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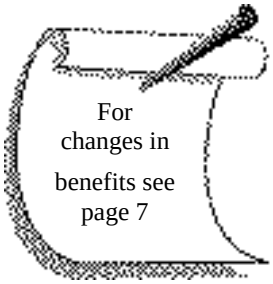

Serving: *Metropolitan Washington, DC Area and Metropolitan Baltimore, Maryland Area*

Enrollment in this Plan is limited; see page 66 for requirements.

This Plan has commendable accreditation from the NCQA. See the 2001 Guide for more information on NCQA.

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Introduction

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.
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This brochure describes the benefits of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc., under our contract (CS 1763) with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), as authorized by the Federal Employees Health Benefits law. This brochure is the official statement of benefits. No oral statement can modify or otherwise affect the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of this brochure.

If you are enrolled in this Plan, you are entitled to the benefits described in this brochure. If you are enrolled for self and family coverage, each eligible family member is also entitled to these benefits. You do not have a right to benefits that were available before January 1, 2001, unless those benefits are also shown in this brochure.

OPM negotiates benefits and rates with each plan annually. Benefit changes are effective January 1, 2001, and are summarized on page 7. Rates are shown at the end of this brochure.

Plain Language

The President and Vice President are making the Government's communication more responsive, accessible, and understandable to the public by requiring agencies to use plain language. In response, a team of health plan representatives and OPM staff worked cooperatively to make this brochure clearer. Except for necessary technical terms, we use common words. "You" means the enrollee or family member; "we" means Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.

The plain language team reorganized the brochure and the way we describe our benefits. When you compare this Plan with other FEHB plans, you will find that the brochures have the same format and similar information to make comparisons easier.

If you have comments or suggestions about how to improve this brochure, let us know. Visit OPM's feedback area at www.opm.gov/insure/Rate Us (fehbwebcomments@opm.gov) or write to OPM at Insurance Planning and Evaluation Division, P.O. Box 436, Washington, DC 20044-0436.

Section 1. Facts about this HMO plan

This Plan is a health maintenance organization (HMO). We require you to see specific physicians, hospitals and other providers that contract with us. These Plan providers coordinate your health care services.

HMOs emphasize preventive care such as routine office visits, physical exams, well-baby care and immunizations, in addition to treatment for illness and injury. Our providers follow generally accepted medical practice when prescribing any course of treatment.

When you receive services from Plan providers, you will not have to submit claim forms or pay bills. You only pay the copayments and coinsurance described in this brochure. When you receive emergency services or benefits while you travel from non-Plan providers, you may have to submit claim forms.

You should join an HMO because you prefer the plan's benefits, not because a particular provider is available. You cannot change plans because a provider leaves our Plan. We cannot guarantee that any one physician, hospital, or other provider will be available and/or remain under contract with us.

How we pay providers

We pay the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, P.C., the Affiliated Primary Care Physician's Network (APCPN) located in Baltimore, Maryland, Sheppard-Pratt Behavioral Health, Maryland Eye Care, Dental Benefit Providers, and contracted community specialists and ancillary providers to provide your medical, surgical, mental health, substance abuse, ophthalmological, optometry, and dental services. We contract with local community hospitals to provide hospitalization services. These Plan providers accept a negotiated payment from us.

Patients' Bill of Rights

OPM requires that all FEHB plans comply with the Patients' Bill of Rights, recommended by the President's Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in the Health Care Industry. You may get information about us, our networks, providers, and facilities. OPM's FEHB website (www.opm.gov/insure) lists the specific types of information that we must make available to you. Some of the required information is listed below.

- Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) is a federally qualified Health Maintenance Organization.
- This Plan is part of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, a group of not-for-profit organizations and contracting medical groups that serve over 8 million members nationwide.
- Kaiser Permanente is a Maryland non-profit corporation licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia and the state of Maryland.
- Kaiser Permanente began delivering prepaid healthcare services to Washington, DC residents in December 1972.
- Kaiser Permanente presently serves approximately 555,000 members in the Washington, DC, and Baltimore, Maryland metropolitan areas.
- Kaiser Permanente credentials its Plan providers in accord with national standards.

If you want more information, call us at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344. Or, write to us at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc., Attention: Member Services Department, P.O. Box 6103, Rockville, Maryland, 20849-6103. You may also contact us by fax at 301/816-6192 or visit our website at http://www.kaiserpermanente.org or by email at kponline.org.

Service Area

To enroll in this Plan, you must live or work in our service area. This is where our Plan Physicians practice and provide covered services. A listing of specific zip codes, by county, may be obtained from any of our Plan facilities.

Our service area is:

- **The District of Columbia**

- **The following Virginia counties:**
  - Arlington
  - Fairfax
  - Loudoun
  - Prince William

- **The following Virginia cities**:
  - Alexandria
  - Falls Church
  - Fairfax
  - Manassas
  - Manassas Park

- **The following Maryland counties:**
  - Anne Arundel
  - Baltimore
  - Carroll
  - Harford
  - Howard
  - Montgomery
  - Prince Georges

  Portions of the following Maryland counties, as indicated by the zip codes below, are also within the service area:
  - Calvert – 20639, 20689, 20714, 20732, 20736, and 20754 zip codes only
  - Charles – 20601, 20602, 20603, 20604, 20612, 20616, 20617, 20637, 20640, 20646, 20658, 20675, and 20695 zip codes only
  - Frederick –21702, 21705, 21709, 21710, 21714, 21716, 21717, 21718, 21754, 21755, 21758, 21762, 21769, 21770, 21774, 21777, 21790, and 21793 zip codes only

- **The following Maryland cities:**
  - Baltimore city

Ordinarily, you must receive your care from physicians, hospitals, and other providers who contract with us. However, we are part of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, and if you are visiting another Kaiser Permanente service area, you can receive virtually all of the benefits of this Plan at any other Kaiser Permanente facility. We also pay for certain follow-up services or continuing care services while you are traveling outside the service area, as described on page 45; and for emergency care obtained from any non-Plan provider, as described on page 34-35. We will not pay for any other health care services.

If you or a covered family member move outside of our service area, you can enroll in another plan. If your dependents permanently reside outside of the area, you should consider enrolling in another plan. If you or a family member move, you do not have to wait until Open Season to change plans. Contact your employment or retirement office.

Section 2. How we change for 2001

Program-wide changes

- The plain language team reorganized the brochure and the way we describe our benefits. We hope this will make it easier for you to compare plans.
- This year, the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program is implementing mental health and substance abuse parity. This means that your coverage for mental health, substance abuse, medical, surgical, and hospital services from Plan providers will be the same with regard to coinsurance, copays, and day and visit limitations when you follow a treatment plan that we approve. Previously, we placed day or visit limitations on mental health and substance abuse services.
- Many healthcare organizations have turned their attention this past year to improving healthcare quality and patient safety. OPM asked all FEHB plans to join them in this effort. You can find specific information on our patient safety activities by calling 301/816-5778. You can find out more about patient safety on the OPM website, www.opm.gov/insure. To improve your healthcare, take these five steps:
  - Speak up if you have questions or concerns.
  - Keep a list of all the medicines you take.
  - Make sure you get the results of any test or procedure.
  - Talk with your doctor and health care team about your options if you need hospital care.
  - Make sure you understand what will happen if you need surgery.
- We clarified the language to show that anyone who needs a mastectomy may choose to have the procedure performed on an inpatient basis and remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after the procedure. Previously, the language referenced only women.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase by 12.5% for Self Only or 12.6% for Self and Family.
- The prescription drug dispensing limitation (except for maintenance drugs) changes from a 90-day supply to a 60-day supply.
- We cover in vitro fertilization if you meet certain criteria.
- We cover habilitative services for children from birth to age 19 for treatment of congenital and genetic birth defects.
- We cover one hair prosthesis if your hair loss results from chemotherapy or radiation treatment for cancer.

Section 3. How you get care

Identification cards

We will send you an identification (ID) card when you enroll. You should carry your ID card with you at all times. You must show it whenever you receive services from a Plan provider, or fill a prescription at a Plan pharmacy. Until you receive your ID card, use your copy of the health benefits election form, SF-2809, your health benefits enrollment confirmation (for annuitants), or your Employee Express confirmation letter.

If you do not receive your ID card within 30 days after we have received your enrollment from your payroll office, or if you need replacement cards, call us at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344.

Where you get covered care

You get care from "Plan providers" and "Plan facilities." You will only pay copayments or coinsurance, and you will not have to file claims, except for emergency, urgent care services outside our service area, and for covered services while you travel.

- **Plan providers**

Our Plan providers are physicians and other health care professionals in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. We contract with the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, P.C. and the Affiliated Primary Care Physician Network (APCPN) to provide primary care services and some specialty services. Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group is a multi-specialty physician group practice with over 28 years of experience in providing services to members of our Plan. Specialists in most major specialties are available as part of the medical teams for consultation and treatment. Medical care is provided through physicians, nurse practitioners and other skilled medical personnel working as medical teams at Kaiser Permanente facilities. We contract with Sheppard-Pratt located in Baltimore, Maryland to provide mental health and substance abuse services to members, and with Maryland Eye Care and Dental Benefit Providers to provide optometry, optical, and dental services to our members.

The Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, P.C. also contracts with other specialists who may see you after you obtain a referral from your Plan physician. The Affiliated Primary Care Physician Network, located in Baltimore, Maryland are independent primary care physicians the Plan has contracted with to provide primary care services to members. If your primary care physician, in consultation with you, determines that you need to see a specialist, he or she will refer you to one of our specialists.

Our Provider Directory lists the Plan providers, with locations and phone numbers. Directories are updated twice a year and are available at the time of enrollment. However, our online Provider Directory is updated monthly. Our website address is http://www.kaiserpermanente.org.

- **Plan facilities**

Plan facilities are hospitals and other facilities in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. Our Plan physicians provide your health care at 23 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Medical Centers and one medical office conveniently located

throughout the Washington, DC and Baltimore, Maryland metropolitan areas. We also contract with local community hospitals, Centers of Excellence and other facilities, where you may get service after you receive a referral from a Plan physician.

You must receive your health services at Plan facilities, except if you have an emergency. We offer health care services at our Plan Medical Centers, Affiliated Primary Care Physician Network medical offices, community hospitals and other selected locations throughout the Washington, DC, and Baltimore, Maryland metropolitan areas.

If you are visiting another Kaiser Permanente service area, you may receive health care services at those Kaiser Permanente facilities. Under the circumstances specified in this brochure you may receive follow-up or continuing care while you travel anywhere.

Our Provider Directory lists the Plan facilities. Directories are updated twice a year and are available at the time of enrollment. However, our online Provider Directory is updated monthly. Our website address is http://www.kaiserpermanente.org.

What you must do to get covered care

It depends on the type of care you need. First, you and each family member must choose a primary care physician. This decision is important since your primary care physician provides or arranges for most of your health care.

To choose a primary care physician you can either select one from our Provider Directory, or you can call us at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344. We are happy to assist you in selecting a primary care physician.

- **Primary care**

We require you to choose a primary care physician when you enroll. Your primary care physician can be an internal medicine physician, a pediatrician, or a family practice physician. Your primary care physician will provide most of your health care, or give you a referral to see a specialist.

If you want to change primary care physicians or if your primary care physician leaves the Plan, call us. We will help you select a new one.

- **Specialty care**

Your primary care physician will refer you to a specialist for needed care. However, you may see a gynecologist, an optometrist, or our mental health and substance abuse Plan providers without a referral.

Here are other things you should know about specialty care:

· If you need to see a specialist frequently because of a chronic, complex, or serious medical condition, your primary care physician will work with the specialist, in consultation with you, to develop a treatment plan that allows you to see your specialist for a certain number of visits without additional referrals. Your primary care physician will use our criteria when creating your treatment plan.

· If you are seeing a specialist when you enroll in our Plan, talk to your primary care physician. Your primary care physician will decide what treatment you need. If he or she decides to refer you to a specialist, ask if you can see your current specialist. If your

current specialist does not participate with us, you must receive treatment from a specialist who does. Generally, we will not pay for you to see a specialist who does not participate with our Plan.

- If you are seeing a specialist and your specialist leaves the Plan, call your primary care physician, who will arrange for you to see another specialist. You may receive services from your current specialist until we can make arrangements for you to see someone else.

- If you have a chronic or disabling condition and lose access to your specialist because we:

  - terminate our contract with your specialist for other than cause; or

  - drop out of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and you enroll in another FEHB plan; or

  - reduce our service area and you enroll in another FEHB plan,

  you may be able to continue seeing your specialist for up to 90 days after you receive notice of the change. Contact us, or if we drop out of the Program, contact your new plan.

If you are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy, you can continue to see your specialist until the end of your postpartum care, even if it is beyond the 90 days.

• Hospital care

Your Plan primary care physician or specialist will make necessary hospital arrangements and supervise your care. This includes admission to a skilled nursing or other type of facility.

