
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 3 under **Covered providers**, Alaska is designated as a medically underserved area in 2005. Maine, Utah and West Virginia are no longer designated as medically underserved areas in 2005.
- 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 Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will decrease by 1.3% for Self Only or 2.8% for Self and Family.
- We now provide benefits for an annual osteoporosis screening for members age 60 and older.
- We now provide benefits for one non-fasting blood cholesterol test each calendar year.
- We now provide benefits for a routine pneumonia vaccine-each calendar year.
- We now provide benefits for hepatitis immunizations (Types A and B) for members with increased risk or family history.
- We now provide benefits for a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster shot every ten years.
- We now provide coverage for acupuncture under the Alternative Treatment Benefit of the Plan. After the calendar year deductible, the Plan will pay up to \$20 per visit for 30 visits per person in a calendar year when acupuncture is performed by a medical doctor (M.D.), a doctor of osteopathy (D.O.), an oriental medical doctor (O.M.D.) or a licensed acupuncturist (L.Ac.).
- We now provide benefits for physical therapy done in the home by a qualified physical therapist under the Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapies Benefit of the Plan.