
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.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 9.5% for Self-Only and 27.7% for Self and Family.
- We have expanded and clarified Blue Shield's coverage for surgical treatment of morbid obesity. See Section 5(b).
- We have changed our website address to www.blueshieldca.com.
- We have clarified how to receive covered Urgent Care services when you are not in your primary care physician's service area. See Section 3.
- We have clarified that some prescriptions have specific limits on how much of the medication you can get with each prescription or refill. See Section 5(f).
- We have clarified that drugs for weight loss are not covered except when medically necessary for the treatment of morbid obesity, subject to prior authorization by us. See Section 5(f).
- We have clarified that testing for genetic disorders is covered for certain conditions. See Section 5(a).
- We have clarified that cochlear implants are covered as a prosthetic device. See Section 5(a).
- We have clarified that our vision service vendor, Medical Eye Services (MES), is now known as MESVision. See Section 5(a) and Section 5(i).
- We have clarified that replacement of Durable Medical Equipment is covered only when it no longer meets the clinical needs of the patient or has exceeded the expected lifetime of the item. See Section 5(a).