
Section 2 How we change for 2007

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.

Program-wide changes

- Texas was added to the list for medically underserved areas and Alaska was deleted.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 3% for Self only and for Self and Family.
- We eliminated the \$200 per person per calendar year prescription drug deductible.
- We now allow enrollees and family members to submit their claim by December 31st of the year following the year in which the service was rendered.
- We expanded open enrollment to annuitants who are eligible for coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and who reside in Panama regardless of whether they have previously been enrolled in the Panama Canal Area Benefit Plan. The annuitant must become a member of the Association (Panama Canal Area).
- We added coverage of the following Allogenic bone marrow transplants: Chronic myelogenous leukemia, Severe combined immunodeficiency, Severe or very severe aplastic anemia, and Phagocytic deficiency diseases (e.g., Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).
- We added coverage of the following preventive care benefits: Adult: Tdap booster once every 10 years for ages 19 to 64, Adult: Varicella immunization between the ages of 19 and 49, Child: Hepatitis A immunizations for infants 12 to 23 months, Child: Meningococcal 11 – 12 years, entry to High school or 15 years, College freshman age who live in a dorm, and Child: Retinal screening based upon gestational age at birth and birthweight.

Clarifications

- We added language to the Special Feature section that describes the services provided by the social workers under the Health Support programs.
- We added language to define that if an enrollee or family member is in the Point of Service option their PCP must refer them to a specialist or the Fee for Service benefits will be applicable.