
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.

Program-wide changes

- In Section 3, under Covered providers, Arizona and West Virginia are designated as medically underserved areas in 2006. Texas is no longer designated as a medically underserved area in 2006.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will decrease by 0.7% for Self Only and 0.1% for Self and Family. See back cover.
- Laboratory charges will be paid at 100% when providers use Lab One for their laboratory services. See page 21.
- The Plan will now require pre-certification for physical, occupational and speech therapy visits which exceed 15 visits in a calendar year. If Medicare B is primary this pre-certification is not required. See page 26.
- Hearing exams when medically necessary will now be covered under Medical Services and Supplies, Section 5a. See page 27.
- Ambulance services will now be paid at 90% of the Plan allowance subject to the calendar year deductible, for PPO, Non-PPO and out of network providers. See pages 40 & 42.
- The Non Medicare co-payment for formulary brand name prescriptions purchased via the mail order will change from \$45 to \$50. See page 48.
- The Non Medicare co-payment for non-formulary brand name prescriptions purchased via the mail order will change from 30% or \$55, whichever is greater to 30% or \$65, whichever is greater. See page 48.
- The Medicare co-payment for formulary brand name prescriptions purchased via the mail order will change from \$27 to \$30. See page 48.
- The Medicare co-payment for non-formulary brand name prescriptions purchased via the mail order will change from 30% or \$38, whichever is greater to 30% or \$45, whichever is greater. See page 48.
- The Plan has added a specialty pharmacy benefit. See page 48.
- Best Doctors has been added as a non-FEHB benefit. See page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**