



**Blue Cross
Blue Shield
Blue Care Network**
of Michigan

Nonprofit corporations and independent licensees
of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Cover Sheet for BCBSM 2024 ASC Contractual Documents

**COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF MI
ON BEHALF OF LIVINGSTON COUN (CID - 287179)**

The following documents are included for review and agreement between Group Customer and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Documents Included:

- **ASC Schedules and Exhibits**
 - Schedule A
 - Exhibit 1 to Schedule A
 - Schedule B
 - Exhibit 1 to Schedule B

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
SCHEDULE A – Renewal Term (Effective 04/01/2024 thru 03/31/2026)
Administrative Services Contract (ASC)

1. **Group Name** COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF MI ON BEHALF OF LIVINGSTON COUN
2. **Customer ID** 287179
3. **ASC Funding Arrangement** Monthly Invoice
4. **Line(s) of Business and Services**

Line of Business	Applicable
Facility	X
Professional	X
Prescription Drugs	X
Dental	X
Vision	
Hearing	

5. Administrative Fees

The below administrative fees cover the Lines of Business and Services checked in Section 4 above, unless otherwise indicated.

A. Fixed Administrative Fees – Not Applicable

B. Variable Administrative Fees	Percentage	Effective Start Date	Effective End Date
i. Administrative Fee Percent (%) of Claims	13.00%	04/01/2024	03/31/2026

In lieu of a fixed administrative fee, BCBSM will retain as Additional Administrative Compensation (AAC), 9.50 percent of the Michigan Hospital discounts. AAC is included in the medical Claims cost. The AAC is separate from and does not include BlueCard fees.

6. Data Feeds – Not Applicable

7. Advance Deposit – Not Applicable

8. Advance Deposit Monthly Cap / Level Payment Amount – Not Applicable

9. BCBSM Account

1840-09397-3	Comerica	0720-00096
Wire Number	Bank	American Bank Association

10. Late Payment / Interest Charges

Late Payment Charge	2.00%
Health Care Provider Interest Charge	12.00%

11. Buy-Ups – Not Applicable

12. Shared Savings Programs

BCBSM has implemented programs to enhance the savings realized by its customers. As stated below, BCBSM will retain as administrative compensation a percent of the recoveries or cost avoidance. Administrative compensation retained by BCBSM through the Shared Savings Program will be available through reports obtained on eBookshelf:

Program:	BCBSM Retention of:	
A. Hospital Bill Review	30%	Cost avoidance of improper hospital billing through line-by-line reviews of certain DRG outlier and/or percent-of-charge inpatient claims to identify defects and improprieties before the bill is paid.
B. Advanced Payment Analytics	30%	Recoveries of overpayments using proprietary data mining analytics as a second pass review along with continual monitoring enabling up-to-date policy compliance.
C. Subrogation	30%	Recoveries of money already paid through Blue Cross benefits that is the responsibility of non-health insurance carrier.
D. Hospital Credit Balance	30%	Recoveries of claims through enhanced reviews of hospital patient accounting systems and identified credit balances from overpayments.
E. Advanced Editing	30%	Cost avoidance through applied advanced algorithms and extensive analytic reviews of professional and outpatient facility Claims for adherence to medical, clinical and national coding guidelines.
F. Non-Participating Provider Negotiated Pricing	30%	Cost avoidance for out-of-network, non-participating Claims equal to the difference between the amount that would have been paid pursuant to the Group's benefit design (before Enrollee cost-share is applied) and the amount actually paid for such Claims (before Enrollee cost-share is applied) as a result of third-party vendor negotiations or benchmark-based pricing.
G. Home Infusion Therapy Medical Drugs	30%	The difference between BCBSM's 2021 home infusion therapy ("HIT") network pricing and the improved negotiated pricing administered through a third party HIT vendor.
H. Rebate Service Fee for Medical Prescription Drugs	10%	Medical benefit drug rebates on Claims incurred in the renewal term net of the Rebate Administrator Fee. The Rebate Administrator Fee is up to 5.25% of gross rebates for medical benefit drug Claims.
I. Rebate Service Fee for Pharmacy Prescription Drugs	10%	Pharmacy benefit manufacturer rebates on Claims incurred in the renewal term.

13. Pharmacy Pricing Arrangement

A. Traditional Prescription Drug Pricing and Administrative Compensation

Group acknowledges and agrees the amount BCBSM pays its contracted pharmacy benefit manager (“PBM”) for a prescription drug may be more or less than the amount Group pays BCBSM for such prescription drug, and BCBSM may retain the difference as administrative compensation as specified below, when the amount is less.

