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Introduction

Keystone Health Plan East, Inc. 1901 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

This brochure describes the benefits of Keystone Health Plan East under our contract (CS 2339) 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 Keystone Health Plan East.

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 "Rate Us" feedback area at www.opm.gov/insure or e-mail us at 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, coinsurance, and deductibles described in this brochure. When you receive emergency services 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 contract with individual physicians, medical groups, and hospitals to provide the benefits in this brochure. These Plan providers accept a negotiated payment from us, and you will only be responsible for your copayments.

Who provides my health care?

Keystone Health Plan East, a wholly owned subsidiary of Independence Blue Cross, is an individual practice prepayment (IPP) plan that provides access to care throughout the greater Philadelphia area. Members and their family members may select their own primary care doctor from among the 2,611 who practice within the Plan's service area. There are approximately 9,700 specialty care doctors who participate with the Plan. Your primary care doctor will arrange for the necessary specialty and hospital care you need at one of the Plan's participating specialist offices or at a participating Plan hospital throughout the Plan's service area.

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.

If you want more information about us, call 1-800/227-3114, or write to Keystone Health Plan East, 1901 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

Service Area

To enroll in this Plan, you must live in or work in our Service Area. This is where our providers practice. Our service area is: The **Pennsylvania** counties of Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Delaware and Philadelphia.

Ordinarily, you must get your care from providers who contract with us. If you receive care outside our service area, we will pay only for emergency care. We will not pay for any other health care services; however as a Keystone Health Plan East member, you have access to physician care through a nationwide network of Blue Cross and Blue Shield HMOs. This is one of the largest HMO networks in the country, offering coverage in more than 200 U.S. cites. If you become ill while visiting one of these cities, contact the network at 1-800/446-6872. This number is also found on the back of your I.D. card. The network referral coordinator will schedule an appointment with a network physician in the area from which you are calling. No office visit copayment will be required and you will not need to file a claim.

If you or a covered family member move outside of our service area, you can enroll in another plan. If your dependents live out of the area (for example, if your child goes to college in another state), you should consider enrolling in a fee-for-service plan or an HMO that has agreements with affiliates in other areas. Through the network's Guest Membership benefit, dependents who are away from home for at least 90 days may temporarily enroll in another network HMO. Members are also eligible for Guest Membership for up to six months if, for example, they are assigned out-of-area temporarily. Guest Membership enables members to receive the full range of HMO benefits and services offered by the hosting HMOs. To enroll, members simply contact their Away From Home Care Coordinator in advance. The coordinator will make all the necessary arrangements for Guest Memberships and take care of all the billing details. Also, your prescription drug card works in more than 52,000 pharmacies in the United States. If you or a family member move, you do not have to wait until Open Season to change plans. Contact your employing 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 network mental health and substance abuse parity. This means that your coverage for mental health, substance abuse, medical, surgical, and hospital services from providers in our plan network will be the same with regard to copays, and day and visit limitations when you follow a treatment plan that we approve. Previously, we placed shorter day or visit limitations on mental health and substance abuse services than we did on services to treat physical illness, injury, or disease.
- 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 our Customer Service Department at 1-800/227-3114, or checking our website www.ibx.com. 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 14.9% for Self Only or 23.6% for Self and Family.
- There are no benefit changes.

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 the effective date of your enrollment, or if you need replacement cards, call us at 1-800/227-3114.

Where you get covered care

You get care from "Plan providers" and "Plan facilities." You will only pay copayments, and you will not have to file claims.

Plan providers

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 credential Plan providers according to national standards.

We list Plan providers in the provider directory, which we update periodically. The list is also on our website.

Plan facilities

Plan facilities are hospitals and other facilities in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. We list these in the provider directory, which we update periodically. The list is also on our website.

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.

It is the responsibility of your primary care doctor to obtain any necessary authorizations from the Plan before referring you to a specialist or making arrangements for hospitalization. Services of other providers are covered only when there has been a referral by the member's primary care doctor except for: dental care, and vision care, and for women, visits to the OB/GYN for preventive care, routine maternity care or problems related to gynecological conditions when medically necessary. Nonroutine care provided by Reproductive Endocrinologist/Infertility Specialists and Gynecologic Oncologists continue to require a referral from the primary care physician.

Treatment for mental conditions and substance abuse may be obtained directly from Magellan Behavioral Health. Magellan Behavioral Health, or any other mental health administrator for Keystone Health Plan East, manage all care related to mental health and substance abuse services and will determine what specialty care is appropriate and which specialists will be utilized. Questions about related benefits and precertification should be directed to Magellan Behavioral Health at 1-800/688-1911.

If you enroll, you will be asked to complete a primary care doctor selection form and send it directly to the Plan, indicating the name of the primary care doctor selected for you and each member of your family.