If you are in the hospital when your enrollment in our Plan begins, call our Member Services department immediately at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344.

If you are new to the FEHB Program, we will arrange for you to receive care. If you changed from another FEHB plan to us, your former plan will pay for the hospital stay until:

- You are discharged, not merely moved to an alternative care center; or

- The day your benefits from your former plan run out; or

- The 92nd day after you become a member of this Plan;

whichever happens first.

These provisions apply only to the benefits of the hospitalized person.

Circumstances beyond our control

Under certain extraordinary circumstances, such as natural disasters, we may have to delay your services or we may be unable to provide them. In that case, we will make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the necessary care.

Services requiring our prior approval

Your primary care physician has authority to refer you for most services. For certain services, however, your physician must obtain approval from us. Before giving approval, we consider if the service is covered, medically necessary, and follows generally accepted medical practice.

We call this review and approval process precertification. Your physician must obtain precertification for the following services:

- Acupuncture
- All inpatient services
- Adenoids or tonsil removal
- Breast surgery not associated with cancer
- Carpal tunnel surgery
- Chiropractic services
- Clinical trials
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Gastric bypass surgery
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Care
- Hysterectomy
- Infertility treatment
- Infusion therapy
- Injectable medications
- MRI
- Nasal surgery
- Occupational therapy
- Oral surgery
- Organ transplants
- Pain clinics
- Physical therapy
- Pulmonary therapy
- Prosthetics
- Reconstructive surgery
- Sclerotherapy for varicose veins
- Speech therapy
- Spinal surgery not associated with cancer
- Sleep studies
- Surgical procedures
- Temporomandibular Joint surgery
- Tubes in the ears

Requests for these services are made to your primary care physician just like any other referral. Your primary care physician submits the request, with supporting documentation. It takes an average of 2 working days to process the request. You should call your primary care physician's office if you have not been notified of the outcome of the review within 5 working days. If your request is not approved, you have a right to appeal by calling inside the Washington, DC Metropolitan area at 301/468-6000 or toll free at 800/777-7902. Our TDD is 301/816-6344. If you wish additional services, you must make the request to your primary care physician.

Emergency services do not require precertification. However, you or your family member must notify the Plan within 48 hours, or as soon as is reasonably possible.

Section 4. Your costs for covered services

You must share the cost of some services. You are responsible for:

- **Copayments** — A copayment is a fixed amount of money you pay to the provider when you receive services. Example: When you see your primary care physician, you pay a copayment of $10 per office visit.

- **Deductible** — We do not have a deductible.

  NOTE: If you change plans during open season, you do not have to start a new deductible under your old plan between January 1 and the effective date of your new plan. If you change plans at another time during the year, you must begin a new deductible under you new plan.

- **Coinsurance** — Coinsurance is the percentage of our allowance that you must pay for certain services you receive. Example: In our Plan, you pay 50% of our allowance for infertility services, ovulation stimulants, weight management drugs, and smoking cessation drugs and oxygen and equipment for home use after the first three months.

- **Fees when you fail to make your copayment or coinsurance** — If you do not pay your copayment or coinsurance at the time you receive services, we will bill you. You will be required to pay a $10 charge for each bill sent for unpaid services.

Your out-of-pocket maximum for copayments and coinsurance

After your copayments and coinsurance total $1,500 per person or $3,000 per family enrollment in any calendar year, you do not have to pay any more for covered services. However, copayments for the following services do not count toward your out-of-pocket maximum, and you must continue to pay copayments and coinsurance for these services:

- Prescription drugs
- Chiropractic and acupuncture services
- Dental services
- Follow-up and continuing care outside the service area
- Infertility services
- Any non-FEHB benefits

Be sure to keep accurate records of your copayments and coinsurance since you are responsible for informing us when you reach the maximum.

Section 5. Benefits – OVERVIEW

(See page 7 for how our benefits changed this year and page 70 for a benefits summary.)

NOTE: This benefits section is divided into subsections. Please read the important things you should keep in mind at the beginning of each subsection. Also read the General Exclusions in Section 6; they apply to the benefits in the following subsections. To obtain claim forms, claim filing advice, or more information about our benefits, contact us at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344. You can also visit our website at www.kaiserpermanente.org.

Section 5 (a). Medical services and supplies provided by physicians and other health care professionals

IMPORTANT	**Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:** · Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and we cover them only when we determine they are medically necessary. · Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care. · We have no calendar year deductible. · Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services,* for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.	IMPORTANT

Benefit Description	You Pay
Diagnostic and treatment services	
Professional services of physicians and other health care professionals · In physician's office · In an urgent care center · Initial examination of a newborn child covered under a family enrollment · Second surgical opinion	$10 per office visit
· During a hospital stay · In a skilled nursing facility	Nothing
At home (in the service area)	Nothing
Lab, X-ray, and other diagnostic tests	
Tests, such as: · Blood tests · Urinalysis · Nonroutine pap smears · Pathology · X-rays · Non-routine mammograms · Cat scans/MRI · Ultrasound · Electrocardiogram and EEG	Nothing
Preventive care, adult	**You Pay**
Routine screenings, such as:	$10 per office visit

· Blood lead level · Total blood cholesterol – once every three years, ages 19 through 64 · Colorectal cancer screening, including ·· Fecal occult blood test ·· Sigmoidoscopy screening – every five years starting at age 50 · Bone mass measurement for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis · Prostate specific antigen – one annually for men age 40 and older · Chlamydia screenings – women under age 20 who are sexually active and women over age 20 with multiple risk factors · Routine pap smear Routine immunizations, limited to: · Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster – once every 10 years, ages19 and over (except as provided for under Childhood immunizations) · Influenza/Pneumococcal vaccines, annually, age 65 and over Note: You pay only one copayment if you receive your routine screening or immunization on the same day as your office visit.	
Routine mammogram – Covered for women age 35 and older, as follows: · From age 35 to 39, one during this five-year period · From age 40 to 64, one every calendar year · At age 65 and older, one every two consecutive calendar years	Nothing
Not covered: *Physical exams required for:* · *Obtaining or continuing employment* · *Participating in employee programs* · *Insurance or licensing* · *Court ordered for parole or probation* · *Attending schools* · *Travel* *Travel immunizations*	*All charges*

Preventive care, children	**You Pay**
· Childhood immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics	$10 per office visit from age 3 through age 22. Nothing for infancy through age 2.

· Examinations, such as: ·· Eye exams through age 22 to determine the need for vision correction ·· Ear exams through age 22 to determine the need for hearing correction ·· Examinations done on the day of immunizations through age 22	
Not covered: *Physical exams required for:* · *Obtaining or continuing employment* · *Participating in employee programs* · *Insurance or licensing* · *Court ordered for parole or probation* · *Attending schools* · *Travel* *Travel immunizations*	*All charges*
Maternity care	
Complete maternity (obstetrical) care, such as: · Prenatal care · Delivery · Postnatal care Note: Here are some things to keep in mind: · You do not need to precertify your normal delivery. · You may remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after a regular delivery and 96 hours after a cesarean delivery. Your inpatient stay will be extended if medically necessary. · We cover routine nursery care of the newborn child during the covered portion of the mother's maternity stay. We will cover other care of an infant who requires non-routine treatment will be covered only if the infant is covered under a Self and Family enrollment. · We pay hospitalization and surgeon services (delivery) the same as for illness and injury. See Hospital benefits (Section 5c) and Surgery benefits (Section 5b).	$10 for the first office visit to confirm pregnancy. Nothing once pregnancy is confirmed through the post-partum office visit.
Not covered: · *Routine sonograms to determine fetal age, size, or sex*	*All charges*

Family planning	You Pay
· Family planning services, including counseling · Voluntary sterilization · Information on birth control · Genetic counseling Note: We cover surgically implanted contraceptives, injectable contraceptive drugs and intrauterine devices (IUDs) under the prescription drug benefit.	$10 per office visit
Not covered: · *Reversal of voluntary surgical sterilization*	*All charges*
Infertility services	
Diagnosis and treatment of involuntary infertility · Artificial insemination ·· intravaginal insemination (IVI) ·· intra-cervical insemination (ICI) ·· intrauterine insemination (IUI)	50% of our allowance
· In vitro fertilization, if: ·· your oocytes are fertilized with your spouse's sperm; and ·· you and your spouse have a history of infertility of at least 2 years duration as a result of endometriosis, exposure in utero to diethylstilbestrol, commonly known as DES, blockage of, or surgical removal of, one or both fallopian tubes (lateral or bilateral salpingectomy, or abnormal male factors, including oligospermia, contributing to the infertility; and ·· you have been unable to become pregnant through a less costly infertility treatment for which coverage is available under the Plan	50% of our allowance; Plan pays up to $100,000 in a Member's lifetime
· Fertility Drugs Note: We cover injectable fertility drugs under the prescription drug benefit.	

Not covered: · *Assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, such as:* ·· *embryo transfer* ·· *gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT)* ·· *zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT)* · *Donor semen and donor eggs, including retrieval of eggs* · *Storage and freezing of eggs* *Note: Infertility services are not available when either member of the family has been voluntarily surgically sterilized.*	*All charges*
Allergy care	**You Pay**
· Testing and treatment · Allergy injection Note: Allergy serum is covered in full as a part of the $10 copayment per office visit.	$10 per office visit
Not covered: · *Provocative food testing* · *Sublingual allergy desensitization*	*All charges*
Treatment therapies	
· Chemotherapy and radiation therapy Note: We limit high dose chemotherapy in association with autologous bone marrow transplants to those transplants listed under organ/tissue transplants on page 29.	Nothing
· Respiratory and inhalation therapy · Intravenous IV/Infusion Therapy – Home IV and antibiotic therapy Note: We cover growth hormone therapy (GHT) under the prescription drug benefit. · Qualified medical clinical trials that provide treatment for life-threatening conditions or for preventive, early detection, or treatment studies of cancer for Phases I, II, III, and IV · Dialysis – Hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis	$10 per office visit

Not covered: · *Long term rehabilitative therapy* · *Cognitive therapy* · *Chemotherapy supported by a bone marrow transplant or with stem cell support, for any diagnosis not listed as covered* · *Sleep therapy* · *Thermography and related services*	*All charges*
Rehabilitative therapies	**You Pay**
Inpatient Services – up to 2 consecutive months of therapy per condition: · Physical therapy by a qualified Plan therapist in consultation with a Plan physician to restore bodily function when you have a total or partial loss of bodily function due to illness or injury · Speech therapy by a Plan therapist in consultation with a Plan physician to restore speech when you have a total or partial loss of functional speech due to illness, injury, or a diagnosis of cleft lip, cleft palate, or both · Occupational therapy by a Plan therapist in consultation with a Plan physician to assist you in achieving and maintaining self-care and improved functioning in other activities of daily life Outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy · We cover up to 40 office visits or 90 days (whichever is greater) per condition of out-patient physical therapy services · We cover up to 90 days per condition of out-patient occupational and speech therapy services Habilitative services for children - from birth to age 19 for the treatment of congenital and genetic birth defects · We cover services to help a child function age-appropriately within his or her environment and enhance his or her functional ability without an effective cure	$10 per office visit
· We provide multidisciplinary rehabilitation in a prescribed, organized program in a plan facility or skilled nursing facility for up to two consecutive months for all covered rehabilitation services and supplies you may receive at different sites for the same condition	Nothing

Not covered: · *Long-term rehabilitative therapy* · *Exercise programs* · *Cognitive rehabilitation programs* · *Vocational rehabilitation programs* · *Therapies done primarily for education purposes, except as may otherwise be covered above* · *Cardiac rehabilitation*	*All charges*
Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	**You Pay**
· Hearing tests to determine the need for hearing correction	$10 per office visit
Not covered: · *Hearing aids, tests to determine their effectiveness, and examinations for them* · *All other hearing testing*	*All charges*
Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	
· Eye exam to determine the need for vision correction · Annual eye refractions · Diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye	$10 per office visit
· Eyeglass frames purchased at Plan Optical Shops · Eyeglass lenses purchased at Plan Optical Shops	75% of our allowance
· Initial fitting for contact lenses at a Plan facility · Insertion and removal of contact lens training · Three months of follow-up office visits Note: These services are provided only in conjunction with obtaining your first set of contact lenses at a Plan Optical Shop.	85% of our allowance
Not covered: · *Eye exercises and orthoptics* · *Radial keratotomy and other refractive surgery* · *Eye surgery solely for the purpose of correcting refractive defects of the eye, such as near-sightedness (myopia), far-sightedness (hyperopia), and astigmatism* · *Cosmetic contact lenses* · *Cost of eyewear not purchased at Plan facilities* · *Sunglasses without corrective lenses*	*All charges*

