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Overview

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas administers health benefits for **ERS HealthSelect of Texas®** and **Consumer Directed HealthSelectSM** participants.

ERS participants access care through their own customized benefit plan which utilizes the **Blue Essentials**SM network and serves all 254 counties in Texas.

Benefit Options

The following plan options are available for ERS participants:

Health Select of Texas - In Area

 Participants must select a primary care physician/provider (PCP) participating in the Blue Essentials provider network and referrals are required to see an in-network provider for in-network benefits. Participants also have out-of-network benefits.

Consumer Directed HealthSelect (CDHS) - In Area

 Consumer Directed Participants have open access to providers in the Blue Essentials provider network for innetwork benefits. This plan does not require PCP selection and does not require referrals for in-network benefits. Participants also have out-of-network benefits.

HealthSelect Out-of-State and Consumer Directed HealthSelect Out-of-State

 Participants utilize traditional Blue Card PPO network benefits. Participants do not have to designate a PCP and in-network referrals are not required.

HealthSelect Secondary 65+

 Participants utilize traditional Blue Card PPO network benefits.

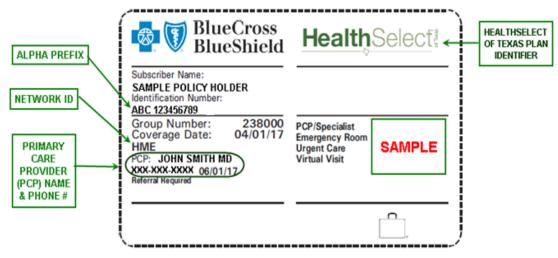
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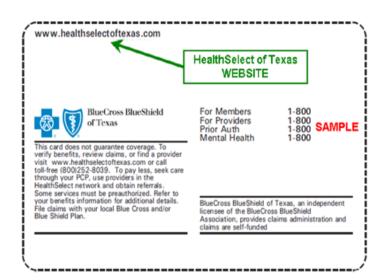
For quick links and information regarding ERS HealthSelect of Texas and Consumer Directed HealthSelect, visit the BCBSTX provider website (www.bcbstx.com/provider) and select ERS Tools under the Education and Reference menu.



Sample ID Card for ERS HealthSelect of Texas

HealthSelect of Texas (front & back):

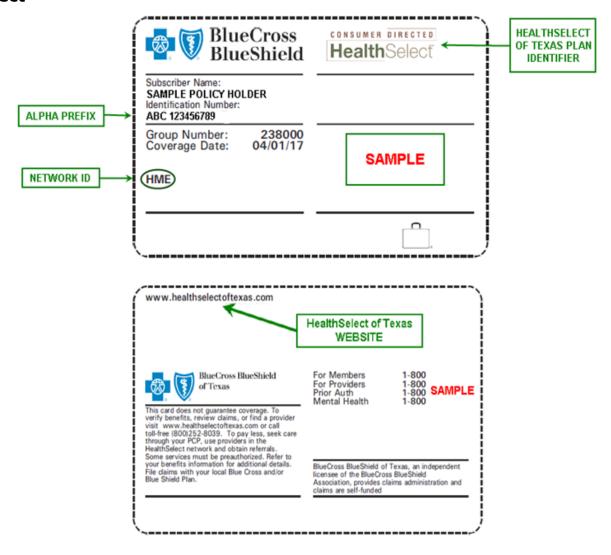






Sample ID
Card for the
Consumer
Driven
HealthSelect

Consumer Directed HealthSelect (front & back):





Sample ID
Cards for the
HealthSelect
of Texas
Out-of-State,
Consumer
Directed
Out-of-State
and
HealthSelect
Secondary
65+

For the most current sample ID cards for **HealthSelect of Texas Out-of-State**, **Consumer Directed Out-of-State**and **HealthSelect Secondary 65+**, please refer to the ERS
Tools section of the www.bcbstx.com/provider website under
Sample ERS Participant ID Cards.

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic as PCP

HealthSelect of Texas participants can select Kelsey-Seybold Clinic (a capitated IPA/Medical Group) as their primary care provider (PCP).

- Health care providers who are contracted with Kelsey Seybold must contact Kelsey-Seybold for instructions regarding referral and prior authorization processes, contracting and claims-related questions.
- Additionally, health care providers who are not part of Kelsey-Seybold but who provide services to a **HealthSelect of Texas** participant whose PCP is contracted/affiliated with Kelsey-Seybold must contact Kelsey-Seybold for instructions.
- HealthSelect of Texas health care providers who are contracted/ affiliated with Kelsey-Seybold are subject to their procedures and requirements for complaint resolution.
- When the participant does not present an ID card, a copy of the enrollment application or a temporary card may be accepted. Kelsey-Seybold PCP's can also reference their PCP eligibility lists distributed by BCBSTX. The ERS participant's identification should be verified with a photo ID and that a copy is retained for his/her file.