You are required to select a personal doctor from among participating plan primary care doctors located within the Plan's service area. Please note that if you reside in New Jersey and work in Pennsylvania within our service area, you must select a primary care doctor whose practice is in Pennsylvania within our service area. Your dependents may select a personal doctor from among participating plan primary care doctors in Pennsylvania or New Jersey. You and your dependents may have only one dentist who must be selected from a list of participating plan dentists located within the Plan's service area.

Primary care

Your primary care physician can be a family practitioner, internist or pediatrician. 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.

Your primary care physician will refer you to a specialist for needed care. However, women may see an obstetrician/gynecologist for preventive care, 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 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 (the physician may have to get an authorization or approval beforehand).
- 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.

• Specialty care

If you are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy and you lose access to your specialist based on the above circumstances, 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 customer service department immediately at 1-800/227-3114. 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 preauthorization. Your physician must obtain preauthorization for the following services such as:

- All Non-Emergency Hospital Admissions
- All Obstetrical Admissions
- All Same Day Surgery/Short Procedure Unit Admissions
- Outpatient Therapies: Speech, Cardiac, Pulmonary, Respiratory, Home Infusion
- Other Facility Services: Skilled Nursing, Home Health, Hospice, Birthing Center
- Rental/Purchase of Durable Medical Equipment and Prosthesis (purchase over \$100.00 and all rentals)
- Non-Emergency Ambulance Services
- Spinal Manipulation Services
- Inpatient Psychiatric Care
- Inpatient Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment
- Some Medications That Have Specific Uses and are Administered in Outpatient Settings or Physician Offices

Members are not responsible for payment of services if the provider does not obtain preauthorization of services.

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 when you receive

services.

Example: When you see your primary care physician you pay a

copayment of \$10 per office visit or a copayment of \$15 per office visit

when you see a specialist.

• **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 your new plan.

• Coinsurance We do not have coinsurance.

Your out-of-pocket maximum for copayments

After your copayments total \$1,000 per person or \$2,000 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 for these services:

- Prescription drugs
- Dental services

Be sure to keep accurate records of your copayments 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 54 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 claims forms, claims filing advice, or more information about our benefits, contact us at 1-800/227-3114.

(a)	Medical services and supplies provided by physic	cians and other health care professionals	. 13-21
	 Diagnostic and treatment services Lab, X-ray, and other diagnostic tests Preventive care, adult Preventive care, children Maternity care Family planning Infertility services Allergy care Treatment therapies Rehabilitative therapies 	 Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies) Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies) Foot care Orthopedic and prosthetic devices Durable medical equipment (DME) Home health services Alternative treatments Educational classes and programs 	
(b)	Surgical and anesthesia services provided by phy	sicians and other health care professionals	. 22-25
	• Surgical procedures	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	
	• Reconstructive surgery	Organ/tissue transplantsAnesthesia	
(c)	Services provided by a hospital or other facility, and ambulance services		
	Inpatient hospitalOutpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center	 Extended care benefits/skilled nursing care facility benefits Hospice care Ambulance 	
(d)	Emergency services/accidents • Medical emergency	• Ambulance	29-30
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Section 5

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

I M P O R T A N

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.
- 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.

I M P O R T A N

Benefit Description	You pay
Diagnostic and treatment services	
Professional services of physicians	
• In physician's office	\$10 per office visit to your primary care physician
Office medical consultations	\$15 per office visit to a specialist
• Second surgical opinion	
Professional services of physicians	Nothing
In an urgent care center	
During a hospital stay	
In a skilled nursing facility	
 Initial examination of a newborn child covered under a family enrollment 	
At home.	\$15 per visit
Not covered:	All charges.
Charges for missed appointments	
Charges for completion of insurance forms	

Diagnostic and treatment services – Continued on next page

Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic tests	
Tests, such as:	Nothing
Blood tests	
• Urinalysis	
Non-routine pap tests	
• Pathology	
• X-rays	
Non-routine Mammograms	
• Cat Scans/MRI	
• Ultrasound	
Electrocardiogram and EEG	
Preventive care, adult	
Routine screenings, based on medical necessity and risk such as:	\$10 per office visit
• Blood lead level – One annually	
• 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	\$10 per office visit
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA test) – one annually for men age 40 and older	\$10 per office visit
Routine pap test	\$10 per office visit to your primary care physician
	\$15 per office visit to a specialist
	Nothing for the test

