



ONLY 29%
of parents are
on track to reach
their college
savings goals.¹

College Assistance Plan

As part of your employee benefits package, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois provides you and your family with access to the College Assistance Plan, an online resource dedicated to helping people plan for, pay for and reduce the cost of college.

Figuring out how to pay for college can be overwhelming, especially with the rising cost of tuition and other expenses.

The College Assistance Plan helps alleviate these concerns by providing comprehensive information on how to lower the cost of college and navigate the entire college experience—all in one place!

This secure online portal includes:

- **College planning roadmaps** – Access roadmaps and checklists that outline what high school students should be doing and when in order to prepare for college.
- **Pricing calculators** – Calculate the average cost a student pays to attend an institution for a single academic year after factoring in scholarships and grants.
- **Financial tips & info** – Develop a financial plan and avoid costly mistakes by learning about financial aid, scholarships and grants.
- **Negotiation toolkit** – Learn about how private colleges can give additional grants and scholarships, what to ask for, and how to ask.
- **College search function** – Find the right colleges to apply to by planning, researching and putting together a strategy.
- **College selectivity info** – Learn about how selective colleges can be and how it can help you save money.

Whether you've already started planning for college or you're just starting out, the College Assistance Plan (CAP) provides easy access to virtually everything you need to be financially prepared.

To access the CAP website:

1. Go to
dearborn.collegeassistanceplan.com.
2. Select the "CAP Login" button.
3. Use the following password:
CAPresearch01

¹10th Annual College Savings Indicator Study. Fidelity Investments. www.fidelity.com/bin-public/060_www_fidelity_com/documents/press-release/csi-exec-natl.pdf. Published August 25, 2016. Accessed October 24, 2017.

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