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Understanding an Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

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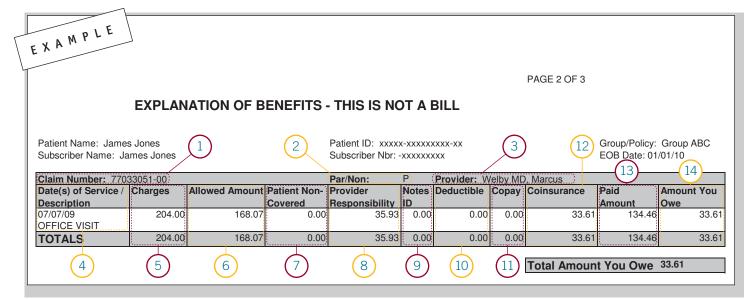
After you've seen a provider for care, you will likely receive a document from Medica called an "Explanation of Benefits" (EOB). The EOB is a record of the services you or another covered family member received on a certain date.

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-ofnetwork 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.



- 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.
- 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.
- ONOTES ID Notes or comments that apply to a particular charge.
- 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.
- (1) **Copay** Short for "copayment," a fixed amount the member or patient pays up front when receiving a health care service.
- Coinsurance A percentage of the "Allowed Amount" the member or patient is responsible for paying.
- (3) Paid Amount The amount paid by Medica for the service.
- Amount You Owe The amount the member is responsible for paying.

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