
Section 2 How we change for 2006

Do not rely on these change descriptions; this Section is not an official statement of benefits. For that, go to Section 5 Benefits. Also, we edited and clarified language throughout the brochure; any language change not shown here is a clarification that does not change benefits.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 21% for Self Only or 14.8% for Self and Family
- The Hospice care benefit now includes services in a hospice facility with no copayment. Previously, there was no coverage for services in a hospice facility. (page 32)

Clarifications to this Plan

- We updated *Covered medications and supplies* to include the coverage of Off-label use of covered medications when prescribed for such use by a Plan physician. (page 39)
- We updated the description of Routine Osteoporosis screenings to include; for women 65 and older and routine screening beginning at age 60 for women with increased risk. (page 19)
- We updated *Preventive care, adult* to include Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening – ultrasonography, one between the age of 65 and 75, for men with smoking history. (page 19)
- We updated the description of Influenza vaccines to include; for pregnant women, and annually for men and women, age 50 and older. (page 19)
- We clarified the sections for infertility, hearing and vision services. (pages 21 & 23)
- We included manual breast pumps under the covered list of durable medical equipment. (page 25)
- We added information concerning the change in your identification number. Beginning January 1, 2006, we will no longer use your Social Security Number as your identification number. In order to help protect your identity we will begin using randomly generated alpha/numeric characters (unique IDs). (page 10)
- We updated *Mental health and substance abuse benefits* to include Residential Treatment centers. (page 36)
- We updated the precertification list to include (page 12):
 - Newborn stays beyond the discharge of the mother
 - Transplants (Human Organ Tissue Transplants only)
 - Inpatient hospice
 - Certain diagnostic imaging services