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# **Understanding Aggregation**

## Let's get to know our aggregation options.

Aggregation is how payments add up and are counted against a member's deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums (OOPM). Depending on the plan, aggregation may be determined on an individual or family basis, and these can be different for a plan's deductible or OOPM. Our plans have individual or blended aggregation. It's important to understand how these work and how they differ, as it determines who is responsible for paying medical expenses throughout the year. Let's take a closer look.

### Individual Aggregation

Individual aggregation options are often more attractive to families because claims for individuals will be covered when that individual meets their single deductible, regardless of whether or not other family members have met theirs. Each covered family member only needs to satisfy their own individual deductible, not the entire family

deductible, before plan benefits kick in.

For plans with individual aggregation, the same rules will apply to OOPM. With individual aggregation, each family member only needs to meet their own individual OOPM before services are covered in full.

#### Blended Aggregation

Blended aggregation options typically help keep monthly premiums lower and apply to some of our Deductible HSA plans. Plans with a blended aggregation design apply family aggregation to the deductible and individual aggregation to the OOPM. This means the entire family's annual deductible must be met by one or any combination of covered members before a copay or coinsurance is applied for any family member.

For plans with blended aggregation, individual aggregation applies to OOPM. This means that each

aggregation applies to OOPM. This means that each family member only needs to meet their own individual OOPM (often referred to as the single deductible) before services are covered in full.

### Let's take a look at an example on the next page

Consider this, Emilie and Stefan are on a family plan that includes the following cost shares:

Individual Deductible: \$3,200 Family Deductible: \$6,400

Coinsurance: 20% (Once deductible is met)

Individual OOPM: \$6,550











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