BCBSM shall retain the following administrative compensation (“Traditional Rx Drug Pricing Admin Fee”):

- a. Up to two (2) percentage points of the aggregated Average Wholesale Price (“AWP”) discount BCBSM receives from its PBM for drugs classified by BCBSM as retail or mail order Brand Drugs; and
- b. Up to four (4) percentage points of the aggregated AWP discount BCBSM receives from its PBM for drugs classified by BCBSM as retail or mail order Generic Drugs.
- c. \$0.10 of the dispensing fee for 30-day supplies of retail prescription drugs.

The actual Traditional Rx Drug Pricing Admin Fee paid by Group to BCBSM shall depend on Group’s aggregated AWP discount referenced above, which is based on Group’s prescription drug utilization, drug mix, pharmacy choice, and a pharmacy’s usual and customary charges. BCBSM will credit Group with any amount that was collected during the Contract Year that exceeds the amounts specified in (a) and (b) above. The Traditional Rx Drug Pricing Admin Fee retained by BCBSM will be reported to the Group.

Group agrees to timely incorporate language into Group’s Summary Plan Description or equivalent document that any Enrollee cost-sharing that is calculated as a percentage will be based upon the amount Group pays BCBSM for the prescription drug.

B. Pharmacy Monitoring Fee (PMF) Pricing – *Not Applicable*

14. Additional Pharmacy Services and/or Programs

A. 3rd Party Rx Vendor Fee

If Group’s prescription drug benefits are administered by a third-party vendor, BCBSM will charge Group an administrative fee of \$5.00 per contract per month due to the additional costs and resources necessary for BCBSM to effectively manage and administer the medical benefit without administering the prescription drug benefit.

B. High-Cost Drug Discount Optimization Program – *Not Applicable*

15. 3rd Party Stop-Loss Vendor Fee

Group does not have Stop-Loss coverage. If Group obtains stop-loss coverage from a third-party stop-loss vendor, BCBSM will charge an additional fee of \$8.00 per contract per month due to the additional costs and resources necessary for BCBSM to effectively manage Group’s benefits.

16. Agent Fees

This Schedule A does not include any fees payable by Group to an Agent. If Group has an Agent Fee Processing Agreement on file with BCBSM, please refer to that agreement for fees and details.

17. Medicare Contracts

If Group has Medicare contracts that are being separated from the current funding arrangement, all figures within the current funding arrangement will be adjusted.

18. Compensation Agreement with Providers

The Group acknowledges that BCBSM or a Host Blue may have compensation arrangements with providers in which the provider is subject to performance or risk-based compensation, including but not limited to withholds, bonuses, incentive payments, provider credits and care coordination fees. Often the compensation amount is determined after the medical service has been performed and after the Group has been invoiced. The Claims billed to Group include both service-based and value-based reimbursement to health care providers. Group acknowledges that BCBSM's negotiated reimbursement rates include all reimbursement obligations to providers including provider obligations and entitlements under BCBSM Quality Programs. Service-based reimbursement means the portion of the negotiated rate attributed to a health care service. Value-based reimbursement is the portion of the negotiated reimbursement rate attributable to BCBSM Quality Programs, as described in Exhibit 1 to Schedule A. BCBSM negotiates provider reimbursement rates and settles provider obligations on its own behalf, not Group. Group receives the benefit of BCBSM provider rates, but it has no entitlement to a particular rate or to unbundle the service-based or value-based components of Claims.

See Schedule B to ASC and Exhibit 1 to Schedule A for additional information.

19. Out-of-State Claims

Amounts billed for out-of-state claims may include BlueCard access fees and any value-based provider reimbursement negotiated by a Host Blue with out-of-state providers. See Schedule B to ASC and Exhibit 1 to Schedule A for additional information.

20. Credits and Fees – *Not Applicable*

Exhibit 1 to the Schedule A: Value-Based Provider Reimbursement

As in prior years, the Claims billed to Group include amounts that BCBSM reimburses health care providers including reimbursement tied to value. BCBSM has adopted a provider payment model that includes both fee-based and value-based reimbursement. BCBSM does not unbundle Claims and does not retain any portion of Claims as compensation. Provider reimbursement is governed by separate agreements with providers, BCBSM standard operating procedures, and BCBSM Quality Programs, which are subject to change at BCBSM's discretion. BCBSM shall provide Group with at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice of any additions, modifications, or changes to BCBSM Quality Programs describing the change and the effective date thereof.