Foot care	You Pay
· Routine foot care when you are under active treatment for a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease Note: See orthopedic and prosthetic devices for information on podiatric shoe inserts.	$10 per office visit
Not covered: · *Cutting, trimming, or removal of corns, calluses, or the free edge of toenails, and similar routine treatment for conditions of the foot, except as stated above* · *Treatment of weak, strained, or flat feet or bunions or spurs; and of any instability, imbalance, or subluxation of the foot (unless the treatment is by open cutting surgery)*	*All charges*
Orthopedic and prosthetic devices	
· Externally worn breast prostheses and surgical bras including necessary replacements following a mastectomy · Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, cochlear implants, and surgically implanted breast implants following mastectomy. Note: See Section 5(b) for coverage of the surgery to insert the device. · Corrective orthopedic appliances for non-dental treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain dysfunction syndrome	$10 per item
· One hair prosthesis if your hair loss results from chemotherapy or radiation treatment for cancer	$10 per item, up to $350 per member per calendar year
Not covered: · *Comfort, convenience, or luxury equipment or features* · *External prosthetics and orthotics, such as braces, foot orthotics, artificial limbs, and lenses following cataract removal* · *Devices, equipment, supplies, and prosthetics related to sexual dysfunction* · *Orthopedic and corrective shoes* · *Arch supports* · *Foot orthotics* · *Heel pads and heel cups* · *Lumbosacral supports* · *Corsets, trusses, elastic stockings, support hose and other supportive devices*	*All charges*

Durable medical equipment (DME)	You Pay
Durable medical equipment (DME) is equipment and supplies that are intended for repeated use, medically necessary, primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally not useful to a person who is not ill or injured, designed for prolonged use, appropriate for use in the home, and serving a specific therapeutic purpose in the treatment of an illness or injury. We cover prescribed DME for home use for up to three months following: · An authorized hospital admission · An authorized skilled nursing facility admission · An authorized rehabilitation facility admission · An authorized outpatient surgical procedure Covered items include: · Hospital beds · Wheelchairs · Canes · Walkers · Portable commodes · Crutches · Bilirubin lights and apnea monitors for infants up to age 3 for a period not to exceed 6 months	Nothing
· Oxygen and equipment for home use. Note: Your Plan physician must recertify your medical need for oxygen and equipment every 30 days.	Nothing for the first three months; 50% of our allowance for every 30 days thereafter
· Asthmatic equipment (spacers, peak-flow meters, and nebulizers) for adults and children, when purchased at a Plan pharmacy. Note: We decide whether to rent or purchase the equipment, and we select the vendor. We will repair the equipment without charge, unless the repair is due to loss or misuse. You must return the equipment to us or pay us the fair market price of the equipment when it is no longer prescribed.	Spacers: $5 per spacer Peak-Flow Meters: $10 per meter Nebulizers: $30 per nebulizer

Not covered: · *Liquid oxygen and oxygen tents* · *Motorized wheelchairs* · *Comfort, convenience, or luxury equipment or features* · *Exercise or hygiene equipment* · *Non-medical items such as sauna baths or elevators* · *Modifications to your home or car* · *Devices for testing blood or other body substances (glucose test strips are covered under your prescription drug benefits)* · *Electronic monitors of bodily functions, except apnea monitors and blood glucose monitors* · *Disposable supplies* · *Replacement of lost equipment* · *Repairs, adjustments, or replacements necessitated by misuse* · *More than one piece of durable medical equipment serving essentially the same function, except for replacements other than those necessitated by misuse or loss* · *Devices, equipment, supplies, and prosthetics for the treatment of sexual dysfunction disorders* · *External and internally implanted hearing aids* · *Experimental or research equipment* · *Dental appliances*	*All charges*
Home health services	**You Pay**
If you are homebound and reside in the service area, we cover home health care ordered by a Plan physician and provided by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, licensed vocational nurse, physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech and language pathologist, or home health aide · Services include oxygen therapy, intravenous therapy, and medications Note: Your Plan physician will periodically review the home health program for continuing appropriateness and medical need.	Nothing

Not covered: · *Nursing care requested by, or for the convenience of, the patient or the patient's family* · *Custodial care* · *Homemaker services* · *Services outside the service area* · *Nursing care primarily for hygiene, feeding, exercising, moving the patient, homemaking, companionship, or giving oral medication* · *General maintenance care of colostomy, ileostomy, and ureterostomy* · *Medical supplies or dressings applied by you or a family caregiver* · *Care that a Plan physician determines may be provided in a Plan facility or skilled nursing facility and we provide or offer to provide that care in one of those facilities* · *Transportation and delivery service costs of durable medical equipment, medications, drugs, medical supplies, and supplements to the home* · *Personal care items*	*All charges*
Alternative treatments	**You Pay**
· 20 visits of acupuncture · 20 visits of chiropractic services Note: You receive these services when your Plan physician, in consultation with the Complementary and Alternative Medicine Department, determines that such care will result in improvement in your condition.	$15 per office visit

Not covered: · *Naturopathic services* · *Hypnotherapy* · *Biofeedback* · *Massage therapy* · *Christian Science* · *Vitamins and supplements* · *Vax-D* · *Structural supports* · *Laboratory and pathology services, unless authorized by your primary care physician* · *Neurological testing, unless authorized by your primary care physician*	*All charges*
Educational classes and programs	**You Pay**
· Health education for conditions such as diabetes, post-coronary, and nutritional counseling	$10 per office visit
· General health education classes such as Lamaze, weight control, smoking cessation, and stress management.	Nominal fees ranging from $10 to $50 per class
Not covered: · *Educational classes and programs not offered through this Plan*	*All charges*

Section 5 (b). Surgical and anesthetia services provided by physicians and other health care professionals

IMPORTANT	**Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:** · Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary. · Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care. · We have no calendar year deductible. · Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare. · The amounts listed below are for the charges billed by a physician or other health care professional for your surgical care. Look in Section 5(c) for charges associated with the facility (i.e. hospital, surgical center, etc.). · YOU MUST GET PRECERTIFICATION OF SOME SURGICAL PROCEDURES. Please refer to the precertification information shown in Section 3 to be sure which services require precertification and identify which surgeries require precertification.	IMPORTANT

Benefit Description	You Pay
Surgical procedures	
· Treatment of fractures, including casting · Normal pre- and post-operative care by the surgeon · Correction of amblyopia and strabismus · Endoscopy procedure · Biopsy procedure · Removal of tumors and cysts · Correction of congenital anomalies (see reconstructive surgery) · Surgical treatment of morbid obesity -- a condition in which an individual weighs 100 pounds or 100% over his or her normal weight according to current underwriting standards; eligible members must be age 18 or over · Insertion of internal prosthetic devices. See Section 5(a) – orthopedic braces and prosthetic devices for device coverage information. · Voluntary sterilization (tubal ligation and vasectomy) · Treatment of burns · Norplant (a surgically implanted contraceptive) and intrauterine devices (IUDs) Note: We cover the cost of these devices under the prescription drug benefit.	$10 per office visit for outpatient services Nothing for inpatient services

Not covered: · *Reversal of voluntary sterilization* · *Routine foot care; see Foot care*	*All charges*
Reconstructive surgery	**You Pay**
· Surgery to correct a functional defect · Surgery to correct a condition caused by injury or illness if: ·· it produced a major effect on the member's appearance; and ·· the condition can reasonably be expected to be corrected by such surgery. · Surgery to correct a condition that existed at or from birth and is a significant deviation from the common form or norm. Examples of congenital anomalies are protruding ear deformities, cleft lip, cleft palate, birth marks, web fingers, and toes. · All stages of breast reconstruction surgery following a mastectomy, such as: ·· surgery to produce a symmetrical appearance on the other breast; ·· treatment of any physical complications, such as lymphedemas; ·· breast prostheses; and ·· surgical bras and replacements. Note: If you need a mastectomy, you may choose to have the procedure performed on an inpatient basis and remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after the procedure.	$10 per office visit for outpatient services Nothing for inpatient services
Not covered: · *Cosmetic surgery – any surgical procedure (or any portion of a procedure) performed primarily to improve physical appearance and/or treat a mental condition through change in bodily form* · *Surgeries related to sex transformation*	*All charges*

Oral and maxillofacial surgery	You Pay
Oral surgical procedures, limited to: · Reduction of fractures of the jaws or facial bones · Surgical correction of cleft lip, cleft palate, or severe functional malocclusion · Removal of stones from salivary ducts · Excision of leukoplakia or malignancies · Excision of cysts and incision of abscesses when done as independent procedures · Other surgical procedures that do not involve the teeth or their supporting structures	$10 per office visit for outpatient services Nothing for inpatient services
Not covered: · *Oral implants and transplants* · *Procedures that involve the teeth or their supporting structures (such as the periodontal membrane, gingiva, and alveolar bone)* · *Shortening of the mandible or maxillae for cosmetic purposes and correction of malocclusion.*	*All charges*

Organ/tissue transplants	You Pay
Limited to: · Cornea · Heart · Heart/Lung · Kidney · Kidney/Pancreas · Liver · Lung: Single - Double · Pancreas · Allogeneic (donor) bone marrow transplants · Autologous bone marrow transplants (autologous stem cell and peripheral stem cell support) for the following conditions: acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic leukemia, advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma, advanced non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, advanced neuroblastoma, testicular, mediastinal, retroperitoneal and ovarian germ cell tumors, breast cancer, multiple myeloma and epithelial ovarian cancer Limited Benefits: Treatment for breast cancer, multiple myeloma, and epithelial ovarian cancer may be provided in an NCI- or NIH-approved clinical trial at a Plan-designated center of excellence and if approved by the Plan's medical director in accordance with the Plan's protocols. Note: We cover related medical and hospital expenses of the donor when the recipient is covered by this Plan.	$10 per office visit for outpatient services Nothing for inpatient services
Not covered: · *Donor screening tests and donor search expenses, except those performed for the actual donor* · *Implants of non-human or artificial organs* · *Transplants not listed as covered*	*All charges*
Anesthesia	
Professional services provided in: · Hospital (inpatient) · Hospital outpatient department · Ambulatory surgical center · Office	Nothing

Section 5 (c). Services provided by a hospital or other facility, and ambulance services

IMPORTANT

Here are some important things to remember about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care and you must be hospitalized in a Plan facility.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.
- The amounts listed below are for the charges billed by the facility (i.e., hospital or surgical center) or ambulance service for your surgery or care. Any costs associated with the professional charge (i.e., physicians, etc.) are covered in Section 5(a) or (b).
- **YOU MUST GET PRECERTIFICATION OF HOSPITAL STAYS.** Please refer to Section 3 to be sure which services require precertification.

IMPORTANT

Benefit Description	You Pay
Inpatient hospital	
Room and board, such as: · Ward, semiprivate, or intensive care accommodations · General nursing care · Medically necessary special duty nursing · Meals and special diets Note: If you want a private room when it is not medically necessary, you pay the additional charge above the semiprivate room rate.	Nothing

Other hospital services and supplies, such as: · Operating, recovery, maternity, and other treatment rooms · Prescribed drugs and medicines · Diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays · Administration of blood and blood products · Blood or blood plasma, if donated or replaced · Dressings, splints, plaster casts, and sterile tray services · Medical supplies and equipment, including oxygen · Anesthetics including nurse anesthetist services · Take-home items · Hospitalization for inpatient foot treatment Note: You may receive covered medical hospital services for certain dental procedures if a Plan physician determines that you need to be hospitalized for reasons unrelated to the dental procedure. The conditions for which we will provide hospitalization include hemophilia and heart disease. The need for anesthesia, by itself, is not such a condition.	Nothing
Not covered: · *Custodial care* · *Non-covered facilities* · *Personal comfort items, such as telephone, television, barber services, guest meals, and beds* · *Private nursing care* · *Whole blood and packed red blood cells not replaced by member* · *Any inpatient dental procedures*	*All charges*
Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center	**You Pay**
· Operating, recovery, and other treatment rooms · Prescribed drugs and medicines · Diagnostic laboratory tests, X-rays, and pathology services · Administration of blood and blood products · Blood and blood plasma, if donated or replaced · Pre-surgical testing · Dressings and casts and sterile tray services · Medical supplies, including oxygen · Anesthetics and anesthesia service	$10 per office visit

Not covered: · *Whole blood and packed red blood cells not replaced by the member*	*All charges*
Extended care benefits/skilled nursing care facility benefits	**You Pay**
Up to 100 days per calendar year when full-time skilled nursing care is necessary and confinement in a skilled nursing facility is medically appropriate. We cover the following: · Physician and nursing services · Room and board · Medical social services · Administration of blood, blood products, and derivatives · Durable medical equipment ordinarily furnished by a skilled nursing facility, including oxygen-dispensing equipment and oxygen · Respiratory therapy · Biological supplies · Medical supplies	Nothing
Not covered: · *Custodial care* · *Care in an intermediate facility*	*All charges*
Hospice care	
Supportive and palliative care for a terminally ill member · You must reside in the service area · Services are provided in your home, or · Services are provided in a Plan approved hospice facility Services include inpatient care, outpatient care, and family counseling. A Plan physician must certify that you have a terminal illness, with a life expectancy of approximately six months or less. Note: Hospice is a program for caring for the terminally ill that emphasizes supportive services, such as home care and pain control, rather than curative care of the terminal illness. A person who is terminally ill may elect to receive hospice benefits. These palliative and supportive services include nursing care, medical social services, physician services, and short-term inpatient care for pain control and acute and chronic symptom management. We also provide counseling and bereavement services for the individual and family members, and therapy for purposes of symptom control to enable the person to continue life with as little disruption as possible. If you make a hospice election, you are not entitled to receive other health care services that are related to the terminal illness. If you have made a hospice election, you may revoke that election at any time, and your standard health benefits will be covered.	Nothing

Not covered · *Independent nursing* · *Homemaker services*	*All charges*
Ambulance	**You Pay**
· Local professional ambulance service when medically appropriate	Nothing
Not covered: · *Transports that we determine are not medically necessary*	*All charges*

Section 5 (d). Emergency services/accidents

	IMPORTANT	Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits: · Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure. · We have no calendar year deductible. · Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.	**IMPORTANT**	

What is a medical emergency?

