## Embedded vs True Family Deductibles



## True Family Deductible

For a family medical plan (two or more members), the family can meet deductible by pooling deductible expenses. There is no limit to the amount one member can pay towards the family deductible.

Family plan with a \$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family) true family deductible example:

Subscriber \$4,000 in services

Spouse

\$0 in services

Child 1 SO in services

Child 2 SO in services Family deductible is met.

Family pays copays/coinsurance towards the out-ofpocket maximum.

Once the out-of-pocket is met then the health plans pays 100% of all medical expenses.

The subscriber has met the family deductible on hisown, and so, the entire family moves to the next phase.



## Embedded vs True Family Deductibles



## **Embedded Deductible**

For a family medical plan (two or more members), the single deductible is embedded in the family deductible, so no one family member can "contribute" more than the single amount towards the family deductible.

Family plan with a \$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family) embedded deductible example:

Subscriber \$2.000 in services

Spouse \$1,000 in services

Child 1 \$500 in services

Child 2 \$500 in services Subscriber meets single deductible of \$2,000, so the individual deductible is met

Now, the subscriber will pay the copays/coinsurance towards the out-of-pocket maximum.

However, the remaining family members will continue to pay for the full cost of services until their remaining \$2,000 of the \$4,000 family deductible is met.