BCBSM negotiates provider reimbursement rates on its own behalf and makes those rates available to customers through its products and networks. The reimbursement rates can, and often do, vary from provider to provider. Providers may qualify for higher reimbursement rates for satisfying requirements of certain BCBSM Quality Programs, including, but not limited to:

A. Pay-for-Performance.

Hospitals earn reimbursement for improving quality, cost efficiency and population health. This program recognizes both mid-to-large sized and small rural short-term acute care hospitals for quality improvements such as lower re-admission rates, participating in a statewide health information exchange, and performance in a varied portfolio of collaborative quality initiatives to address many of the most common and costly areas of surgical and medical care in Michigan.

B. Value-Based Contracting.

Hospitals earn reimbursement for improving quality, cost efficiency and population health. Hospitals work with physicians to provide cost-efficient care for a shared patient population, and earn rewards based on improved outcomes across that population.

C. Collaborative Quality Initiatives ("CQIs").

CQIs address many of the most common and costly areas of surgical and medical care in Michigan. In each CQI, hospitals and physicians across the state collect, share and analyze data on patient risk factors, processes of care and outcomes of care, then design and implement changes to improve patient care.

D. Physician Group Incentive Program.

The Physician Group Incentive Program connects approximately 40 physician organizations (representing about 20,000 physicians) statewide to collect data, share best practices and collaborate on initiatives that improve the health care system in Michigan. Participating physician organizations are evaluated and rewarded on transformation of health care delivery, quality metric performance, and performance enablement – all efforts designed to improve the overall value of care delivered while reducing total cost of care.

E. Patient-Centered Medical Home ("PCMH").

In the PCMH model of care, patients get the right care at the right time in the right setting. Since 2009, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan's Patient-Centered Medical Home designation program has fueled statewide movement of primary care into a team-based, proactive model of efficient, cost-effective care centered around the patient.

F. Provider-Delivered Care Management.

PCMH-designated practices increasingly provide personalized care management services for patients with chronic conditions or multiple, ongoing health needs. Patient care teams are assembled according to each patient's needs, and may include nurses, nutritionists, counselors, psychologists, respiratory therapists, asthma educators, certified diabetes educators, social workers, pharmacists and community health workers. Services are coordinated with the care patients are already receiving from their doctor.

G. Blueprint for Affordability.

The Blueprint for Affordability program combines quality outcomes with a shared financial risk contract that enables providers to manage the health of their patient population and their total cost of care. BCBSM contracting arrangements may also include risk sharing with certain provider entities (“PE”), e.g., physician organizations, physician hospital organizations, health systems, or any combination thereof, that have contracted with BCBSM for upside and downside financial risk.

Providers may receive reward and incentive payments from BCBSM Quality Programs funded through an allocation from provider reimbursement. Such allocations may be to a pooled fund from which value-based payments to providers are made. If a provider’s performance results in a payment of additional reimbursement, the reward payment is made from the pooled funding. For Blueprint for Affordability, if the PE’s performance results in a return of reimbursement, the amount at risk is returned to the pooled fund to offset a portion other provider gains. BCBSM will not retain any amounts resulting from BCBSM Quality Programs.

As explained in the Blue Card Program disclosure ([Schedule B to ASC](#)), an out-of-state Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan (“Host Blue”) may also negotiate fee-based and/or value-based reimbursement for their providers. A Host Blue may include all provider reimbursement obligations in Claims or may, at its election, collect some or all of its value-based provider (VBP) reimbursement obligations through a PaMPM benefit expense, as in, for example, the Total Care Program. All Host Blue PaMPM benefit expenses for VBP reimbursement will be consolidated on Group’s monthly invoice and appear as “Out-of-State VBP Provider Reimbursement.” The supporting detail for the consolidated amount will be available on e-Bookshelf as reported by each Host Blue Plan. Host Blues determine which members are attributed to eligible providers and calculate the PaMPM VBP reimbursement obligation based only on these attributed members. Host Blue have exclusive control over the calculation of PaMPM VBP reimbursement.

Additional information is available at www.valuepartnerships.com and www.bcbs.com/totalcare. Questions regarding provider reimbursement and BCBSM Quality Programs or Host Blue VBP reimbursement should be directed to Group’s BCBSM account representative.

Intellectual property may be developed through BCBSM Quality Programs for subsequent license and use by BCBSM or a third party. Group specifically understands, acknowledges, and agrees that it has no rights to any intellectual property, or derivatives thereof, including, but not limited to, copyrights, patents, or licenses, developed thru BCBSM Quality Programs.

