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# *Traditional HMO - Standard PPP Addendum*

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**Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Ins.**  
(Participating Local Government Employees & Annuitants)  
**2010**



**2010 MONTHLY LOCAL EMPLOYEE RATES: TRADITIONAL HMO OPTION--STANDARD PPP**

| MONTHLY LOCAL EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR 2010 | NON-MEDICARE RATES<br><i>RATES APPLY ONLY IF NO FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE</i> |                     | MEDICARE RATES<br><i>RATES APPLY IF AT LEAST ONE INSURED FAMILY MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE</i> |                      |                       |
|--|--|---------------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | SINGLE/NON-MEDICARE  | FAMILY/NON-MEDICARE | SINGLE MEDICARE   | FAMILY MEDICARE - 1* | FAMILY MEDICARE - 2** |
| ANTHEM BLUE NORTHEAST  | 1524.10  | 3806.60             | 992.60  | 2514.20              | 1982.70               |
| ANTHEM BLUE NORTHWEST  | 1106.70  | 2763.10             | 784.00  | 1888.20              | 1565.50               |
| ANTHEM BLUE SOUTHEAST  | 1524.10  | 3806.60             | 992.60  | 2514.20              | 1982.70               |
| ARISE HEALTH PLAN  | 664.30   | 1657.10             | 562.70  | 1224.50              | 1122.90               |
| DEAN HEALTH PLAN   | 508.10   | 1266.60             | 479.70  | 985.30               | 956.90                |
| GHC OF EAU CLAIRE  | 840.90   | 2098.60             | 634.30  | 1472.70              | 1266.10               |
| GHC OF SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN                               | 510.60   | 1272.80             | 485.90  | 994.00               | 969.30                |
| GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN HEALTH PLAN                               | 709.70   | 1770.60             | 585.50  | 1292.70              | 1168.50               |
| HEALTHPARTNERS   | 820.50   | 2047.60             | 621.30  | 1439.30              | 1240.10               |
| HEALTH TRADITION HEALTH PLAN                                 | 737.90   | 1841.10             | 599.50  | 1334.90              | 1196.50               |
| HUMANA EASTERN   | 1370.10  | 3421.60             | 543.80  | 1911.40              | 1085.10               |
| HUMANA WESTERN   | 1370.10  | 3421.60             | 543.80  | 1911.40              | 1085.10               |
| MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HEALTH PLAN                               | 556.40   | 1387.30             | 441.70  | 995.60               | 880.90                |
| MERCYCARE HEALTH PLAN  | 506.40   | 1262.30             | 483.80  | 987.70               | 965.10                |
| NETWORK HEALTH PLAN  | 601.90   | 1501.10             | 531.50  | 1130.90              | 1060.50               |
| PHYSICIANS PLUS  | 506.70   | 1263.10             | 456.40  | 960.60               | 910.30                |
| SECURITY HEALTH PLAN   | 978.00   | 2441.30             | 598.00  | 1573.50              | 1193.50               |
| STANDARD PLAN: BALANCE OF STATE-PPP                          | 897.60   | 2240.20             | 415.30  | 1312.90              | 828.00                |
| STANDARD PLAN: DANE-PPP                                      | 833.70   | 2080.40             | 415.30  | 1248.90              | 828.00                |
| STANDARD PLAN: MILWAUKEE-PPP                                 | 970.10   | 2421.60             | 415.30  | 1385.40              | 828.00                |
| STANDARD PLAN: WAUKESHA-PPP                                  | 897.60   | 2240.20             | 415.30  | 1312.90              | 828.00                |
| STATE MAINTENANCE PLAN (SMP)                                 | 666.90   | 1663.70             | NA  | NA                   | NA                    |
| UNITEDHEALTHCARE NE  | 691.40   | 1724.80             | 576.30  | 1265.20              | 1150.10               |
| UNITEDHEALTHCARE SE  | 699.80   | 1745.80             | 580.50  | 1277.80              | 1158.50               |
| UNITY COMMUNITY  | 487.50   | 1215.10             | 474.40  | 959.40               | 946.30                |
| UNITY UW HEALTH  | 488.00   | 1216.30             | 474.60  | 960.10               | 946.70                |
| WPS METRO CHOICE   | 957.10   | 2389.10             | 709.20  | 1663.80              | 1415.90               |

