
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.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 20.9 % for Self Only or by 22.6 % for Self and Family for the (7M) Missouri Regions.
- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 34.4% for Self Only or 30.0 % for Self and Family for the (HM) Texas Regions.
- We have clarified that newborn hearing screening, necessary rescreening, audiological assessment and follow-up and initial amplification including hearing aids are covered under Preventative care services for children in Section 5(a).
- The following service will require prior authorization: hearing aids (initial amplification) required as a result of a hearing screening or audiologic assessment for newborns. See Section 3.
- We have clarified that routine hearing exams are covered in Section 5(a), Hearing services.
- We have changed our Premier Health Plans name to Mercy Health Plans.
- We have clarified our coverage of the surgical treatment of morbid obesity. Also, we have clarified that the surgical treatment of morbid obesity is not covered out of network. Please see sections 5(b) and 5(i).