Schedule B
BlueCard Disclosures
Inter-Plan Arrangements

Out-of-Area Services

Overview

BCBSM has a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees referred to generally as “Inter-Plan Arrangements.” These Inter-Plan Arrangements operate under rules and procedures issued by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (“Association”). Whenever Enrollees access healthcare services outside the geographic area BCBSM serves, the Claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Programs and presented to BCBSM for payment in accordance with the rules of the Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described generally below.

Typically, when accessing care outside the geographic area BCBSM serves, Enrollees obtain care from Providers that have a contractual agreement (“Participating Providers”) with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensee in that other geographic area (“Host Blue”). In some instances, Enrollees may obtain care from Providers in the Host Blue geographical area that do not have a contractual agreement (“Nonparticipating Providers”) with the Host Blue. BCBSM remains responsible for fulfilling its contractual obligations to you. BCBSM’s payment practices in both instances are described below.

This disclosure describes how Claims are administered for Inter-Plan Arrangements and the fees that are charged in connection with Inter-Plan Arrangements. Note that Dental Care Benefits, except when paid as medical claims / benefits, and those Prescription Drug Benefits or Vision Care Benefits that may be administered by a third party contracted by BCBSM to provide the specific service or services, are not processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements.

A. BlueCard® Program

The BlueCard® Program is an Inter-Plan Arrangement. Under this Arrangement, when Enrollees access covered healthcare services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, the Host Blue will be responsible for contracting and handling all interactions with its Participating Providers. The financial terms of the BlueCard Program are described generally below.

1. Liability Calculation Method Per Claim – In General

a. Enrollee Liability Calculation

The calculation of the Enrollee liability on Claims for covered healthcare services processed through the BlueCard Program will be based on the lower of the Participating Provider's billed covered charges or the negotiated price made available to BCBSM by the Host Blue.

Under certain circumstances, if BCBSM pays the Healthcare Provider amounts that are the responsibility of the Enrollee, BCBSM may collect such amounts from the Enrollee.

Where Group agrees to use reference-based benefits, which are service-specific benefit dollar limits for specific procedures, based on a Host Blue’s local market rates, Enrollees will be responsible for the amount that the healthcare Provider bills for a specified procedure above the reference benefit limit for that procedure. For a Participating Provider, that amount will be the difference between the negotiated price and the reference benefit limit. For a Nonparticipating Provider, that amount will be the difference between the Nonparticipating Provider’s billed charge and the reference benefit limit. Where a reference benefit limit exceeds either a negotiated price or a Provider’s billed charge, the Enrollee will incur no liability, other than any applicable Enrollee cost sharing.

b. Group Liability Calculation

The calculation of Group liability on Claims for covered healthcare services processed through the BlueCard Program will be based on the negotiated price made available to BCBSM by the Host Blue under contract between the Host Blue and the Provider. Sometimes, this negotiated price may be greater for a given service or services than the billed charge in accordance with how the Host Blue has negotiated with its Participating Provider(s) for specific healthcare services. In cases where the negotiated price exceeds the billed charge, Group may be liable for the excess amount even when the Enrollee's deductible has not been satisfied. This excess amount reflects an amount that may be necessary to secure (a) the Provider's participation in the network and/or (b) the overall discount negotiated by the Host Blue. In such a case, the entire contracted price is paid to the Provider, even when the contracted price is greater than the billed charge.

In situations where participating agreements allow for bulk settlement reconciliations for Episode-Based Payment/Bundled Payments, BCBSM may include a factor for such settlement or reconciliations as part of the fees BCBSM charges to Group.

2. Claims Pricing

The Host Blue determines a negotiated price, which is reflected in the terms of each Host Blue's healthcare Provider contracts. The negotiated price made available to BCBSM by the Host Blue may be represented by one of the following:

- (i) an actual price. An actual price is a negotiated payment in effect at the time a Claim is processed without any other increases or decreases, or
- (ii) an estimated price. An estimated price is a negotiated payment in effect at the time a Claim is processed, reduced or increased by a percentage to take into account certain payments negotiated with the Provider and other Claim- and non-Claim-related transactions. Such transactions may include, but are not limited to, anti-fraud and abuse recoveries, Provider refunds not applied on a Claim-specific basis, retrospective settlements, and performance-related bonuses or incentives, or
- (iii) an average price. An average price is a percentage of billed charges for covered services in effect at the time a Claim is processed representing the aggregate payments negotiated by the Host Blue with all of its healthcare Providers or a similar classification of its Providers and other Claim- and non-Claim-related transactions. Such transactions may include the same ones as noted above for an estimated price.

The Host Blue determines whether it will use an actual, estimated or an average price in its respective Provider agreements. The use of estimated or average pricing may result in a difference (positive or negative) between the price Group pays on a specific Claim and the actual amount the Host Blue pays to the Provider. However, the BlueCard Program requires that the amount paid by the Enrollee and Group is a final price; no future price adjustment will result in increases or decreases to the pricing of past Claims.