A medical emergency is the sudden and unexpected onset of a condition or an injury that you believe endangers your life or could result in serious injury or disability, and requires immediate medical or surgical care. Some problems are emergencies because, if not treated promptly, they might become more serious; examples include deep cuts and broken bones. Others are emergencies because they are potentially life threatening, such as heart attacks, strokes, poisonings, gunshot wounds, or sudden inability to breathe. There are many other acute conditions that we may determine are medical emergencies – what they all have in common is the need for quick action.

What to do in case of emergency:

In a life threatening emergency-call the local emergency system (e.g., the local 911 telephone system). When the operator answers, stay on the phone and answer all questions. If you are not sure whether you are experiencing a medical emergency, please contact our Emergency Line at 800/677-1112.

Emergencies within our service area:

Emergency care is provided at Plan Hospitals 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you think you have a medical emergency condition and you cannot safely go to a Plan Hospital, call 911 or go to the nearest hospital. Be sure to tell the emergency room personnel that you are a Plan member so they can notify the Plan. You or a family member must notify us within 48 hours, or as soon as is reasonably possible, by calling 703/359-7878 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or toll free 800/777-7904. Our TDD is 800/700-4901.

If you need to be hospitalized, the Plan must be notified within 48 hours or on the first working day following your admission, unless it was not reasonably possible to notify us within that time. If you are hospitalized in non-Plan facilities and Plan physicians believe care can be better provided in a Plan Hospital, we will transfer you when medically feasible, with any ambulance charges covered in full.

Benefits are available for care from non-Plan providers in a medical emergency only if delay in reaching a Plan provider would result in death, disability or significant jeopardy to your condition.

Emergencies outside our service area:

Benefits are available for any medically necessary health service that is immediately required because of injury or unforeseen illness.

If you need to be hospitalized, the Plan must be notified within 48 hours or as soon as is reasonably possible. If a Plan physician believes care can be better provided in a Plan Hospital, we will transfer you when medically feasible, with any ambulance charges covered in full.

You may obtain emergency and urgent care services from Kaiser Permanente medical facilities and providers when you are in the service area of another Kaiser Permanente plan. The facilities will be listed in the local telephone book under Kaiser Permanente. These numbers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may also obtain information about the location of facilities by calling the Membership Services department at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 800/700-4901.

Benefit Description	You Pay
Emergency within our service area	
· Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including physicians' services · Emergency care at a physician's office · Emergency care at a Plan urgent care center	$10 per visit
· Emergency care in a hospital emergency room Note: Your hospital emergency room visit copayment is waived if you are admitted to a Plan Hospital	$35 per visit
Not covered: · *Elective care or non-emergency care*	*All charges*
Emergency outside our service area	
· Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including physicians' services · Emergency care at a physician's office · Emergency care at an urgent care center	$10 per visit
· Emergency care in a Kaiser Foundation hospital in another Kaiser Foundation Health Plan service area · Emergency care in a non-Plan hospital emergency room Note: Your copayment is waived if you are admitted to a Plan hospital. See the Travel Benefit for coverage of continuing or follow-up care.	$35 per visit
Not covered: · *Elective care or non-emergency care* · *Emergency care provided outside the service area if the need for care could have been foreseen before leaving the service area* · *Medical and hospital costs resulting from a normal full-term delivery of a baby outside the service area*	*All charges*
Ambulance	
Professional ambulance service, including air ambulance, when approved by the Plan. Note: See Section 5(c) for non-emergency ambulance service.	Nothing
Not covered: · *Transports we determine are not medically necessary*	*All charges*

Section 5 (e). Mental health and substance abuse benefits

IMPORTANT

Parity

Beginning in 2001, all FEHBP plans' mental health and substance abuse benefits will achieve "parity" with other benefits. This means that we will provide mental health and substance abuse benefits differently than in the past.

When you get our approval for services and follow a treatment plan we approve, cost-sharing and limitations for Plan mental health and substance abuse benefits will be no greater than for similar benefits for other illnesses and conditions.

Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are clinically appropriate to treat your condition.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.
- We have no calendar year deductible.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services,* for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.

IMPORTANT

Benefit Description	You Pay
Mental health and substance abuse benefits	
We cover all diagnostic and treatment services recommended by a Plan provider and contained in a treatment plan. The treatment plan may include services, drugs, and supplies described elsewhere in this brochure. Note: We cover the services only when we determine that the care is clinically appropriate to treat your condition, and only when you receive the care as part of a treatment plan developed by a Plan provider. Note: OPM will base its review of disputes about treatment plans on the treatment plan's clinical appropriateness. OPM will generally not order us to pay or provide one clinically appropriate treatment in favor of another.	Your cost sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions

Diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric conditions, mental illness, or disorders of children, adolescents, and adults. Outpatient services include: · Diagnostic evaluation · Crisis intervention and stabilization for acute episodes · Psychological testing necessary to determine the appropriate psychiatric treatment · Outpatient psychiatric treatment (including individual and group therapy visits) · Medication evaluation and management Diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse. Services include: · Detoxification (medical management of withdrawal from the substance) · Treatment and counseling (including individual and group therapy visits) as part of intensive outpatient programs Note: You may see a Plan provider for outpatient treatment without a referral from your primary care physician. Note: Your Plan provider will develop a treatment plan to assist you in improving or maintaining your condition and functional level, or to prevent relapse.	$10 per office visit
· Inpatient psychiatric care · Hospital alternative services, such as partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient psychiatric treatment programs · Inpatient detoxification · Acute inpatient substance abuse rehabilitation · Intensive day treatment · Methadone treatment Note: All inpatient admissions and hospital alternative services treatment programs require approval by a Plan physician.	Nothing

Not covered: · *Care that is not clinically appropriate for the treatment of your condition* · *Continued services if you do not substantially follow your treatment plan* · *Services we have not approved* · *Intelligence, IQ, aptitude ability, learning disabilities, or interest testing not necessary to determine the appropriate treatment of a psychiatric condition* · *Evaluation or therapy on court order or as a condition of parole or probation, or otherwise required by the criminal justice system, unless determined by a Plan physician to be medically necessary and appropriate* · *Services that are custodial in nature* · *Marital, family, or educational services* · *Services rendered or billed by a school or a member of its staff* · *Services provided under a federal, state, or local government program* · *Psychoanalysis or psychotherapy credited toward earning a degree or furtherance of education or training regardless of diagnosis or symptoms that may be present*	*All charges*

Special transitional benefit

If a mental health or substance abuse professional provider is treating you under our plan as of January 1, 2001, you will be eligible for continued coverage with your provider for up to 90 days under the following condition:

· If your mental health or substance abuse professional provider with whom you are currently in treatment leaves the plan at our request for other than cause.

If this condition applies to you, we will allow you reasonable time to transfer your care to a network mental health or substance abuse professional provider. During the transitional period, you may continue to see your treating provider and will not pay any more out-of-pocket than you did in the year 2000 for services. This transitional period will begin with our notice to you of the change in coverage. The transitional period will last for up to 90 days from the date you receive notice of the change. You may receive this notice prior to January 1, 2001, and the 90-day period begins with receipt of the notice.

Benefit limitation

We may limit your benefits if you do not follow your treatment plan.

Section 5 (f). Prescription drug benefits

	IMPORTANT	**Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:** · We cover prescribed drugs and medications, as described in the chart beginning on the next page. · Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and we cover them only when we determine they are clinically appropriate to treat your condition. · We have no calendar year deductible. · Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.	IMPORTANT	

There are important features you should be aware of. These include:

· **Who can write your prescription.** A Plan physician or licensed contracted dentist must write the prescription.

· **Where you can obtain them.** You must fill the prescription at a Plan pharmacy, or by mail for a maintenance medication. We will pay for prescriptions written by a non-Plan physician and filled at a non-Plan pharmacy only when the prescription was given during a hospital emergency room visit or an urgent care visit outside the service area.

· **We use a formulary.** We use a formulary. Our drug formulary is a list of prescribed drugs and accessories that have been approved by our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for our Members. Unless otherwise specified by your Plan physician or dentist, generic drugs may be used to fill prescriptions.

Our Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, which is comprised of Plan physicians, Plan providers, and our pharmacists, selects prescription drugs and accessories for the drug formulary based on a number of factors, including safety and effectiveness as determined from a review of medical literature and research. In addition, the Committee sets dispensing limitations in accord with therapeutic guidelines based on the medical literature and research. The Pharmacy and Therapeutics' Committee meets periodically to consider adding and removing prescribed drugs and accessories on the formulary.

If you request a non-formulary drug – when your physician feels there is an acceptable formulary alternative – you will be responsible for the full cost of that drug.

However, if your Plan physician believes that a non-formulary drug best treats your medical condition; a formulary drug has been ineffective in the treatment of your medical condition; or a formulary drug causes or is reasonably expected to cause a harmful reaction, then an exception process is available to your Plan physician. In that case, your standard prescription drug copayment would apply.

If you would like information about whether a particular drug or accessory is included in our drug formulary, please visit us on line at www.kaiserpermanente.org, or call our Member Services Department at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344.

· **These are the dispensing limitations.** We provide up to a 60-day supply based upon (a) the prescribed dosage, (b) the standard manufacturers package size, and (c) specified dispensing limits. Maintenance medications may be obtained for up to a 90-day supply when ordered through our mail order program.

· **When you have to file a claim.** When you receive drugs from a Plan pharmacy, you do not have to file a claim. For a covered out-of-area emergency, you will need to file a claim when you receive drugs from a non-Plan

pharmacy. To file a claim, you should contact the Plan's Member Services Department at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area and obtain a claim form. Our TDD inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area is 301/816-6344 and 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. A claim for reimbursement must be submitted to the Plan within 12 months after you purchased the prescribed drugs.

Prescription drug benefits begin on the next page.

