How You and Your Insurer Share Costs - Example

Jane’s Plan Deductible: $1,500  
Co-insurance: 20%  
Out-of-Pocket Limit: $5,000

January 1
Beginning of Coverage Period

Jane pays 100%  
Her plan pays 0%

Jane hasn’t reached her $1,500 deductible yet
Her plan doesn’t pay any of the costs.
Office visit costs: $125
Jane pays: $125  
Her plan pays: $0

Jane pays $1,500 in total. Her plan pays some of the costs for her next visit.
Office visit costs: $75
Jane pays: 20% of $75 = $15  
Her plan pays: 80% of $75 = $60

Jane reaches her $1,500 deductible, co-insurance begins

December 31
End of Coverage Period

Jane pays 0%  
Her plan pays 100%

Jane has seen the doctor often and paid $5,000 in total. Her plan pays the full cost of her covered health care services for the rest of the year.
Office visit costs: $200
Jane pays: $0  
Her plan pays: $200

Jane reaches her $5,000 out-of-pocket limit