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Maternity care	You pay
Complete maternity (obstetrical) care, such as:	\$15 only for the first specialist
Prenatal care	office visit; remaining copays are waived.
• Delivery	
Postnatal care	
Note: Here are some things to keep in mind:	
 You may remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after a regular delivery and 96 hours after a cesarean delivery. We will extend your inpatient stay 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 only if we cover the infant 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).	
Not covered: Routine sonograms to determine fetal age, size or sex	All charges.
Family planning	
Voluntary sterilization	\$15 per specialist office visit
Surgically implanted contraceptives	\$5 prescription drug copay for the implant, plus \$15 per specialist office visit; nothing when the device is implanted during a covered hospitalization.
Injectable contraceptive drugs	\$5 prescription drug copay for up to a three-cycle supply, plus \$15 per specialist office visit.
• Intrauterine devices (IUDs) – Device under RX covered, insertion and removal of device covered under medical.	\$5 prescription drug copay for the device, plus \$15 per specialist office visit.
Diaphragms	\$5 prescription drug copay for the device, plus \$15 per specialist office visit.
Not covered:	All charges.
Reversal of voluntary surgical sterilization	
Genetic counseling	
• Removal of surgically implanted time-release medication before the end of the expected life, unless medically necessary and approved by	

Infertility services	You pay
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility, such as:	\$15 per specialist office visit
Artificial insemination:	
••intravaginal insemination (IVI)	
••intracervical insemination (ICI)	
••intrauterine insemination (IUI)	
Fertility drugs	
Note: We cover non-injectable fertility drugs and oral fertility drugs under the prescription drug benefit.	
Not covered:	All charges.
• Assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, such as:	
••in vitro fertilization	
••embryo transfer and GIFT	
• Services and supplies related to excluded ART procedures	
• Cost of donor sperm	
Allergy care	
Testing and treatment	\$15 per specialist office visit
Allergy injection	
Allergy serum	Nothing
Not covered: provocative food testing and sublingual allergy desensitization	All charges.
Treatment therapies	
Chemotherapy and radiation therapy	Nothing.
Note: High dose chemotherapy in association with autologous bone marrow transplants are limited to those transplants listed under Organ/Tissue Transplants on page 25.	
Respiratory and inhalation therapy	
• Dialysis – Hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis	
• Intravenous (IV)/Infusion Therapy – Home IV and antibiotic therapy	
• Growth hormone therapy (GHT)	
Note: – We will only cover GHT when we preauthorize the treatment. If we determine GHT is not medically necessary, we will not cover the GHT or related services and supplies. See <i>Services requiring our prior approval</i> in Section 3.	

Rehabilitative therapies	You pay
Physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.	Nothing
 60 consecutive days per condition for the services of each of the following if significant improvement can be expected within 2 months 	
••qualified physical therapists;	
• speech therapists; and	
••occupational therapists.	
Note: We only cover therapy to restore bodily function or speech when there has been a total or partial loss of bodily function or functional speech due to illness or injury.	
Cardiac rehabilitation following a heart transplant, bypass surgery or a myocardial infarction, is provided for up to 12 weeks.	
Spinal manipulation will be provided for up to 60 consecutive days per condition if significant improvement can be expected in the two month period.	
Not covered:	All charges.
• long-term rehabilitative therapy	
• exercise programs	
Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	
• Hearing testing for children through age 17 (see <i>Preventive care</i> , <i>children</i>)	\$10 per office visit
 Not covered: all other hearing testing hearing aids, testing and examinations for them 	All charges.

Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	You pay
One eye refraction every two calendar years.	\$15 per specialist office visit
Frames and corrective lenses every two calendar years.	All charges after Plan's \$35 allowance every two calendar years.
 One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses to correct an impairment directly caused by accidental ocular injury or intraocular surgery (such as for cataracts) 	Nothing
• Eye exam to determine the need for vision correction for children through age 17 (see preventive care)	\$10 per office visit
Not covered:	All charges.
Contact lens fittings	
Eye exercises and orthoptics	
Radial keratotomy and other refractive surgery	
Foot care	
Routine foot care when you are under active treatment for a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease, such as diabetes.	\$10 per office visit
See orthopedic and prosthetic devices for information on podiatric shoe inserts.	
Not covered:	All charges.
• Cutting, trimming or removal of corns, calluses, or the free edge of toenails, and similar routine treatment of 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) 	

Orthopedic and prosthetic devices	You pay
Artificial limbs and lenses following cataract surgery; limited to initial device only; stump hose	Nothing
 Externally worn breast prostheses and surgical bras, including necessary replacements, following a mastectomy 	
• Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, and surgically implanted breast implant following mastectomy. Note: See 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.	
Braces; limited to initial purchase and fitting	
Not covered:	All charges.
Cost of a cochlear implanted device	
orthopedic and corrective shoes	
• arch supports	
 foot orthotics, unless for treatment of diabetes 	
 heel pads and heel cups 	
lumbosacral supports	
 corsets, trusses, elastic stockings, support hose, and other supportive devices 	
• prosthetic or orthopedic replacements, except for dependent children when required due to natural growth	
 dental prostheses cranial prostheses including wigs and other devices intended to replace hair 	
Durable medical equipment (DME)	
Rental, or at our option, the initial purchase per medical episode, including repair and adjustment, of standard durable medical equipment prescribed by your Plan physician, such as oxygen and dialysis equipment. Under this benefit, we also cover:	Nothing
• standard hospital beds	
• standard wheelchairs	
• crutches	
• walkers	
blood glucose monitors; and	
• insulin pumps	
Not covered:	All charges.
 Motorized wheelchairs Customized durable medical equipment	Tare Critical Scot.
Replacements of DME	

