

# Understanding an Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

After you've seen a provider for care, you will likely receive a document from Medica called an "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB). The EOB is a record of the services you or another covered family member received on a certain date.

It includes:

- A general description of services (for example, "Office Visit" or "Lab")
- The provider's charge for the services
- Medica's share of the costs
- The payment amount the network provider has agreed to accept from Medica, or the full amount charged by an out-of-network provider
- An estimate of your share of costs, if any

**The EOB is not a bill.** If you owe money for your share of costs, the provider will bill you separately. The EOB is Medica's way of helping you understand and budget for your out-of-pocket expenses.

EXAMPLE

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### EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS - THIS IS NOT A BILL

Patient Name: James Jones 1      Patient ID: xxxxx-xxxxxxxx-xx 2  
 Subscriber Name: James Jones      Subscriber Nbr: -xxxxxxxx

Group/Policy: Group ABC 12  
 EOB Date: 01/01/10 13

Claim Number: 77033051-00		Par/Non: P		Provider: Welby MD, Marcus <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px;">14</span>							
Date(s) of Service / Description	Charges	Allowed Amount	Patient Non-Covered	Provider Responsibility	Notes ID	Deductible	Copay	Coinsurance	Paid Amount	Amount You Owe	
07/07/09 OFFICE VISIT	204.00	168.07	0.00	35.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.61	134.46	33.61	
TOTALS	204.00	168.07	0.00	35.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.61	134.46	33.61	

4    5    6    7    8    9    10    11    Total Amount You Owe 33.61

- ① **Claim Number** – Provides a reference number that can be used when addressing questions to Customer Service about a claim or when reconciling amounts listed on the EOB with invoices received from the provider.
- ② **Par/Non** – "P" means participating (or network) provider; "N" means non-participating (or out-of-network) provider.
- ③ **Provider** – Lists the provider's name.
- ④ **Date(s) of Service / Description** – The month, day and year the service was provided, along with the type of service.
- ⑤ **Charges** – The amount the provider or facility billed for the service. Note: This amount does not reflect discounts Medica has negotiated with the provider or facility.
- ⑥ **Allowed Amount** – The contracted rate Medica has negotiated with the provider or facility for the service.
- ⑦ **Patient Non-Covered** – The amount the member is responsible for paying because the service is not covered by the member's health plan.
- ⑧ **Provider Responsibility** – Any portion of the billed charges the provider is responsible for absorbing.
- ⑨ **Notes ID** – Notes or comments that apply to a particular charge.
- ⑩ **Deductible** – A fixed dollar amount the member is responsible for paying each plan year before the plan begins to pay for covered services. Note: "Patient Non-Covered" amounts do not count toward meeting the yearly deductible.
- ⑪ **Copay** – Short for "copayment," a fixed amount the member or patient pays up front when receiving a health care service.
- ⑫ **Coinsurance** – A percentage of the "Allowed Amount" the member or patient is responsible for paying.
- ⑬ **Paid Amount** – The amount paid by Medica for the service.
- ⑭ **Amount You Owe** – The amount the member is responsible for paying.