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Alabama Has the Lowest Average Total Single Premium and Second Lowest Family Premium in the Nation

BIRMINGHAM, AL — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama is proud latest reports show Alabama has the lowest average annual single premium and the second lowest family premium among employers nationwide. This is according to the federal government's 2020 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Controlling healthcare costs and providing our customers access to the quality healthcare they need remains at the forefront," said Tim Vines, President and CEO, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. "We are consistently focused on putting our customers first. Part of this ongoing effort is offering them healthcare coverage at the most affordable price possible."

The 2020 MEPS report below shows how Alabama compares to other states for average annual family premiums among employers:

	Single			Family				
	State	Premium		State	Premium			
1	Alabama	\$6,393	1	Arkansas	\$17,093			
2	Arkansas	\$6,414	2	Alabama	\$17,324			
3	Tennessee	\$6,485	3	Tennessee	\$18,424			
4	Nevada	\$6,493	4	Louisiana	\$18,930			
5	Mississippi	\$6,561	5	Iowa	\$18,934			
6	Utah	\$6,593	6	New Mexico	\$18,949			
7	Arizona	\$6,612	7	Mississippi	\$19,058			
8	Kansas	\$6,675	8	Montana	\$19,401			
9	Michigan	\$6,683	9	Nevada	\$19,524			
10	Louisiana	\$6,713	10	Utah	\$19,530			

The 2010-2020 MEPS reports show Alabama's ranking compared to the national average:

MEPS DATA Average Total **Single** Premium

State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
United States	\$4,940	\$5,222	\$5,384	\$5,571	\$5,832	\$5,963	\$6,101	\$6,368	\$6,715	\$6,972	\$7,149
Alabama	\$4,571	\$4,828	\$4,961	\$5,204	\$5,526	\$5,733	\$5,536	\$6,075	\$6,089	\$6,519	6,393
Ranking	6	9	6	8	11	11	3	11	5	7	1

Source - MEPS Table II.C.1 (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Average Total Family Premium

State	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
United States	\$13,871	\$15,022	\$15,473	\$16,029	\$16,655	\$17,322	\$17,710	\$18,687	\$19,565	\$20,486	\$20,758
Alabama	\$12,409	\$12,940	\$12,764	\$13,477	\$14,352	\$15,953	\$16,098	\$16,902	\$18,001	17,734	\$17,324
Ranking	5	2	1	1	2	4	3	3	8	1	2

Source - MEPS Table II.D.1 (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

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