

## Notable Changes Under Consideration for the 2010 Uniform Benefits

| Section<br>Page Number<br>(in Attachment D)       | Description   | Reason for Change  |
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| Schedule of Benefits<br>I.<br>Pages 1 - 3         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Added a reminder that plan providers must be used except in emergent and urgent care situations.</li> <li>b) Clarified benefit limitations are per participant.</li> <li>c) Revised the mental health/alcohol/ drug abuse language benefits.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Change requested by a participant to clarify existing practice.</li> <li>b) Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.</li> <li>c) Refer to discussion item #12 on page 4 of the memo.</li> </ul>   |
| Definitions<br>II.<br>Pages 4 – 12                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Updated the definition of DEPENDENT as described in Attachment A, Contract Article 1.7.</li> <li>b) Moved the definition of DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT to combine it with the newly added definition of MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.</li> <li>c) Revised the definition of MAINTENANCE THERPAY to be MAINTENANCE CARE for clarification.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Refer to Attachment A, Contract Article 1.7.</li> <li>b) Change requested by staff to combine the definition to make it consistent with language describing the benefit. Added language to accomplish the desired result in the most economical manner.</li> <li>c) Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.</li> </ul> |
| Benefits and Services<br>III., A., 3.<br>Page 14  | Added language explaining that oral surgery procedures are not included in this section.  | Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Benefits and Services<br>III., A., 7.<br>Page 16  | Added language clarifying that chemotherapy is included in the benefit.   | Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Benefits and Services<br>III., A., 9.<br>Page 16  | Clarified language explaining benefits for air ambulance.   | Change requested by staff and a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Benefits and Services<br>III., A., 10.<br>Page 16 | Updated language to use more inclusive terminology without expanding the benefit.   | Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Benefits and Services<br>III., A., 18.<br>Page 19 | Revised language to clarify the organ transplant benefit is limited to one transplant per health plan.  | Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Benefits and Services<br>III., A., 21.<br>Page 21 | Revised language to state that breast implants are not subject to coinsurance.  | Refer to discussion item #10 on page 4 of the memo.  |

## Attachment C

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| Benefits and Services<br>III., C., 3.<br>Pages 23 - 24    | <p>a) Revised language to emphasize that prior authorization from the health plan may be required for coverage.</p> <p>b) Revised language describing coverage for oxygen and respiratory equipment to clarify the benefit and to use more modern terminology without expanding the benefit.</p> | <p>a) Change recommended by staff to clarify contract language.</p> <p>b) Change requested by staff to clarify existing practice and to ensure uniform administration by health plans.</p> |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 2., a.<br>Page 29  | Clarified language excluding benefits for exams and other services requested by third parties.   | Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 2., c.<br>Page 29  | Revised language describing the benefits for foot care that are not excluded under this provision.   | Change requested by staff to clarify existing practice and to ensure uniform administration by health plans.   |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 4., b.<br>Page 30  | Moved the exclusion to the general category and changed it to "Maintenance Care" to be consistent with the change in the definition. (See item j. in the general category.)  | Change requested by a health plan to clarify contract language.  |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 7., h.<br>Page 31  | Clarified language describing the ninth month of pregnancy.  | Change requested by staff to clarify contract language.  |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 10., f.<br>Page 32 | Removed the exclusion stating that oxygen therapy was excluded except as authorized by the health plan because language was added in the benefit section as explained above. This clarifies the benefit without expanding it.  | Change requested by staff to clarify existing practice and to ensure uniform administration by health plans.   |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 12., b.<br>Page 33 | For consistency with Article 3.16 (3) of the contract, added language to clarify that the exclusion only applies if the participant is enrolled in the Medicare coordinated coverage and does not enroll in Medicare Part B or later cancels Medicare coverage.                                  | Change requested by staff to clarify existing practice and to ensure uniform administration by health plans.   |
| Exclusions and Limitations<br>IV., A., 12., f.<br>Page 34 | Added language clarifying that benefits are not coordinated with the U.S. Veterans Administration.   | Change requested by staff to clarify existing practice.  |
| Miscellaneous Provisions<br>VI., C.<br>Page 38            | Added language to allow the attending physician to recommend the alternate treatment.  | Refer to discussion item #11 on page 4 of the memo.  |
| Miscellaneous Provisions<br>VI., J.<br>Page 41            | Reiterate the contract requirement to appeal plan grievance determinations within 60 days.   | Change requested by staff to clarify existing practice.  |