Benefit Description	You Pay
Covered medications and supplies	
We cover the following medications and supplies: · Drugs for which a physician's prescription is required by law · Insulin · Disposable needles and syringes for the administration of covered medications · Contraceptive drugs · Intrauterine devices (IUDs) · Implanted time-released drugs and injectable contraceptives, including ·· Norplant® ·· Depo Provera® · Self-injectable drugs, other than ovulation stimulants · Self-administered chemotherapeutic drugs and oral chemotherapeutic agents · Growth hormone therapy (GHT) – for treatment of children with growth hormone deficiency · Blood glucose test strips (three (3) boxes of 50 count) Note: Compounded preparations must contain at least one ingredient requiring a prescription.	$7 per prescription if obtained at a Plan medical center pharmacy $5 per prescription if obtained through our mail order delivery system
· Amino acid modified products used to treat congenital errors of amino acid metabolism (PKU) · Post-surgical immunosuppressant outpatient drugs required as a result of a covered transplant · Intravenous fluids and medications for home use · Chemotherapy drugs	Nothing
· Asthma equipment, such as: ·· Spacers ·· Peak Flow Meters ·· Nebulizers	 $5 per spacer $10 per meter $30 per nebulizer

· Smoking cessation products are provided for one course of therapy per calendar year, when: ·· prescribed by a Plan provider ·· you are in a formal smoking cessation program · Weight management drugs · Drugs for covered infertility treatments · Drugs for sexual dysfunction Note: Drugs to treat sexual dysfunction have dispensing limitations. Please contact the Plan for details.	50% of our allowance
Not covered: · *Drugs or supplies for cosmetic purposes* · *Vitamins and nutritional supplements that can be purchased without a prescription* · *Nonprescription medicines or drugs for which there is a nonprescription equivalent available* · *Drugs obtained at a non-Plan pharmacy except for emergencies inside and outside the service area* · *Medical supplies such as dressings and antiseptics* · *Drugs to enhance athletic performance* · *Drugs related to non-covered infertility services* · *Drugs for non-covered services* · *Dental prescriptions other than those prescribed for pain relief or antibiotics* · *Replacement prescriptions necessitated by theft or loss* · *All drugs and accessories for the sole purpose of foreign travel*	*All charges*

Section 5 (g). Special features

Feature	Description
Flexible benefits option	Under the flexible benefits option, we determine the most effective way to provide services. · We may identify medically appropriate alternatives to traditional care and coordinate other benefits as a less costly alternative benefit. · Alternative benefits are subject to our ongoing review. · By approving an alternative benefit, we cannot guarantee you will get it in the future. · The decision to offer an alternative benefit is solely ours, and we may withdraw it at any time and resume regular contract benefits. · Our decision to offer or withdraw alternative benefits is not subject to OPM review under the disputed claims process.
24 hour nurse line	For any of your health concerns, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you may call 703/359/7878 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or 800/777-7904 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or call our TDD at 703/359-7616 or 800/700-4901 and talk with a registered nurse who will discuss treatment options and answer your health questions.
Services for deaf and hearing impaired	For any of your health concerns, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, you may call 703/359-7616 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or 800/700-4901 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area and talk with a registered nurse who will discuss treatment options and answer your health questions. During regular business hours Monday through Friday, you may contact our Member Services Department with any questions concerning the Plan and how to obtain services by calling 301/816-6344.
Centers of excellence for transplants	The Centers of Excellence program began in Fall 1987. As new technologies proliferate and become the standard of care, Kaiser Permanente refers members to contracted "centers of excellence" for certain specialized medical procedures. We have developed a national contract network of Centers of Excellence for organ transplantation, which consists of medical facilities that have met stringent criteria for quality care in specific procedures. A national clinical and administrative team has developed guidelines for site selection, site visit protocol, volume and survival criteria for evaluation and selection of facilities. The institutions have a record of positive outcomes and exceptional standards of quality.

Travel benefit	Kaiser Permanente's travel benefits for Federal employees provide you with outpatient follow-up or continuing medical care when you are outside your home service area by more than 100 miles or outside of any other Kaiser Permanente service area. These benefits are in addition to your emergency and urgent care benefits and include: · Outpatient follow-up care necessary to complete a course of treatment after a covered emergency. Services include removal of stitches, a catheter, or a cast. · Outpatient continuing care for covered services for conditions diagnosed by a Kaiser Permanente health care provider or affiliated Plan provider that have been treated within the previous 90 days. Services include childhood immunizations, dialysis, or prescription drug monitoring. · You pay $25 for each follow-up or continuing care office visit. This amount will be deducted from the payment we make to you. · Your benefit is limited to $1200 each calendar year. · For more information about this benefit call 800/390-3509. · File claims as shown on page 57. *The following are not included in your travel benefits coverage:* · *Non-emergency hospitalization* · *Infertility treatments* · *Medical and hospital costs resulting from a normal full-term delivery of a baby outside the service area* · *Transplants* · *Prescription drugs (you may have prescriptions filled by mail through our prescription drug benefit)*

Services from other Kaiser Permanente plans	When you are visiting in the service area of another Kaiser Permanente plan, you are entitled to receive virtually all the benefits described in this brochure at any Kaiser Permanente medical office or medical center. You will have to pay the charges imposed by the Plan you are visiting. If the Plan you are visiting has a benefit that is different from the benefits of this Plan, you are not entitled to receive that benefit. Some services covered by this Plan, such as artificial reproductive services and the services of specialized rehabilitation facilities, will not be available in other Kaiser Permanente service areas. If a benefit is limited to a specific number of visits or days, you are entitled to receive only the number of visits or days covered by the Plan in which you are enrolled. If you are seeking routine, non-emergent, or non-urgent services, you should call the Kaiser Permanente Membership Services Department in that service area and request an appointment. You may obtain routine follow-up or continuing care from these Plans, even when you have obtained the original services in the service area of this Plan. If you require emergency services as the result of unexpected or unforeseen illness that requires immediate attention, you should go directly to the nearest Kaiser Permanente facility to receive care. At the time you register for services, you will be asked to pay the charges required by the local Plan. If you plan to travel to an area with another Kaiser Permanente plan, and wish to obtain more information about the benefits available to you from the Kaiser Permanente plan, please call Membership Services at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD is 301/816-6344 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

Section 5 (h). Dental benefits

IMPORTANT	**Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:** · Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary. · Plan dentists must provide or arrange your care. · We have no calendar year deductible. · We cover hospitalization for dental procedures only when a nondental physical impairment exists which makes hospitalization necessary to safeguard the health of the patient; we do not cover the dental procedure except as described below. · Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.	IMPORTANT

Dental Benefits	
Accidental injury benefit	**You pay**
We cover restorative services and supplies necessary to promptly repair (but not replace) your sound natural teeth that you have injured as the result of an external force (not chewing). A sound natural tooth is one that has not been weakened by existing dental pathology such as, decay or periodontal disease, or previously restored with a crown, inlay, onlay or porcelain restoration, or treatment by endodontics. Note: You must start to receive services within 60 days of your accident and complete them within 12 months of your accident. You are only covered for the most cost effective procedure that will produce a satisfactory result.	$10 per office visit, up to $2,000 per member per accident
Not covered: · *Injuries to non-sound natural teeth* · *Services required after the 12-month period* · *Services that are needed, but did not start until later than 60 days after the accident* · *Services for teeth that have been so severely damaged that restoration is impossible, in the opinion of the Plan dental provider* · *Services for teeth that have been knocked-out*	*All charges*

Other dental benefits	You pay
We cover general anesthesia and associated hospital or ambulatory surgery facility charges in conjunction with dental care provided by a fully accredited specialist in pediatric dentistry, fully accredited specialist in oral and maxillofacial surgery, or a dentist for whom hospital privileges has been granted, for the following members: · Children, 7 years of age or younger, who are developmentally disabled, for whom a successful result cannot be expected from dental care provided under local anesthesia because of a physical, intellectual, or other medically compromising condition, for whom a superior result can be expected from dental care provided under general anesthesia · Children, 17 years of age or younger, and extremely uncooperative, fearful, or uncommunicative with dental needs of such magnitude that treatment should not be delayed or deferred; and whom a lack of treatment can be expected to result in oral pain, infection, loss of teeth, or other increased oral or dental morbidity · Adults, age 17 and older, whose medical condition requires that dental service be performed in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center for their safety (e.g., heart disease and hemophilia)	Nothing
Not covered: · *The dentist's or specialist's professional services* · *Dental care for temporal mandibular joint (TMJ) disorders*	*All charges*

Discounted Fee - Dental Benefits

Kaiser Permanente has entered into an Agreement with Dental Benefit Providers ("DBP"), under which DBP will provide or arrange for the administration of covered dental services to you through Participating Dental Providers.

- All procedures listed in the following schedule of dental services and fees are covered dental services. When you receive any of the listed procedures from a Participating Dental Provider, you will pay the fee listed next to the procedure description for that service. The Participating Dental Provider has agreed to accept that fee as payment in full for that procedure. Neither Kaiser Permanente nor DBP are liable for payment of these fees or for any fees incurred as the result of receipt of non-covered dental services.
- You may select a Participating Dental Provider, who is a "general dentist," from whom you will receive covered dental services. With a large network of general dentists in our service area, you may select a general dentist from our Dental Provider Directory for yourself and your family. You can obtain a Dental Provider Directory by calling our Member Services Department at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD is 301/816-6344.
- Specialty care is also available should further covered services be necessary; however, you must be referred to a Participating Dental Provider who is a specialist by your general dentist. Your discounted fees are slightly higher for care received by a Participating Dental Provider who is a specialist. Please refer to the following schedule of dental services and fees for those discounted fees.
- When a dental emergency occurs outside our service area, Kaiser Permanente will reimburse you for the reasonable charges, less any discounted fee, upon proof of payment, not to exceed $50 per incident. We cover emergency dental treatment required to alleviate pain, bleeding, or swelling. If post-emergency care is required, you must receive all post-emergency care from your Participating Dental Provider.
- The following schedule of dental services and fees list specific procedures with a "FC30" as the fee. This means you pay a fixed fee of $30 per office visit in which an exam, cleaning, or X-ray procedure, except when ADA codes 0210, Complete Series, and 0330 Panoramic are performed. The $5 sterilization fee cannot be charged for any office visit in which the FC30 applies. Those fees that indicate a "NB" mean there is no benefit available. You must pay the full cost of those services.

The schedule for dental services and fees are:

Dental Benefits		**You Pay**	
ADA CODE	**PROCEDURE NAME**	**TO DENTIST**	**TO SPECIALIST**
Diagnostic Services			
00120	Periodic Oral Exam (every 6 months)	FC30	NB
00140	Ltd Oral Evaluation – Problem Focused	FC30	NB
00150	Comprehensive Oral Examination	FC30	NB
00210	Intraoral-Complete Series Including Bitewings	34	37
00220	Intraoral-Periapical-First Film	FC30	9
00230	Intraoral-Periapical-Each Additional Film	FC30	9
00240	Intraoral Occlusal Film	FC30	9
00270	Bitewing-Single Film	FC30	9
00272	Bitewing- Two Films	FC30	9
00273	Bitewing – Three Films	FC30	16
00274	Bitewing – Four Films	FC30	25
00330	Panoramic Film	28	31
00460	Pulp Vitality Tests	FC30	16
00470	Diagnostic Casts	FC30	NB
Preventive Services			
01110	Prophylaxis Adults (Every six months)	FC30	NB
01120	Prophylaxis Child (Every six months)	FC30	NB
01201	Topical Fluoride Incl Proph <16 yrs every 6 mos	FC30	NB
01203	Topical Fluoride Excl Proph <16 yrs every 6 mos	FC30	NB

Dental Benefits		You Pay	
ADA CODE	PROCEDURE NAME	TO DENTIST	TO SPECIALIST
01330	Oral Hygiene Instruction	FC30	NB
01351	Sealant –Per Tooth – To age 16	17	NB
01510	Space Maintainer – Fixed Unilateral	184	NB
01515	Space Maintainer – Fixed Bilateral	184	NB
01520	Space Maintainer – Removable Unilateral	226	NB
01525	Space Maintainer – Removable Bilateral	141	NB
01550	Recementation of Space Maintainer	21	NB
Restorative Services			
02110	Amalgam – One Surface Primary	27	NB
02120	Amalgam – Two Surfaces Primary	35	NB
02130	Amalgam – Three Surfaces Primary	39	NB
02131	Amalgam – Four or More Surfaces Primary	50	NB
02140	Amalgam – One Surface Permanent	30	NB
02150	Amalgam – Two Surfaces Permanent	41	NB
02160	Amalgam – Three Surface Permanent	51	NB
02161	Amalgam – Four or More Surfaces Permanent	60	NB
02330	Resin – One Surface Anterior	37	NB
02331	Resin – Two Surfaces Anterior	51	NB
02332	Resin –Three Surfaces Anterior	52	NB
02335	Resin >3 Sur or Inv Incisal Angle Ant	66	NB
02385	Resin - One Surface, Posterior Permanent	35	NB
02386	Resin - Two Surfaces, Posterior Permanent	56	NB
02387	Resin - 3 or More Surfaces, Posterior Permanent	70	NB
02510	Inlay-Metallic-One Surface	307	NB
02520	Inlay-Metallic-Two Surfaces	334	NB
02530	Inlay-Metallic-Three Surfaces	371	NB
02540	Onlay-Metallic-Per T In Add to Inlay	408	NB
02610	Inlay-Porcelain/Ceramic-One Surface	498	NB
02620	Inlay-Porcelain/Ceramic – Two Surfaces	498	NB
02630	Inlay-Porcelain/Ceramic – Three Surfaces	498	NB
02640	Onlay-Porc/Ceramic-Per Tooth + Inlay	498	NB
02650	Inlay-Compos/Resin-1 Surf (Lab Proc)	498	NB
02651	Inlay-Compos/Resin-2 Surf (Lab Proc)	498	NB
02652	Inlay-Compos/Resin-3 or More Surf (Lab)	498	NB
02710	Crown-Resin-Laboratory	235	NB
02740	Crown-Porcelain/Ceramic Substrate	526	NB
02750	Crown-Porcelain Fused to Hi Noble Metal	531	NB
02751	Crown-Porcelain Fused to Predom Base Mental	472	NB
02752	Crown-Porcelain Fused to Noble Metal	502	NB
02790	Crown-Full Cast High Noble Metal	510	NB
02791	Crown-Full Cast Predom Base Metal	442	NB
02792	Crown-Full Cast Noble Metal	465	NB
02810	Crown-3/4 Cast Metallic	521	NB
02910	Recement Inlay	34	NB
02920	Recement Crown	34	NB
02930	Prefab Stainl Stl Crown-Prim Tooth	101	NB
02931	Prefab Stainl Stl Crown-Perm Tooth	106	NB
02932	Prefabricated Resin Crown	157	NB
02940	Sedative Fillings	34	NB
02950	Crown Buildup (Substructure) w/pins	101	NB
02951	Pin Reten-Per Tooth in Add to Rest	22	NB
02952	Cast Post & Core In Add to Crown	146	NB
02954	Prefab Post & Core in Add to Crown	129	NB
02970	Temporary Crown (Fractured Tooth)	84	NB