Any positive or negative differences in estimated or average pricing are accounted for through variance accounts maintained by the Host Blue and are incorporated into future Claim prices. As a result, the amounts charged to Group will be adjusted in a following year, as necessary, to account for over- or underestimation of the past years' prices. The Host Blue will not receive compensation from how the estimated price or average price methods, described above, are calculated. Because all amounts paid are final, neither positive variance account amounts (funds available to be paid in the following year), nor negative variance amounts (the funds needed to be received in the following year), are due to or from Group. If Group terminates, Group will not receive a refund or charge from the variance account.

Variance account balances are small amounts relative to the overall paid Claims amounts and will be liquidated/drawn down over time. The timeframe for their liquidation depends on variables, including, but not limited to, overall volume / number of Claims processed and variance account balance. Variance account balances may earn interest at the federal funds or similar rate. The Host Blue may retain interest earned on funds held in variance accounts.

3. BlueCard Program Fees and Compensation

Group understands and agrees to reimburse BCBSM for certain fees and compensation which BCBSM is obligated under the BlueCard Program to pay to the Host Blue, to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association (BCBSA), and/or to vendors of BlueCard Program related services. The specific Blue Card Program fees and compensation that are charged to Group and which Group is responsible related to the foregoing are set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Schedule B. BlueCard Program Fees and compensation may be revised annually from time to time as described in **section H** below.

B. Negotiated Arrangements

With respect to one or more Host Blue, instead of using the BlueCard Program, BCBSM may process your Enrollee claims for covered healthcare services through Negotiated Arrangements.

In addition, if BCBSM and Group have agreed that (a) Host Blue(s) shall make available (a) custom healthcare Provider network(s) in connection with this Agreement, then the terms and conditions set forth in BCBSM's Negotiated Arrangement(s) for National Accounts with such Host Blue(s) shall apply. These include the provisions governing the processing and payment of Claims when Enrollees access such network(s). In negotiating such arrangement(s), BCBSM is not acting on behalf of or as an agent for Group, the Group's health care plan or Group Enrollees.

1. Enrollee Liability Calculation

Enrollee liability calculation for covered healthcare services will be based on the lower of either billed covered charges for covered services or negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to BCBSM that allows Group's Enrollees access to negotiated participation agreement networks of specified Participating Providers outside of BCBSM's service area.

Under certain circumstances, if BCBSM pays the Healthcare Provider amounts that are the responsibility of the Enrollee, BCBSM may collect such amounts from the Enrollee.

In situations where participating agreements allow for bulk settlement reconciliations for Episode-Based Payment/Bundled Payments, BCBSM may include a factor for such settlement or reconciliations as part of the fees BCBSM charges to Group.

Where Group agrees to use reference-based benefits, which are service-specific benefit dollar limits for specific procedures, based on a Host Blue's local market rates, Enrollees will be responsible for the amount that the healthcare Provider bills for a specified procedure above the reference benefit limit for that procedure. For a Participating Provider, that amount will be the difference between the negotiated price and the reference benefit limit. For a Nonparticipating Provider, that amount will be the difference between the Nonparticipating Provider's billed charge and the reference benefit limit. Where a reference benefit limit exceeds either a negotiated price or a Provider's billed charge, the Enrollee will incur no liability, other than any applicable Enrollee cost sharing.

2. Group Liability Calculation

The calculation of Group liability on Claims for covered healthcare services processed through the BlueCard Program will be based on the negotiated price made available to BCBSM by the Host Blue under the contract between the Host Blue and the Provider. Sometimes, this negotiated price may be greater for a given service or services than the billed charge in accordance with how the Host Blue has negotiated with its Participating Provider(s) for specific healthcare services. In cases where the negotiated price exceeds the billed charge, Group may be liable for the excess amount even when the Enrollee's deductible has not been satisfied. This excess amount reflects an amount that may be necessary to secure (a) the Provider's participation in the network and/or (b) the overall discount negotiated by the Host Blue. In such a case, the entire contracted price is paid to the Provider, even when the contracted price is greater than the billed charge.

3. Claims Pricing

Same as in the BlueCard Program above.

