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.



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!

\$2,750 **PAID**



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 deductible. Remi's \$35 co-pay and \$5 prescription go toward max out-of-pocket



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!

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.