**STANDARD PLAN AREA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:**

- <sup>1</sup>DANE: Dane, Grant, Jefferson, LaCrosse, Polk, St. Croix
- <sup>2</sup>MILWAUKEE: Milwaukee county & retirees and continuants living out of state
- <sup>3</sup>WAUKESHA: Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, Waukesha
- <sup>4</sup>BALANCE OF STATE: All other Wisconsin counties

N/A = "not applicable". Medicare eligible participants automatically receive Standard Plan benefits.

\*Medicare Family 2=Two or more family members enrolled in Medicare Parts A, B, & D.

\*\*Medicare Family 1=One family member enrolled in Medicare Parts A, B, & D.

Medicare premium rates apply only to subscribers who have terminated employment.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS

## Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP)

### ***What is this change to a PPP all about?***

The redesign of the Wisconsin Public Employer's Classic Standard Plan into a preferred provider plan (PPP) with a network will be effective on the date selected by your employer. This PPP network offers participants the choice to see any provider, but there are differences in reimbursements depending on whether you go to an in-network or an out-of-network provider. If you receive services from an in-network provider you will have lower out-of-pocket costs. If you choose an out-of-network provider, you contribute more toward your health care costs by incurring additional deductible and coinsurance costs.

This arrangement can be attractive to members who for the most part are comfortable with the plan's providers, but occasionally feel the need to utilize a particular specialist or desire coverage for routine care while traveling. In addition, members who have students away at college may choose the plan to offer comprehensive coverage to all family members, regardless of where they live. The provider network is nationwide, so covered members who receive care out-of-state will have improved access to providers.

Note that the Standard PPP uses elements of the Classic Standard Plan, and is separate from Uniform Benefits offered by the alternate plans (HMOs and WPS Metro Choice's PPP). All eligible employees and annuitants have the option to enroll in this plan.

### ***How do I know which providers are in-network providers?***

You can get this information from WPS Health Insurance (WPS) over the Internet at [www.wpsic.com/state](http://www.wpsic.com/state). See the plan description page for more information. Or you can call WPS at (800) 634-6448 for information or to request a printed provider directory.

### ***How is the Standard PPP with a preferred provider network different from the Classic Standard Plan?***

Under the Standard PPP, when you receive services from providers, you will need to meet up-front deductible and coinsurance amounts. You will not have to pay the old major medical deductible and coinsurance. If you use in-network providers, you will have lower deductible and coinsurance costs.

Please note that in- and out-of-network deductibles and coinsurance out-of-pocket *amounts accumulate separately*. Your in-network costs do not apply to the out-of-network deductible and coinsurance, and vice versa. Therefore, if you use both in- and out-of-network providers, you will pay more for your care.

A few other benefits have been adjusted to keep the overall benefit level comparable. The lifetime maximum benefit will increase to an overall \$2,000,000 from \$250,000 major medical only, to more closely match Uniform Benefits.

**A hospital pre-certification program is included. This program requires at least 48 hours prior notice of non-emergency hospital admissions, or notice within 48 hours after an emergency admission. If you do not notify WPS, their payment for your claim will be reduced by \$100. You will be responsible to pay that**

**amount in addition to your deductible.** This program does not apply if Medicare pays for your claims first, for example, if you are an annuitant over 65 years old.

Refer to the plan description page for more details. After the effective date your employer has chosen, the Classic Standard Plan will no longer be available to you.

***How does the application of the preferred provider network into the Standard Plan save money and improve services?***

When using a preferred provider network, claim charges are discounted by in-network providers to a greater extent than those of out-of-network providers. As members utilize in-network services, the plan saves money and future increases would reflect the savings.