Dental Benefits		You Pay	
ADA CODE	PROCEDURE NAME	TO DENTIST	TO SPECIALIST
02980	Crown Repair	84	NB
Endodontic Services			
03110	Pulp Cap-Direct Excl Final Rest	22	NB
03120	Pulp Cap-Indirect Excl Final Rest	22	NB
03220	Therapeutic Pulpotomy Exc Fin Rest	62	67
03310	RC Ther – Ant Exc Final Restoration	253	319
03320	RC Ther-Bicuspid Exc Final Restoration	294	496
03330	RC Ther – Molar Exc Final Restoration	313	614
03346	Retreatment of Prev RC Ther - Anterior	NB	378
03347	Retreatment of Prev RC Ther - Bicuspid	NB	584
03348	Retreatment of Prev RC Ther - Molar	NB	732
03350	Apexification/Recalc Per Trmt Visit	118	164
03410	Apicoectomy/Periradicular Surg-Ant	148	381
03421	Apico/perirad Surg-Bicus First Root	148	465
03425	Apico/Perirad Srg-Molar First Root	148	487
03426	Apico/Perirad Srg-Molar Ea Add Root	49	185
06430	Retrograde Filling Per Root	104	196
03450	Root Amputation-Per Root	104	252
03920	Hemisect W Rt Rem-Wo Root Canal Therapy	125	224
Periodontic Services			
04210	Gingivectomy/Gingivoplasty-Per Quad	222	297
04211	Gingivectomy/Gingivoplasty-Per Tooth	59	90
04220	Ging Curettage Surg/Quad-By Report	67	140
04240	Gingival Flap Incl Rt Health Plan-Per Quad	222	381
04249	Crn Lengthn-Hard/Soft Tissue by Rep	260	358
04250	Muco-Gingival Surgery-Per Qdrant	260	370
04260	Oss Surg Inc Flap Ent, Grafts & Clos	371	661
04261	Osseous Graft	185	330
04262	Osseous Graft Multiple	185	330
04268	Guid Tis Rgen Inc Sur Re-Ent by Rep	358	358
04270	Pedicle Soft Tissue Graft Procedure	178	420
04271	Free Soft Tissue Graft & Donor Site	260	510
04320	Provisional Splinting – Intracoronal	106	130
04321	Provisional Splinting – Extracoronal	74	134
04341	Perio Scaling/Root Health Planing-Per Quad	71	140
04355	FM Debridmt before Comp Trmt	67	140
04910	Perio Maint After Active Ther	45	67
Prosthetics - Removable			
05110	Complete Denture – Upper	525	NB
05120	Complete Denture – Lower	525	NB
05130	Immediate Denture – Upper	525	NB
05140	Immediate Denture – Lower	525	NB
05211	Upper Part Dent-Resin Base Incl Clsp	381	NB
05212	Lower Part Dent-Resin Base Incl Clsp	470	NB
05213	Up Part Dent-Met Base, Res SDL Incl Clsp	567	NB
05214	Lo Part Dent-Met Base, Res SDL Incl Clsp	567	NB
05281	Uni Part Dent-Met Base, Cast Clsp	269	NB
05410	Adjust Dent-Comp or Part, Upr or Lwr	73	NB
05510	Repair Broken Complete Denture Base	56	NB
05520	Repl Miss/Brkn T-Compl Den-Ea T	45	NB
05610	Repair Acrylic Saddle or Base	56	NB
05620	Repair Cast Framework	62	NB
05630	Repair or Replace Broken Clasp	50	NB
05640	Replace Broken Teeth-Per Tooth	50	NB

Dental Benefits		You Pay	
ADA CODE	PROCEDURE NAME	TO DENTIST	TO SPECIALIST
05650	Add Tooth to Existing Part Denture	73	NB
05660	Add Clasp to Existing Part Denture	101	NB
05710	Rebase Dnt-Comp or Par, Upr or Lower	196	NB
05730	Reline Dnt-Comp or Part, Chair	134	NB
05750	Reline Dent-Comp or Part, Lab	148	NB
05820	Temp Part Stayplate-Upper or Lower	207	NB
05850	Tissue Conditioning Upper – Denture	50	NB
05851	Tissue Conditioning Lower –Denture	56	NB
Prosthetics - Fixed			
06210	Pontic-Cast High Noble Metal	525	NB
06211	Pontic-Cast Predom Base Metal	484	NB
06212	Pontic-Cast Noble Metal	459	NB
06240	Pontic-Porc Fused to Hi Noble Metal	493	NB
06241	Pontic-Porc Fused to Predom Base Metal	431	NB
06242	Pontic-Porc Fused to Noble Metal	465	NB
06520	Inlay-Metallic-Two Surfaces	353	NB
06530	Inlay-Metallic – 3 or More Surfaces	392	NB
06540	Only – Metallic Per Tooth + Inlay	431	NB
06545	Rtain-Cast Mtl For Acide Etch Brdg	224	NB
06750	Crown-Porc Fused to Hi Noble Metal	504	NB
06751	Crown-Porc Fused to Predom Bse Metal	420	NB
06752	Crown-Porc Fused to Nobel Metal	454	NB
06780	Crown-3/4 Cast High Noble Metal	476	NB
06790	Crown-Full Cast High Noble Metal	537	NB
06791	Crown-Full Cast Predom Base Metal	478	NB
06792	Crown-Full Cast Noble Metal0	465	NB
06930	Recement Bridge	39	NB
Oral Surgery			
07110	Single Tooth	47	53
07120	Each Additional Tooth	41	47
07130	Root Removal – Exposed Roots	28	39
07210	Surgical Removal of Erupted Tooth	59	106
07220	Rem Impacted Tooth-Soft Tissue	52	129
07230	Rem Impacted Tooth-Part Bony	67	162
07240	Rem Impacted Tooth – Compl Bony	111	190
07250	Surg Rem Resid T Roots-Cutting Proc	59	106
07260	Oroantral Fistula Closure	170	213
07270	Tooth Reimplantation	104	241
07280	Surg Expos Imp/Unerup T-Ortho	125	207
07281	Surg Expos Imp/Unerup T-Aid Erup	88	168
07285	Biopsy of Oral Tissue-Hard**	74	129
07286	Biopsy of Oral Tissue-Soft**	74	112
07291	Transseptal Fiberotomy	34	34
07310	Alveolopl In Conj w Extrac-Per Quad	59	118
07320	Alveolopl No Extract-Per Quad	74	134
07410	Rad Exc-Lesion to 1.25cm**	88	168
07420	Rad Exc-Lesion over 1.25cm**	141	286
07430	Exc Benign Tumor-Lesion to 1.25cm**	111	179
07431	Exc Benign Tumor-Lesion over 1.25cm**	140	281
07450	Rem Odont Cyc/Tum-Les to 1.25cm	105	170
07451	Rem Odont Cyst/Tum-Les over 1.25cm	140	281
07460	Rem NonOdont Cyst/Tum-Les to 1.25cm	111	179
07461	Rem NonOdont Cyst/Tum-Les over 1.25cm	148	297

Dental Benefits		You Pay	
ADA CODE	**PROCEDURE NAME**	**TO DENTIST**	**TO SPECIALIST**
07470	Rem Exostosis-Maxilla or Mandible	193	280
07480	Part Ostectomy Gutter or Sauceriz	281	281
07510	I&D Abscess-Intraoral Soft Tissue	59	78
07520	I&D Abscess-Extraoral Soft-Tissue	59	78
07530	Rem Foreign Body/Skn/Subcut Areo Tissue	120	179
07550	Sequestrectomy for Osteomyelitis	162	162
07910	Suture Simple Wounds up to 5cm	39	39
07911	Suture of Complex Wounds up to 5cm	78	78
07960	Frenectomy Frenec/Frenot-Sep Proc	91	196
07970	Exc of Hyperplastic Tissue-Per Arch	56	148
07971	Excision of Periocoronal Gingiva	67	95
Additional Procedures			
09110	Palliative Treatment	28	NB
09210	Local Anesthesia	0	NB
09220	General Anesthesia-First 30 Minutes	74	185
09221	General Anesthesia-Each Add'l 15 Minutes	37	123
09230	Analgesia (per 30 Minutes)	17	22
09240	IV Sedation (per _ hour)	111	179
09310	Consult (No Add'l Procs Indicated)	45	49
09910	Appl Of Desensitizing Med	28	28
09940	Occlusal Guards by Report	162	269
09951	Occlusal Adjustment – Limited	37	57
09952	Occlusal Adjustment-Complete	148	244
09980	Sterilization Surcharge (per visit)	5	5
09990	After Hours Surcharge	25	25
09999	Broken Appointment Fee – Per _ Hour	15	15
Orthodontics – Per Case			
08070	Orthodontic – Fully Banded 2 Yr. Case - Transitional	NB	2375
08080	Orthodontic – Fully Banded 2 Yr. Case - Adolescent	NB	2375

Limitations to dental services:

- *Full mouth X-rays and panoramic X-rays are covered once every thirty-six (36) months*
- *Full mouth debridement (ADA Code 4355) is limited to once every thirty-six (36) months*
- *Perio Maintenance After Active Therapy (ADA Code 04910) is limited to twice within twelve (12) months after Osseous Surgery*
- *Relinement of dentures (ADA Codes 05730 and 05750) is limited to once every thirty-six (36) months*
- *Sealants (ADA Code 01351) are limited to the first and second permanent molars. Additionally, coverage is limited to members under age 16*
- *Retreatment within one (1) year following the initial therapy is the responsibility of the original treating Participating Dental Provider*
- *Orthodontic benefits are for Members ages 19 and under. Treatment beyond twenty-four (24) months is the responsibility of the Member*

Not covered:

- *Services of dentists or other practitioners of healing arts not associated with Kaiser Permanente and/or DBP except upon referral arranged by a Participating Dental Provider and authorized by us, or when required in a covered emergency. Such excluded services mean any kind of dental care and anything prescribed in connection therewith.*
- *Hospitalization for any dental procedure, except as may be otherwise covered by this Plan*
- *Any cosmetic, beautifying, or elective procedure*
- *Any procedure not performed in a dental office setting*
- *Experimental procedures, implantations, or pharmacological regiments*
- *Services for injuries or conditions which are covered under Workers' Compensation or Employer's Liability laws; services which are provided without cost to the Member by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision. This exclusion does not apply to any services that are covered by Medicaid.*
- *Replacement of denture, bridgework, and/or dental appliances previously supplied under this benefit, due to loss or theft, or for any reason within sixty (60) months of initial insertion*
- *Services which, in the opinion of the attending Participating Dental Provider, are not necessary for the member's dental health*
- *Dental services pertaining, or related, to the Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ), except when those services are included on the attached dental fee schedule and are performed by the member's Participating Dental Provider in that provider's office*
- *Charges for failure to keep a scheduled dental appointment. The charges are listed in the attached dental fee schedule, and are charged by the general dentist and/or specialist, for each missed _ appointment without twenty-four (24) hours' notice.*
- *Services of Pedodontists and/or Prosthodontists*
- *Charges for second opinions, unless previously authorized by Kaiser Permanente*
- *Procedures requiring fixed prosthodontic restoration, which are necessary for complete oral rehabilitation or reconstruction*
- *Procedures relating to the change and maintenance of vertical dimension or the restoration of occlusion*
- *Orthodontic treatment for adults and orthodontic treatment related to Temporomandibular Joint (TMJ) dysfunction*
- *Procedures not shown on the dental service and fees listing*
- *Dental lab fees for excisions and biopsies. Procedures requiring lab fees are shown with asterisks ("**").*
- *Orthodontic benefits are for ages 19 and under; adult orthodontics are not covered. Treatment beyond 24 months is the responsibility of the patient. Orthodontic treatment related to TMJ dysfunction is not covered.*

Section 5 (i). Non-FEHB benefits available to Plan members

The benefits on this page are not part of the FEHB contract or premium, **and you cannot file an FEHB disputed claim about them**. Fees you pay for these services do not count toward FEHB deductibles or out-of-pocket maximums.

Feature	Description

Medicare Prepaid Plan Enrollment

We offer Medicare recipients the opportunity to enroll in our Plan through Medicare. Annuitants and former spouses with FEHB coverage and Medicare Parts A and B may elect to either drop their FEHB coverage and enroll in a Medicare prepaid plan or remain enrolled in the FEHB Program and simultaneously enroll in the Medicare prepaid plan when one is available in their area. If you choose to disenroll from the FEHB Program you may then later re-enroll in the FEHB Program.

