Christian Brothers Health Benefit Services

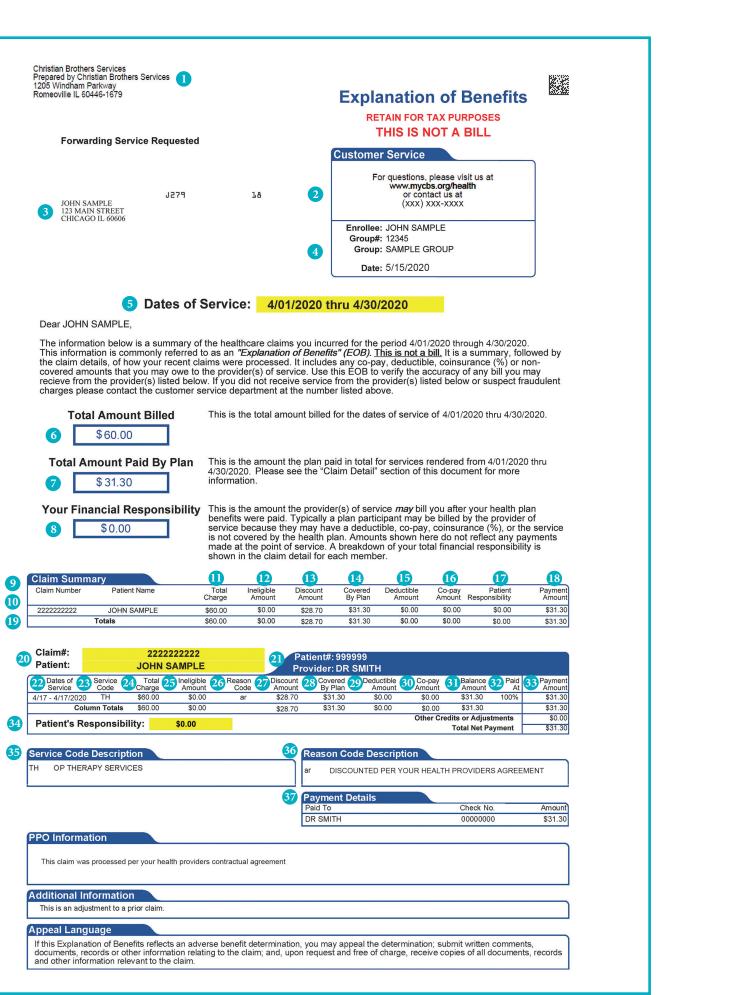




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Understanding Your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)



How to Read your Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)

Every time you or your health care provider files a claim, an Explanation of Benefits, or EOB, is created explaining how we've calculated payment. You will be receiving a monthly consolidated EOB showing a summary of all services from which you incurred an out-of-pocket expense.

- 1 Christian Brothers Services Address: The company that administers the health benefits for members of the Christian Brothers Employee Benefit Trust (CBEBT).
- 2 Contact Information: If you have questions about your claim, you can visit us on the web, or at the number listed in this area. This number can also be found on your ID card.
- 3 Mail To: Your address is printed here. If this address is incorrect, contact your employer to request a change
- 4 Claim Information: The enrollee name, group number, group name, and the date of this EOB summary are found in this area.
- 5 Dates of Service: The date range reported on the statement.

There are three large numbers listed on the left side. These numbers are the total of all claims included on the statement.

- 6 Total Amount Billed: Total amount of services billed for the dates of service for the time period.
- 7 Total Amount Paid By Plan: The combined dollar amount the plan has paid for services rendered for the dates of service. The Claim Detail sections contain the specific breakdown of this number.
- 8 Your Financial Responsibility: The total amount that the providers may bill you after your health care benefits were paid. These bills may result from a copay, deductible, coinsurance or services not covered by the plan. The details for each claim can be found in the Claim Detail section.
- 9 Claim Summary: A summary of all claims through the dates of service along with total charges, payments and more.
- 10 Claim Number/Patient Name: You will need your claim number if you call our customer service department with questions about your claim. The patient name for each claim is listed next to the claim number.
- 11 & 24 Total Charge: The dollar amount your health care provider has billed you for services you received.
- 12 & 25 Ineligible Amount: The amount of the Total Charge that will not be covered by your Trust Benefits.
- 13 & 27 Discount Amount: The amount that was discounted from the Total Charge (#11).

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at the toll-free number listed on your EOB and ID card.

For your convenience, we've created an EOB summary to help you read and understand your own EOB summary when you receive it monthly. Choose the blue number on the sample EOB that you would like to learn more about, and match it to the same blue number in the definition column. These numbers do not appear on your actual EOB. If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at the toll-free number listed on your EOB and ID card.

- 14 & 28 Covered By Plan: The amount of the Total Charge that is allowed by the Plan. This charge may be limited to usual and customary or Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) allowable.
- 15 & 29 Deductible Amount: This shows how much of this claim will count toward meeting your deductible. Your deductible is the amount you are responsible for paying before the Employee Benefit Trust begins paying benefits for certain services.
- 16 & 30 Co-Pay Amount: The copayment amount you were required to pay for each visit, treatment, or hospital stay.
- 17 & 34 Patient Responsibility: This is the amount you, as the patient, are responsible to pay the provider.
- 18 & 33 Payment Amount: The amount the Christian Brothers Employee Benefit Trust has determined is payable on your claim.
- 19 Totals: The totals for each category. Note that the totals for the Total Charge, Payment Amount and Patient Responsibility are the same numbers that appear in the larger type in the middle of the statement (#'s 6, 7&8).
- 20 Claim #/Patient Name
- 21 Patient #/Provider: The patient's plan number, as well as the name of the provider visited is located here.
- 22 Dates of Service: The date(s) when you saw your provider.
- 23 & 35 Service Code: Where the service was rendered is listed in a code. For descriptors of these codes, please refer to the bottom portion of your EOB under the header Service Code Description (#35).
- 26 & 36 Reason Code: This column contains a code for the reason why a payment was ineligible or discounted. For descriptors of these codes, please refer to the bottom portion of your EOB under the header Reason Code Description (#36).
- 31 Balance Amount: Total cost of services received after the discount and co-pay amounts are applied.
- 32 Paid At: Percentage level of benefits for covered services.
- 37 Payment Details: Benefit details including provider name, check # and amount.