있습니다. 주요 날짜 및 조치를 취해야 하는 특정 기한이 포함될 수 있습니다. 귀하에게는 사용 언어로 해당 정보와 지원을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 회원이신 경우 ID 카드의 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해 주십시오. 회원이 아닌 경우 855-258-6518 번으로 전화하여 0을 누르라는 메시지가 들릴 때까지 기다리십시오. 연결된 상담원에게 필요한 언어를 말씀하시면 통역 서비스에 연결해 드립니다.

*Diné Bizaad (Navajo)* Ge': Díí bee íł hane'ígíí bii' dahóló bee éédahózin béeso ách'ááh naanil ník'ist'í'ígíí bá. Bii' dahólóq doo íiyisíí yoolkáálígíí dóo t'áadoo le'é ádadoolyíí'ígíí da yókeedgo t'áa doo bee e'e'aa'ahí ájiil'ííh. Bee ná ahóót'í' díí bee íł hane' dóo níká'ádoowól t'áa nínizaad bee t'áa jiik'é. Atah danilínígíí béesh bee hane'é bee wólta'ígíí nit'izgo bee nee hódolzinígíí bikéédéé' bikáá' bich'í' hodoonihjí'. Aadóo náána'á' éí kójjí' dahóoolnih 855-258-6518 dóo yíi diiłts'ííł yałtí'ígíí t'áa níléjį́ áádóo éí bikéé'dóo naasbaqas bił adidiilchil. Áká'ánidaalwó'ígíí neidiitáágo, saad bee yánilt'í'ígíí yíi diikił dóo ata' halne'é lá níká'ádoowól.