

**2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan - Standard and Basic Option****Section 5. Benefits****Section 5(b). Surgical and Anesthesia Services Provided by Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals****Anesthesia**

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**Note:** For Standard Option, we state whether or not the calendar year deductible applies for each benefit listed in this Section. There is no calendar year deductible under Basic Option.

**Benefit Description****Anesthesia**

Anesthesia (including acupuncture) for covered medical or surgical services when requested by the attending physician and performed by:

- A certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), or
- A physician other than the physician (or the assistant) performing the covered medical or surgical procedure

Professional services provided in:

- Hospital (inpatient)
- Hospital outpatient department
- Skilled nursing facility
- Ambulatory surgical center
- Residential treatment center
- Office

Anesthesia services consist of administration by injection or inhalation of a drug or other anesthetic agent (including acupuncture) to obtain muscular relaxation, loss of sensation, or loss of consciousness.

Note: Anesthesia acupuncture services do not accumulate toward the member's annual maximum.

Note: See Section 5(c) for our payment levels for anesthesia services billed by a facility.

**Standard Option - You Pay**

Preferred: 15% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies)

Non-participating: 35% of the Plan allowance (deductible applies), plus any difference between our allowance and the billed amount

**Basic Option - You Pay**

Preferred: Nothing

Participating/Non-participating: You pay all charges

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**Benefit Description**

*Not covered:*

- *Anesthesia related to noncovered surgeries or procedures*

**Standard Option - You Pay**

*All charges*

**Basic Option - You Pay**

*All charges*