4. Fees and Compensation

Group understands and agrees to reimburse BCBSM for certain fees and compensation which we are obligated under applicable Inter-Plan Arrangement requirements to pay to the Host Blue, to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and/or to vendors of Inter-Plan Arrangement-related services. Fees and compensation under applicable Inter-Plan Arrangement may be revised annually as described in **section H** below. In addition, the participation agreement with the Host Blue may provide that BCBSM must pay an administrative and/or a network access fee to the Host Blue, and Group further agrees to reimburse BCBSM for any such applicable administrative and/or network access fees. The specific fees and compensation that are charged to Group under the Negotiated Arrangements are set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Schedule B.

C. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs

Value-Based Programs Overview

Group Enrollees may access covered healthcare services from Providers that participate in a Host Blue's Value-Based Program. Value-Based Programs may be delivered either through the BlueCard Program or a Negotiated Arrangement. These Value-Based Programs may include, but are not limited to, Accountable Care Organizations, Global Payment/Total Cost of Care arrangements, Patient Centered Medical Homes and Shared Savings arrangements.

Value-Based Programs under the BlueCard Program

Value-Based Programs Administration

Under Value-Based Programs, a Host Blue may pay Providers for reaching agreed-upon cost/quality goals in the following ways, including but not limited to retrospective settlements, Provider Incentives, share of target savings, Care Coordinator Fees and/or other allowed amounts.

The Host Blue may pass these Provider payments to BCBSM, which BCBSM will pass directly on to Group as either an amount included in the price of the Claim or an amount charged separately in addition to the Claim.

When such amounts are included in the price of the Claim, the Claim may be billed using one of the following pricing methods, as determined by the Host Blue:

- (i) Actual Pricing: The charge to accounts for Value-Based Programs incentives/Shared Savings settlements is part of the Claim. These charges are passed to Group via an enhanced Provider fee schedule.
- (ii) Supplemental Factor: The charge to accounts for Value-Based Programs incentives/Shared Savings settlements is a supplemental amount that is included in the Claim as an amount based on a specified supplemental factor (e.g., a small percentage increase in the Claim amount). The supplemental factor may be adjusted from time to time.

When such amounts are billed separately from the price of the Claim, they may be billed as a Per Attributed Member Per Month (PaMPM) amount for Value-Based Programs incentives/Shared Savings settlements to Group outside of the Claim system. BCBSM will pass these Host Blue charges directly through to Group as a separately identified amount on the Group's invoices.

The amounts used to calculate either the supplemental factors for estimated pricing or PaMPM billings are fixed amounts that are estimated to be necessary to finance the cost of a particular Value-Based Program. Because amounts are estimates, there may be positive or negative differences based on actual experience, and such differences will be accounted for in a variance account maintained by the Host Blue (in the same manner as described in the BlueCard Claim pricing **section A.3** above) until the end of the applicable Value-Based Program payment and/or reconciliation measurement period. The amounts needed to fund a Value-Based Program may be changed before the end of the measurement period if it is determined that amounts being collected are projected to exceed the amount necessary to fund the program or if they are projected to be insufficient to fund the program.

At the end of the Value-Based Program payment and/or reconciliation measurement period for these arrangements, the Host Blue will take one of the following actions:

- Use any surplus in funds in the variance account to fund Value-Based Program payments or reconciliation amounts in the next measurement period.
- Address any deficit in funds in the variance account through an adjustment to the PaMPM billing amount or the reconciliation billing amount for the next measurement period.

The Host Blue will not receive compensation resulting from how estimated, average or PaMPM price methods, described above, are calculated. If Group terminates, you will not receive a refund or charge from the variance account. This is because any resulting surpluses or deficits would be eventually exhausted through prospective adjustment to the settlement billings in the case of Value-Based Programs. The measurement period for determining these surpluses or deficits may differ from the term of the administrative services contract.

Variance account balances are small amounts relative to the overall paid Claims amounts and will be liquidated / drawn down over time. The timeframe for their liquidation depends on variables, including, but not limited to, overall volume / number of Claims processed and variance account balance. Variance account balances may earn interest, and interest is earned at the federal funds or similar rate. The Host Blue may retain interest earned on funds held in variance accounts.

Note: Enrollees will not bear any portion of the cost of Value-Based Programs except when the Host Blue uses either average pricing or actual pricing to pay Providers under Value-Based Programs.

Care Coordinator Fees

The Host Blue may also bill BCBSM for Care Coordinator Fees for Covered Services which BCBSM will pass on to Group as follows:

1. PaMPM billings; or
2. Individual Claim billings through applicable care coordination codes from the most current editions of either Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) published by the American Medical Association (AMA) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) published by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

As part of this agreement / contract, BCBSM and Group will not impose Enrollee cost sharing for Care Coordinator Fees.

