# How to Use Your Health Plan Benefits When You Travel

**Using Your RGA Benefits** 

When you're a Regence Group Administrators (RGA) member, you can have the peace of mind knowing that wherever you are, you'll be able to access your health plan benefits.

### Across the country

No matter where you are in the United States, you will be covered under RGA or the BlueCard® program. That means you have access to the network and savings discounts that the local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan has negotiated with its doctors, hospitals, and other healthcare providers.

- 1. Always carry your current RGA member ID card with you.
- To find in-network doctors and hospitals, log into the myRGA member portal at www.accessrga.com and click on the "Find a doctor or hospital" tile.
- Call RGA's Customer Care Team at 1-866-738-3924 for any required precertification or preauthorization.
- 4. When you arrive at the participating doctor's office or hospital, show them your RGA member ID card. The provider will identify your benefit level through one of these symbols (displayed on the front of your card):



#### For any in-network care:

You should not have to pay upfront for any covered medical services, except for the out-of-pocket expenses (non-covered services, deductible, copayment, and coinsurance) you would usually pay. You should also not have to submit any claim forms.

## Around the world

Through the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core program, you have access to doctors and hospitals all over the globe.

- Before leaving the United States, verify your international benefits with RGA as coverage may be different outside the country.
- 2. Always carry your current RGA member ID card with you.
- 3. If you need to locate a doctor or hospital while traveling outside the U.S., call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center at 1-800-810-2583 or call collect at 1-804-673-1177 (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week). An assistance coordinator, together with a medical professional, will arrange a doctor appointment or hospitalization, if necessary.
- 4. Be sure to also contact RGA Customer Care (contact info below) for any required precertification or preauthorization.

#### For inpatient care arranged by the Global Service Center:

The Service Center will arrange direct billing, which means the hospital will submit the claim on your behalf. You should not have to pay upfront for inpatient care at participating Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Care hospitals, except for the out-of-pocket expenses (non-covered services, deductible, copayment, and coinsurance) you would usually pay.

# For outpatient care, or inpatient care not arranged through the Global Service Center:

You may need to pay upfront for care received from a doctor and/or non-participating hospital. To get reimbursed, complete a Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core International Claim Form and send it with the bill(s) to the Global Service Center—the address is on the form. The claim form is available from the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core website at <a href="https://www.bcbsglobalcore.com">www.bcbsglobalcore.com</a> and is also found on the myRGA Member Portal under "Download Member Forms."

In an emergency, go directly to the nearest hospital.

