
Section 2. How we change for 2005

Do not rely on these change descriptions; this page 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

- In Section 9, we revised the **Medicare Primary Payer Chart** and updated the language regarding Medicare Advantage plans (formerly called Medicare + Choice plans).
- In Section 12, we revised the language regarding the Flexible Spending Account Program - *FSAFEDS* and the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

Changes to this Plan

- **For High Option Enrollees, codes VT1 and VT2**, your share of the non-Postal premium will **decrease** by 1.1% for Self Only or by 1.2% for Self and Family.
- **For Standard Option enrollees, codes L11 and L12**, your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 6.9% for Self Only or by 5.6% for Self and Family.
- We have added the following counties to our service area to include all of Washington State:
 - Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman and Yakima
- We have increased the High Option office visit copayment from \$15 for primary care to \$20. See Section 5(a).
- We have decreased the High Option office visit copayment from \$25 for specialty care to \$20. See Section 5(a).
- We have removed the \$15 copayment for screening examinations through age 21 under High Option to allow 100% coverage. See Section 5(a) – Preventive care, children.
- We have increased our cardiac rehabilitation benefit from \$500 to \$1,000. See Section 5(a)–Physical and occupational therapies.
- We have eliminated the benefits paid for surgical bras and external breast prostheses from accumulating toward the Durable Medical Equipment per calendar year maximum of \$2,500 and per lifetime maximum of \$10,000. See Section 5(a).
- We have updated the BioScripts medications list to include Xolair for Asthma and Enbrel and Raptiva for Psoriasis. See Section 5(f).
- We have removed implanted time-release medications from our list of medications that are not covered. See Section 5(f).
- We have updated our dental benefit codes and fees. See Section 5(h) – Dental benefits.
- We have added or changed language to clarify the following:
 - Pre-Admission Certification is valid for 30 days not six (6) months – See Section 3
 - Naturopathic services are covered under the Alternative treatments benefit – See Section 5(a)
 - The definition of a sound natural tooth has been added – See Section 10