Most federal annuitants have Medicare Part A (hospital coverage). Those without Medicare Part A may join this Medicare prepaid plan after they have elected to purchase Medicare Part A in addition to continuing to pay for their Part B premium. Before you drop your FEHB coverage and apply for coverage in the Medicare prepaid plan, please contact us at the numbers listed below based on your residence:

- **The District of Columbia and the following cities and counties in Virginia:** Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Loudoun, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Prince William, please call 800/281-8797.
- **The following cities and counties in the State of Maryland:** Baltimore, Baltimore City, Howard and the following zip codes within Anne Arundel County: 20794, 21060, 21076, 21077, 21090, 21108, 21122, 21144, 21146, 21226 and 21240, please call 800/203-2808.

The following counties in the State of Maryland: Montgomery, Prince George's, and the following zip codes within Charles County: 20601, 20602, 20603, 20604, 20612, 20616, 20617, 20637, 20640, 20643, 20646, 20658, 20675, and 20695, please call 800/229-5591.

Expanded Dental Benefits

We are pleased to offer you a new choice of dental coverage to supplement what is currently available to you through the FEHB program. This dental program is designed to enhance the level of dental benefits that you currently receive. Your basic discounted dental coverage through the Plan is not affected by this enhanced product offering. This new supplemental coverage is through Delta Dental, a national dental provider, and is only available to members of Kaiser Permanente.

Dental Premier, a table of allowances program, allows you to choose any licensed dentist; however, discounted pricing is available only through Delta's provider network. After you satisfy a deductible, Delta will pay a predetermined amount toward each covered service. You will not need to satisfy a deductible toward covered preventive services you receive. Delta Premier offers a full range of covered services: diagnostic, preventive, restorative, endodontics, periodontics, oral surgery, and both fixed and removable prosthodontics. Orthodontic coverage is not available. Covered services will be phased in over a three (3) year period.

Delta Premier is only available to you if you are enrolled in Kaiser Permanente's Plan for the FEHB. You do not need to purchase this program to receive the basic dental coverage included in the Plan. Payments will be made directly to Delta. Payroll deduction is not available for this program.

How to Enroll: An enrollment form for Delta Premier is included in your Kaiser Permanente enrollment kit. If you would wish more information on Delta Premier, please call Delta Dental at 800/932-0783.

Monthly Premiums:	
Self	$18.45
Self and One Party	$33.45
Family	$52.45

Section 6. General exclusions -- things we don't cover

The exclusions in this section apply to all benefits. **Although we may list a specific service as a benefit, we will not cover it unless your Plan physician determines it is medically necessary to prevent, diagnose, or treat your illness, disease, injury, or condition.**

We do not cover the following:

- Care by non-Plan providers except for authorized referrals or emergencies (see Section 5(d)), services under the Travel Benefit (see Section 5(g)), and services received from other Kaiser Permanente plans (see Section 5(g));
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive while you are not enrolled in this Plan;
- Services, drugs, or supplies that are not medically necessary;
- Services, drugs, or supplies not required according to accepted standards of medical, dental, or psychiatric practice;
- Experimental or investigational procedures, treatments, drugs, or devices;
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to abortions, except when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or when the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest;
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to sex transformations; or
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive from a provider or facility barred from the FEHB Program.

Section 7. Filing a claim for covered services

When you see Plan physicians, receive services at Plan hospitals and facilities, or fill your prescription drugs at Plan pharmacies, you will not have to file claims. Just present your identification card and pay your copayment or coinsurance.

You will only need to file a claim when you receive emergency services from non-plan providers. Sometimes these providers bill us directly. Check with the provider. If you need to file the claim, here is the process:

Medical, hospital, and drug benefits

In most cases, providers and facilities file claims for you. Physicians must file on the form HCFA-1500, Health Insurance Claim Form. Facilities will file on the UB-92 form. For claims questions and assistance, call us at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344.

When you must file a claim – such as for out-of-area care – submit it on the HCFA-1500 or a claim form that includes the information shown below. Bills and receipts should be itemized and show:

- Covered member's name and ID number;
- Name and address of the physician or facility that provided the service or supply;
- Dates you received the services or supplies;
- Diagnosis;
- Type of each service or supply;
- The charge for each service or supply;
- A copy of the explanation of benefits, payments, or denial from any primary payer – such as the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN); and
- Receipts, if you paid for your services.

Submit your claims to:

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.
Attention: Claims Department
P. O. Box 6233
Rockville, Maryland 20849-6233

Deadline for filing your claim

Send us all of the documents for your claim as soon as possible. You must submit the claim by December 31 of the year after the year you received the service, unless timely filing was prevented by administrative operations of Government or legal incapacity, provided the claim was submitted as soon as reasonably possible.

When we need more information

Please reply promptly when we ask for additional information. We may delay processing or deny your claim if you do not respond.

Section 8. The disputed claims process

Follow this Federal Employees Health Benefits Program disputed claims process if you disagree with our decision on your claim or request for services, drugs, or supplies – including a request for precertification:

Step	Description
1	Ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. You must: (a) Write to us within 6 months from the date of our decision; and (b) Send your request to us at: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc., 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20849, Attn: Member Services Appeals Unit; and (c) Include a statement about why you believe our initial decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure; and (d) Include copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms.
2	We have 30 days from the date we receive your request to: (a) Pay the claim (or, if applicable, arrange for the health care provider to give you the care); or (b) Write to you and maintain our denial -- go to step 4; or (c) Ask you or your provider for more information. If we ask your provider, we will send you a copy of our request – go to step 3.
3	You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 more days. If we do not receive the information within 60 days, we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.
4	If you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it. You must write to OPM within: · 90 days after the date of our letter upholding our initial decision; or · 120 days after you first wrote to us -- if we did not answer that request in some way within 30 days; or · 120 days after we asked for additional information. Write to OPM at: Office of Personnel Management, Office of Insurance Programs, Contracts Division 3, P.O. Box 436, Washington, DC 20044-0436.

Send OPM the following information:

- A statement about why you believe our decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure;
- Copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms;
- Copies of all letters you sent to us about the claim;
- Copies of all letters we sent to you about the claim; and
- Your daytime phone number and the best time to call.

Note: If you want OPM to review different claims, you must clearly identify which documents apply to which claim.

Note: You are the only person who has a right to file a disputed claim with OPM. Parties acting as your representative, such as medical providers, must provide a copy of your specific written consent with the review request.

Note: The above deadlines may be extended if you show that you were unable to meet the deadline because of reasons beyond your control.

5 OPM will review your disputed claim request and will use the information it collects from you and us to decide whether our decision is correct. OPM will send you a final decision within 60 days. There are no other administrative appeals.

6 If you do not agree with OPM's decision, your only recourse is to sue. If you decide to sue, you must file the suit against OPM in Federal court by December 31 of the third year after the year in which you received the disputed services, drugs, or supplies. This is the only deadline that may not be extended.

OPM may disclose the information it collects during the review process to support their disputed claim decision. This information will become part of the court record.

You may not sue until you have completed the disputed claims process. Further, Federal law governs your lawsuit, benefits, and payment of benefits. The Federal court will base its review on the record that was before OPM when OPM decided to uphold or overturn our decision. You may recover only the amount of benefits in dispute.

NOTE: If you have a serious or life threatening condition (one that may cause permanent loss of bodily functions or death if not treated as soon as possible), and

(a) We haven't responded yet to your initial request for care or preauthorization/prior approval, then call us at Monday through Friday at 301/468-6000 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our TDD is 301/816-6344. Weekends and holidays, please call 703/359-7878 inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or 800/777-7904 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Our weekend TDD numbers are 703/359-7616 or toll free at 800/700-4901. We will expedite our review; or

(b) We denied your initial request for care or pre-authorization/prior approval, then:

- If we expedite our review and maintain our denial, we will inform OPM so that they can give your claim expedited treatment too, or
- You can call OPM's Health Benefits Contracts Division 3 at 202/606-0755 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time.

Section 9. Coordinating benefits with other coverage

When you have other health coverage

You must tell us if you are covered or a family member is covered under another group health plan or have automobile insurance that pays health care expenses without regard to fault. This is called "double coverage."

When you have double coverage, one plan is the primary payer; it pays benefits first. The other plan pays a reduced benefit as the secondary payer. We, like other insurers, determine which coverage is primary according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' Guidelines.

When we are the primary payer, we will pay the benefits described in this brochure.

When we are the secondary payer, we will determine our allowance. After the primary plan pays, we will pay what is left of our allowance, up to our regular benefit. We will not pay more than our allowance. If we are the secondary payer, and you received your services from Plan providers, we may bill the primary carrier.

- **What is Medicare?**

Medicare is a Health Insurance Program for:

- People 65 years of age and older.
- Some people with disabilities, under 65 years of age.
- People with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a transplant).

Medicare has two parts:

- Part A (Hospital Insurance). Most people do not have to pay for Part A.
- Part B (Medical Insurance). Most people pay monthly for Part B.

If you are eligible for Medicare, you may have choices in how you get your health care. Medicare+Choice is the term used to describe the various health plan choices available to Medicare beneficiaries. The information in the next few pages shows how we coordinate benefits with Medicare, depending on the type of Medicare managed care plan you have.

- **The Original Medicare Plan**

The Original Medicare Plan is available everywhere in the United States. It is the way most people get their Medicare Part A and Part B benefits. You may go to any doctor, specialist, or hospital that accepts Medicare. Medicare pays its share and you pay your share. Some things are not covered under Original Medicare, like prescription drugs.

When you are enrolled in this Plan and Original Medicare, you still need to follow the rules in this brochure for us to cover your care. We will not waive any of our copayments.

(Primary payer chart begins on next page.)

The following chart illustrates whether Original Medicare or this Plan should be the primary payer for you according to your employment status and other factors determined by Medicare. It is critical that you tell us if you or a covered family member has Medicare coverage so we can administer these requirements correctly.

Primary Payer Chart		
A. When either you -- or your covered spouse -- are age 65 or over and …	**Then the primary payer is…**	
	Original Medicare	**This Plan**
1) Are an active employee with the Federal government (including when you or a family member are eligible for Medicare solely because of a disability),		✓
2) Are an annuitant,	✓	
3) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Federal government when… a) The position is excluded from FEHB, or …… b) The position is not excluded from FEHB……. Ask your employing office which of these applies to you.	……..…..✓ ……..	……✓
4) Are a Federal judge who retired under title 28, U.S.C., or a Tax Court judge who retired under Section 7447 of title 26, U.S.C. (or if your covered spouse is this type of judge),	✓	
5) Are enrolled in Part B only, regardless of your employment status,	✓ (for Part B services)	✓ (for other services)
6) Are a former Federal employee receiving Workers' Compensation and the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs has determined that you are unable to return to duty,	✓ (except for claims related to Workers' Compensation)	
B. When you -- or a covered family member -- have Medicare based on end stage renal disease (ESRD) and…		
1) Are within the first 30 months of eligibility to receive Part A benefits solely because of ESRD,		✓
2) Have completed the 30-month ESRD coordination period and are still eligible for Medicare due to ESRD,	✓	
3) Become eligible for Medicare due to ESRD after Medicare became primary for you under another provision,	✓	
C. When you or a covered family member have FEHB and…		
1) Are eligible for Medicare based on disability, and a) Are an annuitant, or …… b) Are an active employee……	…….✓ ……..	..…..✓

· **Medicare managed care plan**

If you are eligible for Medicare, you may choose to enroll in and get your Medicare benefits from a Medicare managed care plan. These are health care choices (like HMOs) in some areas of the country. In most Medicare managed care plans, you can only go to doctors, specialists, or hospitals that are part of the plan. Medicare managed care plans cover all Medicare Part A and B benefits. Some cover extras, like prescription drugs. To learn more about enrolling in a Medicare managed care plan, contact Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or at www.medicare.gov. If you enroll in a Medicare+Choice plan, the following options are available to you:

This Plan and our Medicare managed care plan: You may enroll in our Medicare managed care plan, known as Medicare+Choice or Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage, and also remain enrolled in our FEHB Plan. In this case, we will not waive our copayments and coinsurance for your FEHB and Medicare coverage.

This Plan and another Plan's Medicare managed care plan: You may enroll in another plan's Medicare managed care plan and also remain enrolled in our FEHB plan. We will still provide benefits when your Medicare managed care plan is primary if you use our Plan providers, but we will not waive any of our copayments or coinsurance.

Suspended FEHB coverage and a Medicare managed care plan: If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare managed care plan, eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to your Medicare managed care plan premium.) For information on suspending your FEHB enrollment, contact your retirement office. If you later want to re-enroll in the FEHB Program, generally you may do so only at the next open season unless you involuntarily lose coverage or move out of the Medicare managed care service area.