Value-Based Programs under Negotiated Arrangements

If BCBSM has entered into a Negotiated National Account Arrangement with a Host Blue to provide Value-Based Programs to Enrollees, BCBSM will follow the same procedures for Value-Based Programs administration and Care Coordination Fees as noted in the BlueCard Program section.

D. Return of Overpayments

Recoveries of overpayments from a Host Blue or its Participating Providers and Nonparticipating Providers can arise in several ways, including, but not limited to, anti-fraud and abuse recoveries, healthcare Provider bill audits, credit balance audits, utilization review refunds, and unsolicited refunds. Recovery amounts determined in the ways noted above will be applied so that corrections will be made, in general, on either a Claim-by-Claim or prospective basis. If recovery amounts are passed on a Claim-by-Claim basis from the Host Blue to BCBSM they will be credited to the Group account. In some cases, the Host Blue will engage a third party to assist in identification or collection of overpayments or recovery amounts. The fees of such a third party may be charged to Group as a percentage of the recovery.

Unless the Host Blue agrees to a longer period of time for retroactive cancellations of membership, the Host Blue will provide BCBSM the full refunds from Participating Providers for a period of only one year after the date of the Inter-Plan financial settlement process for the original Claim. For Care Coordinator Fees associated with Value-Based Programs, BCBSM will request such refunds for a period of up to ninety (90) days from the termination notice transaction on the payment innovations delivery platform. In some cases, recovery of Claim payments associated with a retroactive cancellation may not be possible if, as an example, the recovery (a) conflicts with the Host Blue's state law or healthcare Provider contracts, (b) would result from Shared Savings and/or Provider Incentive arrangements, or (c) would jeopardize the Host Blue's relationship with its Participating Providers, notwithstanding to the contrary any other provision of this agreement / contract.

E. Inter-Plan Programs: Federal / State Taxes / Surcharges / Fees

In some instances, federal or state laws or regulations may impose a surcharge, tax or other fee that applies to self-funded accounts. If applicable, BCBSM will provide prior written notice of any such surcharge, tax or other fee to Group, which will be Group liability.

F. Nonparticipating Healthcare Providers Outside BCBSM's Service Area

1. Enrollee Liability Calculation

a. In General

When covered healthcare services are provided outside of BCBSM's service area by Nonparticipating Providers, the amount an Enrollee pays for such services will generally be based on either the Host Blue's Nonparticipating Provider local payment or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state law. In these situations, the Enrollee may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the Nonparticipating Provider bills and the payment BCBSM will make for the covered services as set forth in this paragraph. Payments for out-of-network emergency services will be governed by applicable federal and state law.

b. Exceptions

In some exception cases, BCBSM may pay Claims from Nonparticipating Providers outside of BCBSM's service area based on the Provider's billed charge, such as in situations where an Enrollee did not have reasonable access to a Participating Provider, as determined by BCBSM in BCBSM's sole and absolute discretion or by applicable state law. In other exception cases, BCBSM may pay such Claims based on the payment BCBSM would make if BCBSM were paying a Nonparticipating Provider inside of its service area where the Host Blue's corresponding payment would be more than BCBSM's in-service area Nonparticipating Provider payment. BCBSM may choose to negotiate a payment with such a Provider on an exception basis.

Unless otherwise stated, in any of these exception situations, the Enrollee may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the Nonparticipating Provider bills and the payment BCBSM will make for the covered services as set forth in this paragraph.

2. Fees and Compensation

Group understands and agrees to reimburse BCBSM for certain fees and compensation which we are obligated under applicable Inter-Plan Arrangement requirements to pay to the Host Blue, to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, and/or to vendors of Inter-Plan Arrangement-related services. The specific fees and compensation that are charged to Group and that Group will be responsible for in connection with the foregoing are set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Schedule B. Fees and compensation under applicable Inter-Plan Arrangements may be revised from time to time as provided for in **section H** below.

G. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core (Formerly known as BlueCard Worldwide® Program)

1. General Information

If Enrollees are outside the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands (hereinafter: “BlueCard service area”), they may be able to take advantage of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Program when accessing covered healthcare services. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Program is unlike the BlueCard Program available in the BlueCard service area in certain ways. For instance, although the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Program assists Enrollees with accessing a network of inpatient, outpatient and professional providers, the network is not served by a Host Blue. As such, when Enrollees receive care from Providers outside the BlueCard service area, the Enrollees will typically have to pay the Providers and submit the Claims themselves to obtain reimbursement for these services.