ERS HealthSelect Customer Service

BCBSTX's Provider Customer Service representatives have access to participant information to give prompt inquiry response to:

- Benefits and eligibility
- Claims
- Current Blue Essentials network information
- Formal and informal complaint procedures

The automated phone system also provides information for:

- Benefits
- Eligibility
- Claims Payment

Be sure to verify the ERS participant's PCP and benefits every time the patient presents for services.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Physicians and professional providers contracted /affiliated with a capitated IPA/Medical Group must contact IPA/Medical Group for instructions regarding referral process/providers, outpatient lab and radiology services, preauthorization, reimbursement, contracting and claims questions. Additionally, physicians and professional providers who are not part of a capitated IPA/Medical Group but who provide services to a member whose PCP is with a capitated IPA/Medical Group must also contact the applicable IPA/Medical Group for instructions.

Telephone Number

You may reach the BCBSTX ERS Customer Service by calling:

1-800-451-0287

Mailing Address

ERS Customer Service may also be contacted in writing at the following address:

P.O. Box 660044

Dallas, TX 75266-0044



Prior Authorization Requirements To view the **ERS HealthSelect of Texas** and the **Consumer Directed HealthSelect** prior authorization and referral requirements lists, go to: Utilization Management page under **Claims and Eligibility** on bcbstx.com/provider.

How Do I Obtain Prior Authorization To obtain prior authorization for services authorized by BCBSTX, call: Medical Management at 1-800-441-9188 or access Availity Authorizations & Referrals.

Prior
Authorizations
Requested by
Covering
Physicians

Physicians who bill under the same Tax ID number, who cover for each other, can obtain prior authorization for a participant using the initial referral to the provider they are covering for. The covering physician must have the initial referral number when calling for the prior authorization.



Mental Health Prior Authorization

BCBSTX medical management provides and coordinates all mental health care and services for **HealthSelect of Texas or Consumer Directed HealthSelect In-State** participants. Participants will be required to select mental health providers and facilities participating in the Blue EssentialsSM mental health network. Primary care physician/provider (PCP) referrals are not required. Mental health providers should request required prior authorizations. For a list of services that require prior authorization, refer to Utilization Management page on the provider website.

To prior authorize mental health inpatient admissions, use Availity Authorizations & Referrals tool or call the number on the back of the member's ID card.

If you or your ERS **HealthSelect of Texas** or **Consumer Directed HealthSelect** patient have questions or need information about mental health professionals, facilities or procedures, check Provider Finder®/Find a Doctor or Hospital on the bcbstx.com website or call the number on the back of the ID card.

For **HealthSelect and Consumer Directed HealthSelect Out-of-State** participants, BCBSTX's Behavioral Health unit will prior authorize all mental health care and services. To prior authorize mental health inpatient admissions for **Out-of- State** participants, call: **1-800-528-7264.**

Claims Filing

Refer to Section F "Filing Claims" of the Blue EssentialsSM, Blue Advantage HMOSM, Blue PremierSM and MyBlue HealthSM Provider Manual for detailed instructions on claims filing.

Note: If an ERS participant's primary care physician/provider (PCP) is affiliated with Kelsey-Seybold, claims for certain types of services must be submitted to Kelsey-Seybold, rather than to the normal address used for BCBSTX claims. If a claim should have been sent to Kelsey-Seybold but was submitted to the Blue Essentials address, the claim will be rejected and you will receive notice to refile it with Kelsey-Seybold. Types of services that should be submitted to Kelsey-Seybold include the following:

- Physician Services
- Outpatient diagnostic testing services



Claims Filing, cont.

Claims for **Kelsey Seybold** should be filed to:

Kelsey-Seybold Clinic Claims Administration P.O. Box 841209 Pearland, TX 77584

Kelsey Seybold Claims Inquiry and UM Phone Numbers:

713-442-5440 Claims 713-442-5339 Utilization Management

Claims Inquiries

For ERS claims inquiries, **contact** BCBSTX ERS Customer Service by calling: **1-800-451-0287**

Address written claims inquiries to:

P.O. Box 660044 Dallas, TX 75264-0044

Fax Claim Inquiries to 1-325-794-2926

Outpatient Clinical Laboratory

All plan Provider should refer members to in0network lab providers for outpatient lab services. To locate participating labs in the plan network, visit Provider Finder® on the provider website.

The following are participating statewide outpatient clinical labs for **HealthSelect of Texas** and **Consumer Directed HealthSelect** participants:

- Clinical Pathology Laboratory (CPL) For locations or questions, contact CPL at 1-800-595-1275 or visit CPL's website at: www.cpllabs.com
- LabCorp For locations or questions contact LabCorp at 1-888-LAB-CORP or visit LabCorp's website at: www.Labcorp.com
- Quest Diagnostics, Inc. For locations or questions contact Quest at 1-888-277-8772 or visit Quest's website at: QuestDiagnostics.com/patients

Note: Health care providers who are contracted/affiliated Kelsey Seybold and Blue Essentials physicians & professional providers who are not part of Kelsey Seybold but who provide services to a participant with a Kelsey Seybold PCP must contact Kelsey Seybold for instructions regarding outpatient laboratory services.



ERS Health Care Centers of Excellence

For Texas participants, HealthSelect is launching a specialty facility designation program called Health Care Centers of Excellence (HCCOE). A facility must meet both quality and cost-efficiency standards. The program includes designations in the following areas: Bariatric surgery, Knee and hip replacement, Maternity care, Spine surgery and Transplants. For out-of-state, participants will utilize the Blue Distinction (Centers of Excellence).

Note: The HealthSelect benefit for Bariatric Surgery requires its participants to obtain services at a Health Care Center of Excellence.

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