• **Enrollment in Medicare Part B**

Note: If you choose not to enroll in Medicare Part B, you can still be covered under the FEHB Program. We cannot require you to enroll in Medicare.

TRICARE

TRICARE is the health care program for eligible dependents of military persons and retirees of the military. TRICARE includes the CHAMPUS program. If both TRICARE and this Plan cover you, we pay first. See your TRICARE Health Benefits Advisor if you have questions about TRICARE coverage.

Workers' Compensation

We do not cover services that:

· you need because of a workplace-related disease or injury that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) or a similar Federal or State agency determines they must provide; or

· OWCP or a similar agency pays for through a third party injury settlement or other similar proceeding that is based on a claim you filed under OWCP or similar laws.

Once OWCP or similar agency pays its maximum benefits for your treatment, we will cover your benefits. You must use our providers.

Medicaid

When you have this Plan and Medicaid, we pay first.

When other Government agencies are responsible for your care

We do not cover services and supplies when a local, State, or Federal Government agency directly or indirectly pays for them.

When others are responsible for injuries

When you receive money to compensate you for medical or hospital care for injuries or illness caused by another person, you must reimburse us for any expenses we paid. However, we will cover the cost of treatment that exceeds the amount you received in the settlement.

If you do not seek damages you must agree to let us try. This is called subrogation. If you need more information, contact us for our subrogation procedures.

Section 10. Definitions of terms we use in this brochure

Calendar year

January 1 through December 31 of the same year. For new enrollees, the calendar year begins on the effective date of their enrollment and ends on December 31 of the same year.

Coinsurance

Coinsurance is the percentage of our allowance that you must pay for your care.

Copayment

A copayment is a fixed amount of money you pay when you receive covered services.

Covered services

Care we provide benefits for, as described in this brochure.

Custodial care

(1) Assistance with activities of daily living, for example, walking, getting in and out of bed, dressing, feeding, toileting, and taking medicine. (2) Care that can be performed safely and effectively by people who, in order to provide the care, do not require medical licenses or certificates or the presence of a supervising licensed nurse.

Deductible

A deductible is a fixed amount of covered expenses you must incur for certain covered services and supplies before we start paying benefits for those services.

Experimental or investigational services

A service, supply, item or drug that:
(1) has not been approved by the FDA; or
(2) is the subject of a new drug or new device application on file with the FDA; or
(3) is available as the result of a written protocol that evaluates the service's safety, toxicity, or efficacy; or
(4) is subject to the approval or review of an Institutional Review Board; or
(5) requires an informed consent that describes the service as experimental or investigational.

Group health coverage

Health care benefits that are available as a result of your employment, or the employment of your spouse, and that are offered by an employer or through membership in an employee organization. Health care coverage may be insured or indemnity coverage, self-insured or self-funded coverage, or coverage through health maintenance organizations or other managed care plans. Health care coverage purchased through membership in an organization is also "group health coverage."

Medically necessary

All benefits need to be medically necessary in order for them to be covered benefits. Generally, if your Plan physician provides the service in accord with the terms of this brochure, it will be considered medically necessary. However, some services are reviewed in advance of your receiving them to determine if they are medically necessary. When we review a service to determine if it is medically necessary, a Plan physician will evaluate what would happen to you if you do not receive the service. If not receiving the service would adversely affect your health, it will be considered medically necessary. The services must be a medically appropriate course of treatment for your condition. If they are not medically necessary, we will not cover the services. In case of emergency services, the services that you received will be evaluated to determine if they were medically necessary.

Our allowance

The amount we use to determine your coinsurance. When you receive services or supplies from Plan providers, it is the amount that we set for the services or supplies if we were to charge for them. When you receive services from non-Plan providers, we determine the amount that we believe is usual and customary for the service or supply, and compare it to the charges. Our allowance is based upon the reasonableness of the charges. If the charges exceed what we believe is reasonable, you may be responsible for the excess over our allowance in addition to your coinsurance.

Us/We

Us and we refer to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.

You

You refers to the enrollee and each covered family member.

Section 11. FEHB facts

Coverage information

• No pre-existing condition limitation

We will not refuse to cover the treatment of a condition that you had before you enrolled in this Plan solely because you had the condition before you enrolled.

• Where you get information about enrolling in the FEHB Program

See www.opm.gov/insure. Also, your employing or retirement office can answer your questions, and give you a *Guide to Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans,* brochures for other plans, and other materials you need to make an informed decision about:

· When you may change your enrollment;

· How you can cover your family members;

· What happens when you transfer to another Federal agency, go on leave without pay, enter military service, or retire;

· When your enrollment ends; and

· When the next open season for enrollment begins.

We don't determine who is eligible for coverage and, in most cases, cannot change your enrollment status without information from your employing or retirement office.

• Types of coverage available for you and your family

Self Only coverage is for you alone. Self and Family coverage is for you, your spouse, and your unmarried dependent children under age 22, including any foster children or stepchildren your employing or retirement office authorizes coverage for. Under certain circumstances, you may also continue coverage for a disabled child 22 years of age or older who is incapable of self-support.

If you have a Self Only enrollment, you may change to a Self and Family enrollment if you marry, give birth, or add a child to your family. You may change your enrollment 31 days before to 60 days after that event. The Self and Family enrollment begins on the first day of the pay period in which the child is born or becomes an eligible family member. When you change to Self and Family because you marry, the change is effective on the first day of the pay period that begins after your employing office receives your enrollment form; benefits will not be available to your spouse until you marry.

Your employing or retirement office will **not** notify you when a family member is no longer eligible to receive health benefits, nor will we. Please tell us immediately when you add or remove family members from your coverage for any reason, including divorce, or when your child under age 22 marries or turns 22.

If you or one of your family members is enrolled in one FEHB plan, that person may not be enrolled in or covered as a family member by another FEHB plan.

• When benefits and premiums start

The benefits in this brochure are effective on January 1. If you are new to this Plan, your coverage and premiums begin on the first day of your first pay period that starts on or after January 1. Annuitants' premiums begin on January 1.

• Your medical and claims records are confidential

We will keep your medical and claims information confidential. Only the following will have access to it:

- OPM, this Plan, and subcontractors when they administer this contract;
- This Plan, and appropriate third parties, such as other insurance plans and the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), when coordinating benefit payments and subrogating claims;
- Law enforcement officials when investigating and/or prosecuting alleged civil or criminal actions;
- OPM and the General Accounting Office when conducting audits;
- Individuals involved in bona fide medical research or education that does not disclose your identity; or
- OPM, when reviewing a disputed claim or defending litigation about a claim.

• When you retire

When you retire, you can usually stay in the FEHB Program. Generally, you must have been enrolled in the FEHB Program for the last five years of your Federal service. If you do not meet this requirement, you may be eligible for other forms of coverage, such as temporary continuation of coverage (TCC).

When you lose benefits

• When FEHB coverage ends

You will receive an additional 31 days of coverage, for no additional premium, when:

- Your enrollment ends, unless you cancel your enrollment, or
- You are a family member no longer eligible for coverage.

You may be eligible for spouse equity coverage or Temporary Continuation of Coverage.

• Spouse equity coverage

If you are divorced from a Federal employee or annuitant, you may not continue to get benefits under your former spouse's enrollment. But you may be eligible for your own FEHB coverage under the spouse equity law. If you are recently divorced or are anticipating a divorce, contact your ex-spouse's employing or retirement office to get RI 70-5, the *Guide to Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans for Temporary Continuation of Coverage and Former Spouse Enrollees*, or other information about your coverage choices.

• TCC

If you leave Federal service, or if you lose coverage because you no longer qualify as a family member, you may be eligible for Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC). For example, you can receive TCC if you are not able to continue your FEHB enrollment after you retire.

You may not elect TCC if you are fired from your Federal job due to gross misconduct.

Get the RI 79-27, which describes TCC, and the RI 70-5, the *Guide to Federal Employees Health Benefits Plans for Temporary Continuation of*

Coverage and Former Spouse Enrollees, from your employing or retirement office or from www.opm.gov/insure.

• Converting to individual coverage

You may convert to a non-FEHB individual policy if:

·· Your coverage under TCC or the spouse equity law ends. If you canceled your coverage or did not pay your premium, you cannot convert;

·· You decided not to receive coverage under TCC or the spouse equity law; or

·· You are not eligible for coverage under TCC or the spouse equity law.

If you leave Federal service, your employing office will notify you of your right to convert. You must apply in writing to us within 31 days after you receive this notice. However, if you are a family member who is losing coverage, the employing or retirement office will **not** notify you. You must apply in writing to us within 31 days after you are no longer eligible for coverage.

Your benefits and rates will differ from those under the FEHB Program; however, you will not have to answer questions about your health, and we will not impose a waiting period or limit your coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

• Getting a Certificate of Group Health Plan Coverage

If you leave the FEHB Program, we will give you a Certificate of Group Health Plan Coverage that indicates how long you have been enrolled with us. You can use this certificate when getting health insurance or other health care coverage. Your new plan must reduce or eliminate waiting periods, limitations, or exclusions for health-related conditions based on the information in the certificate, as long as you enroll within 63 days of losing coverage under this Plan.

If you have been enrolled with us for less than 12 months but were previously enrolled in other FEHB plans, you may also request a certificate from those plans.

Inspector General advisory

Stop health care fraud! Fraud increases the cost of health care for everyone. If you suspect that a physician, pharmacy, or hospital has charged you for services you did not receive, billed you twice for the same service, or misrepresented any information, do the following:

· Call the provider and ask for an explanation. There may be an error.
· If the provider does not resolve the matter, call us at 301/468-6000, inside the Washington, DC metropolitan area or at 800/777-7902 outside the Washington, DC metropolitan area and explain the situation. Our TDD telephone number is 301/816-6344,
· If we do not resolve the issue, call **THE HEALTH CARE FRAUD HOTLINE--202/418-3300** or write to: The United States Office of Personnel Management, Office of the Inspector General Fraud Hotline, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 6400, Washington, DC 20415.

• Penalties for Fraud

Anyone who falsifies a claim to obtain FEHB Program benefits can be prosecuted for fraud. Also, the Inspector General may investigate anyone who uses an ID card if the person tries to obtain services for someone who is not an eligible family member, or is no longer enrolled in the Plan and tries to obtain benefits. Your agency may also take administrative action against you.

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Do not rely on this page; it is for your convenience and does not explain your benefit coverage.

Summary of benefits for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc. – 2001

- **Do not rely on this chart alone.** All benefits are provided in full unless indicated and are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure. On this page we summarize specific expenses we cover; for more detail, look inside.
- If you want to enroll or change your enrollment in this Plan, be sure to put the correct enrollment code from the cover on your enrollment form.
- We only cover services provided or arranged by Plan physicians, except in emergencies.

Benefits	You Pay	Page
Medical services provided by physicians:		
· Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	$10 per office visit	14
Services provided by a hospital:		30
· Inpatient.....	Nothing	
· Outpatient.....	$10 per visit	31
Emergency benefits:		35
· In-area.....	$35 per visit	
· Out-of-area	$35 per visit	35
Mental health and substance abuse treatment:	Regular cost sharing	36
Prescription drugs.....	$7 per prescription if obtained at a Plan medical office pharmacy; $5 per prescription if obtained through mail order	41
Dental Care	Various copays based on procedure rendered	46
Vision Care	Refractions; $10 per office visit	20
Special features: Flexible benefits option; 24 hour nurse line; Services for deaf and hearing impaired; Centers of excellence for transplants; Travel benefit; Services from other Kaiser Permanente Plans.		43
Protection against catastrophic costs (your out-of-pocket maximum)	Nothing after $1,500/Self Only or $3,000/Family enrollment per year Some costs do not count toward this protection	12

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Non-Postal rates apply to most non-Postal enrollees. If you are in a special enrollment category, refer to the FEHB Guide for that category or contact the agency that maintains your health benefits enrollment.

Postal rates apply to career Postal Service employees. Most employees should refer to the FEHB Guide for United States Postal Service Employees, RI 70-2. Different postal rates apply and special FEHB guides are published for Postal Service Nurses and Tool & Die employees (see RI 70-2B); and for Postal Service Inspectors and Office of Inspector General (OIG) employees (see RI 70-2IN).

Postal rates do not apply to non-career postal employees, postal retirees, or associate members of any postal employee organization. Refer to the applicable FEHB Guide.

		Non-Postal Premium				**Postal Premium**	
		Biweekly		**Monthly**		**Biweekly**	
Type of Enrollment	Code	Gov't Share	Your Share	Gov't Share	Your Share	USPS Share	Your Share
Self Only	**E31**	**$79.32**	**$26.44**	**$171.86**	**$57.29**	**$93.86**	**$11.90**
Self and Family	**E32**	**$195.82**	**$65.40**	**$424.28**	**$141.70**	**$231.17**	**$30.05**