- **Inpatient Services**

In most cases, if Enrollees contact the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center for assistance, hospitals will not require Enrollees to pay for covered inpatient services, except for their cost-share amounts/deductibles, coinsurance, etc. In such cases, the hospital will submit Enrollee Claims to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center to initiate Claims processing. However, if the Enrollee paid in full at the time of service, the Enrollee must submit a Claim to obtain reimbursement for covered healthcare services. Enrollees must contact BCBSM to obtain precertification for non-emergency inpatient services.

- **Outpatient Services**

Physicians, urgent care centers and other outpatient Providers located outside the BlueCard service area will typically require Enrollees to pay in full at the time of service. Enrollees must submit a Claim to obtain reimbursement for covered healthcare services.

- **Submitting a Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Claim**

When Enrollees pay for covered healthcare services outside the BlueCard service area, they must submit a Claim to obtain reimbursement. For institutional and professional claims, Enrollees should complete a Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core International claim form and send the claim form with the Provider’s itemized bill(s) to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center address on the form to initiate claims processing. The claim form is available from BCBSM, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center, or online at www.bcbsglobal.com. If Enrollees need assistance with their claim submissions, they should call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Service Center at 1.800.810.BLUE (2583) or call collect at 1.804.673.1177, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

2. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Program-Related Fees

Group understands and agrees to reimburse BCBSM for certain fees and compensation which we are obligated under applicable Inter-Plan Arrangement requirements to pay to the Host Blue, to the Association and/or to vendors of Inter-Plan Arrangement-related services. The specific fees and compensation that are charged to Group under the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core Program and that Group is responsible for relating to the foregoing are set forth in Exhibit 1 to this Schedule B. Fees and compensation under applicable Inter-Plan Arrangements may be revised from time to time as provided for in **section H** below.

H. Modifications or Changes to Inter-Plan Arrangement Fees or Compensation

Modifications or changes to Inter-Plan Arrangement fees are generally made effective Jan. 1 of the calendar year, but they may occur at any time during the year. In the case of any such modifications or changes, BCBSM shall provide Group with at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice of any modification or change to such Inter-Plan Arrangement fees or compensation describing the change and the effective date thereof and Group right to terminate the ASC without penalty by giving written notice of termination before the effective date of the change. If Group fails to respond to the notice and does not terminate the ASC during the notice period, Group will be deemed to have approved the proposed changes, and BCBSM will then allow such modifications to become part of the ASC.

Exhibit 1

BlueCard Program Access Fees may be charged separately each time a claim is processed through the BlueCard Program. All other BlueCard Program-related fees are included in BCBSM's administrative fee, unless otherwise agreed to by Group. The BlueCard Access Fee is charged by the Host Blue to BCBSM for making its applicable Provider network available to Group's Enrollees. The BlueCard Access Fee will not apply to Nonparticipating Provider Claims. The BlueCard Access Fee is charged on a per-Claim basis and is charged as a percentage of the discount / differential BCBSM receives from the applicable Host Blue and is capped at \$2,000.00 per Claim. The percentages for 2024 are up to:

1. **3.46%** for fewer than 1,000 PPO or traditional enrolled Blue contracts;
2. **1.93%** for 1,000–9,999 Blue PPO or traditional enrolled Blue contracts;
3. **1.79%** for 10,000–49,999 Blue PPO or traditional enrolled Blue contracts;

For Groups with 50,000 or more Blue PPO or Traditional enrolled contracts, Blue Card Access Fees are waived and not charged to the Group. If Group's enrollment falls below 50,000 PPO enrolled contracts, BCBSM passes the BlueCard Access Fee, when charged, directly on to the Group.

Instances may occur in which the Claim payment is zero or BCBSM pays only a small amount because the amounts eligible for payment were applied to patient cost sharing (such as a deductible or coinsurance). In these instances, BCBSM will pay the Host Blue's Access Fee and passes it directly on to the Group as stated above even though the Group paid little or had no Claim liability.



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**Between Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF MI
ON BEHALF OF LIVINGSTON COUN (CID - 287179)**

Group customer agrees to sign the specified documents listed below ("Documents"). BCBSM countersignatures will be captured via a separate Signature Page and appended to these Documents. Copies of these fully-executed Documents will be shared with all parties upon completion. By providing their signatures, all parties are legally bound by the terms and conditions in the Documents referenced. Group agrees that no certification authority or other third-party verification is necessary to validate Group's Signature, and that the lack of such certification or third-party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of Group's Signature or the Documents.

Documents Included:

- **ASC Schedules and Exhibits**
 - Schedule A
 - Exhibit 1 to Schedule A
 - Schedule B
 - Exhibit 1 to Schedule B

AGREED AND ACCEPTED.

GROUP CUSTOMER:

By:

(Signature)

Name:

(Print)

Title:

Date: