

USING UI BENEFITS IN THE REAL WORLD

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MEET ROBERT

Robert and his wife Erin live in Iowa City with their two children. While the family is generally in good health, it is important to Robert to have good coverage.

As a UI employee, he has the choice of two health plans: **UISelect** or **UIChoice**. Before electing coverage for 2022, Robert compares his options to make sure he knows which plan is right for him and his family. Follow his journey to learn how the costs add up in real-world scenarios.



PREVENTIVE VISIT

Early in the year, Robert, Erin and their children have their annual preventive visits with their family doctor, a Level 1 UIHC provider. The kids receive immunizations.



UI QUICK CARE VISIT

Robert's daughter had a sore throat, so Robert takes her to UI Quick Care. She tests positive for strep and is prescribed a generic antibiotic.



MRI AT LEVEL 2 PROVIDER

Robert's wife Erin is a recreational runner. After completing a marathon, Erin experiences acute leg pain. Her doctor requests an MRI, which she schedules at a Level 2 provider in Iowa City. Following the MRI, Erin completes five office-based physical therapy sessions at a Level 2 provider. The total cost of the MRI is \$1,600, and the total cost for outpatient physical therapy is \$600.



MAINTENANCE MEDICATION

Robert has high blood pressure and fills his prescription once a month at a nearby pharmacy. The drug is a Tier 2 name-brand drug. The total annual cost of Robert's prescription is \$1,800.



ROBERT'S TOTAL COST

Out-of-pocket costs:

Employee + family premium:

TOTAL OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS, PLUS PREMIUM:

UISELECT

Annual deductible

- Level 1: \$400 individual / \$800 family
- Level 2: \$800 individual / \$1,600 family

Annual out-of-pocket maximum (OPM)

Levels 1 & 2 participating providers combined:

- Level 1: \$2,000 individual / \$3,400 family
- Level 2: \$3,000 individual / \$6,000 family

Annual prescription drug OPM

\$1,100 individual / \$2,200 family

With UISelect, preventive care like annual physicals, well-child exams and immunizations is 100% covered at Level 1 and Level 2 providers, so Robert owes nothing.

Robert pays: \$0

With UISelect, Robert pays a \$5 copay for the UI Quick Care visit. There's no coinsurance for the lab work, and there's no cost share for the prescription because it's a generic Tier 1 drug.

Robert pays: \$5

For the MRI, Erin and Robert haven't met their deductible, so they are responsible for the \$800 deductible plus 25% coinsurance, or \$200. They pay \$1,000.

They could have saved \$420 by choosing a Level 1 provider. Level 1 providers are only subject to a \$400 deductible plus 15% coinsurance.

The outpatient physical therapy is a \$35 copay per visit, or \$175.

Robert pays: \$1,175

This plan is on the BlueRx Value PlusSM formulary, which has three tiers of drugs.

Tier 2 name-brand drugs are subject to 30% coinsurance, so Robert is responsible for \$540 each year. Like with UIChoice, he would save money if he switched to a \$0 generic alternative.

Robert pays: \$540

\$1,180 medical services
+ \$540 prescription drug costs
= \$1,720

\$314 per month × 12 months = **\$3,768**

\$5,488

UICHOICE

Annual deductible

Deductible only applies for inpatient hospital care:

- Level 1 inpatient care: \$400
- Level 2 inpatient care: \$600
- Level 3 inpatient care: \$800

Annual out-of-pocket maximum (OPM)

Levels 1, 2 & Level 3 BlueCard[®]-participating providers combined:

\$1,700 individual / \$3,400 family

Level 3 non-participating providers:
\$2,000 individual / \$4,000 family

Annual prescription drug OPM

\$1,100 individual / \$2,200 family

With UIChoice, preventive care like annual physicals, well-child exams and immunizations is 100% covered at Level 1, Level 2 and participating Level 3 providers, so Robert owes nothing.

Robert pays: \$0

With UIChoice, Robert pays a \$5 copay for the UI Quick Care visit plus 10% coinsurance for the lab work. The strep test is \$17, so Robert's cost is \$1.70. There's no cost share for the prescription because it's a generic Tier 1 drug.

Robert pays: \$6.70

For the MRI, no deductible applies, but the care is subject to 20% coinsurance. They pay \$320.

Erin and Robert could have saved half of their money by choosing a Level 1 provider. Level 1 providers are subject to only 10% coinsurance, or \$160.

The outpatient physical therapy is a \$25 copay per visit, or \$125.

Robert pays: \$445

This plan is on the BlueRx CompleteSM formulary, which has four tiers of drugs.

Tier 2 name-brand drugs are subject to 30% coinsurance, so Robert is responsible for \$540 each year. Like with UISelect, he would save money if he switched to a \$0 generic alternative.

Robert pays: \$540

\$451.70 medical services
+ \$540 prescription drug costs
= \$991.70

\$393 per month × 12 months = **\$4,716**

\$5,707.70

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