The Classic Standard Plan was implemented in the 1970s. Health insurance has changed dramatically since that time, and the Classic Standard Plan had become one of the few of its type remaining in the marketplace. With this change in applying a preferred provider network, we hope our plan will become easier to understand and use, for members and providers, as it becomes more similar to other plans in the marketplace. Also, this change helps to keep the cost of administration down.

***Why is the Standard Plan with the Preferred Provider Network being implemented now?***

Over the past few years the Group Insurance Board has been studying alternatives for our plans. One of the goals was to make the plan more cost-effective and affordable. Your employer is also concerned about this, and has selected this option to meet these goals.

***Can my employer pay for my out-of-pocket costs for medical services and prescription drug copays, deductibles and/or coinsurance?***

No, however, if your employer offers you a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan, you may be able to lower the amount you pay for certain medical out-of-pocket costs by having dollars deducted on a pre-tax basis from your payroll, for reimbursement through a medical reimbursement Employee Reimbursement Account (ERA).

If your employer offers you a medical reimbursement ERA program you should know that ERA's allow you to reduce your taxable income by an agreed-upon amount each pay period and to have these amounts set aside to pay certain medical expenses. Contributions are made on a pre-tax basis to your account as established by you annually. These contributions are returned to you by submitting receipts and other required documentation to your employer's ERA vendor.

A medical reimbursement account is used to pay medical expenses for you, your spouse and dependents that are not paid by insurance. This would include deductibles and co-insurance amounts; drugs; dental, vision and hearing care; orthodontia; and other uncovered medical procedures or supplies. Certain over-the-counter drugs such as antacids, allergy, pain and cold remedies, may also be paid.

# **Standard PPP Plan**

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- **What's New for 2010**

Visit the Health Center at [www.wpsic.com/healthcenter](http://www.wpsic.com/healthcenter), an online resource designed to help you make good health decisions, whether you're looking for advice on treating a chronic condition, or for tips on leading a healthy lifestyle.

- **General Information**

The Standard Plan is a Preferred Provider Plan (PPP). It provides you with freedom of choice among hospitals and physicians in Wisconsin and nationwide. A higher level of benefits is available by using a preferred or in-network provider which are available nationwide. For more information, see the booklet at <http://etf.wi.gov/publications/et2160.pdf>.

- **Provider Directory**

Go to [www.wpsic.com/state/pdf/dir2010\\_statewide\\_eastern.pdf](http://www.wpsic.com/state/pdf/dir2010_statewide_eastern.pdf) or [www.wpsic.com/state/pdf/dir2010\\_statewide\\_western.pdf](http://www.wpsic.com/state/pdf/dir2010_statewide_western.pdf) to search for a provider within Wisconsin and bordering areas. You can also visit [www.wpsic.com/state/fad2009\\_state\\_national.shtml](http://www.wpsic.com/state/fad2009_state_national.shtml) to search for providers within Wisconsin as well as nationwide. You may also contact member services to request a copy.

- **Other: Pre-Certification**

To avoid a \$100 inpatient benefit reduction, you, a family member or a provider must notify WPS of *any* inpatient hospitalization to request pre-certification.

- **Referrals and Prior Authorizations**

Referrals are not needed.

WPS recommends that members or providers request prior authorization for services when you are concerned if they will be payable and at what cost. Without an approved prior authorization, WPS may deny payment. Please visit [www.wpsic.com/state](http://www.wpsic.com/state) and follow the Member Materials link to obtain a copy of a Medical Preauthorization Request Form or contact Member Services.

- **Mental & Behavioral Health Services**

Based on recent changes to the State of Wisconsin mandates, a broader base of providers is now available to you. Medically necessary services are available when performed by licensed mental health professionals practicing within the scope of their license. Additionally, mental health and AODA services are no longer limited to certain dollar maximums based on changes from the new Federal Mental Health Parity law. Inpatient services will be limited to 365 days.

- **Dental Benefits**

No dental coverage provided.