Family vs. Individual Deductible: What's the Difference?

Family plans have both an individual and family deductible. But how exactly does that work? Let's follow this family of four as an example.

Sample Plan Details

DEDUCTIBLE:

Individual: \$2,750 | Family: \$5,500

The amount you owe for health services before your plan begins to help pay.

CO-PAY: \$35

A fixed cost you pay for certain services. Does not contribute to deductibles.

COINSURANCE: 30%

A percentage of the cost for a service you pay after you meet your deductible.

MAX OUT-OF-POCKET:

Individual: \$7,500 | Family: \$15,000

The maximum amount of money you pay for covered health care services in a plan year, including co-pays and coinsurance.



Goes to the emergency room for a simple ankle fracture.



Brandie Has a baby with a vaginal delivery with epidural and postpartum care.

\$2,750



Kem Goes to urgent care for a 102-degree fever. She gets a prescription.



Goes to the ER and is admitted to the hospital for RSV.



Any money paid after

meeting the deductible goes toward the maximum

out-of-pocket

\$5,500 Family deductible met!

INDIVIDUAL **PAID** Individual

deductible met! Brandie will now only pay coinsurance and co-pays until the max

out-of-pocket is met



Urgent care co-pays and prescription costs do not go toward the



Ray's charges combined with his family's exceed the family deductible Charges beyond the deductible, in addition to new charges, are paid through coinsurance and co-pays until the



All family members are covered!

prescription go toward max out-of-pocket

The entire family will continue to pay coinsurance and co-pays until the maximum out-of-pocket is met.

Key things to know:



The family deductible can be met without any members on a family plan meeting their individual deductible.



If two family members reach their individual maximum out-of-pocket, all members of the family are covered 100% through the end of the plan year.



The least you'll pay: 12 monthly premiums.

The most you'll pay: 12 monthly premiums + your family out-of-pocket maximum.