Home health services	You pay
 Home health care ordered by a Plan physician and provided by a registered nurse (R.N.), licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.), licensed vocational nurse (L.V.N.), or home health aide. 	Nothing
 Services include oxygen therapy, intravenous therapy and medications. 	
 Not covered: nursing care requested by, or for the convenience of, the patient or the patient's family; nursing care primarily for hygiene, feeding, exercising, moving the patient, homemaking, companionship or giving oral medication. 	All charges.
Alternative treatments	
Chiropractic services Spinal manipulation will be provided for up to 60 consecutive days per condition if significant improvement can be expected in the two month period.	Nothing
Not covered: • naturopathic services • hypnotherapy • biofeedback • acupuncture	All charges.
Educational classes and programs	
Coverage is limited to:	Nothing
 Diabetes self-management training and education through community-based programs certified by the American Diabetes Association or Pennsylvania Department of Health. Covered services may also be provided by these contracted providers; a licensed health care professional; or at a hospital on an outpatient basis. 	

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

	Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:	
т	 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. 	ī
M	 Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care. 	M
P O R	 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. 	P O R
T A N T	 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.). 	T A N T

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 Insertion of internal prosthetic devices. See 5(a) – Orthopedic and prosthetic devices for device coverage information. 	Nothing.

Surgical procedures continued on next page.

Surgical procedures (Continued)	You pay
 Voluntary sterilization Norplant (a surgically implanted contraceptive) and intrauterine devices (IUDs) Note: Devices are covered under 5(a). Insertion and removal of device covered under medical. Drugs and devices covered under prescription drugs. Treatment of burns Note: Generally, we pay for internal prostheses (devices) according to where the procedure is done. For example, we pay Hospital benefits for a pacemaker and Surgery benefits for insertion of the pacemaker. 	Nothing
 Not covered: Reversal of voluntary sterilization Routine treatment of conditions of the foot; see Foot care. 	All charges.
Reconstructive surgery	
 Your physician must obtain approval from us before providing service. Surgery to correct a functional defect Surgery to correct a condition caused by injury or illness if: the condition 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; webbed fingers; and webbed toes. 	Nothing

Reconstructive surgery (Continued)	You pay
• All stages of breast reconstruction surgery following a mastectomy, such as:	Nothing
 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 (see Prosthetic devices) 	
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.	
Not covered: • Cosmetic surgery – any surgical procedure (or any portion of a procedure) performed primarily to improve physical appearance through change in bodily form, except repair of accidental injury	All charges
• Surgeries related to sex transformation	
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	
Oral surgical procedures require preapproval by the Plan, and are limited to:	Nothing
• 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;	
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• Excision of cysts and incision of abscesses when done as independent	
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 Excision of cysts and incision of abscesses when done as independent procedures; and Other surgical procedures that do not involve the teeth or their 	

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; breast cancer; multiple myeloma; epithelial ovarian cancer; and testicular, mediastinal, retroperitoneal and ovarian germ cell tumors Note: We cover related medical and hospital expenses of the member donor when we cover the recipient.	Nothing
 Not covered: Donor screening tests and donor search expenses, except those performed for the actual donor Implants of artificial organs Transplants not listed as covered 	All charges.
Anesthesia	
Professional services provided in − • Hospital (inpatient)	Nothing
Professional services provided in – • Hospital outpatient department • Skilled nursing facility • Ambulatory surgical center • Office	Nothing

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

	Here are some important things to remember about these benefits:	
I	 Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and	I
M	exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are	M
P	medically necessary.	P
O	 Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care and you must be hospitalized	O
R	in a Plan facility.	R
T	 Be sure to read Section 4, Your costs for covered services for valuable	T
A	information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about	A
N	coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.	N
T	• 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).	Т

Benefit Description	You pay
Inpatient hospital	
 Room and board, such as ward, semiprivate, or intensive care or cardiac care accommodations; general nursing care; and meals and special diets. 	Nothing
NOTE: If you want a private room when it is not medically necessary, you pay the additional charge above the semiprivate room rate.	

Inpatient hospital continued on next page.

Inpatient hospital (Continued)	You pay
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 Dressings, splints, casts, and sterile tray services Medical supplies and equipment, including oxygen Anesthetics, including nurse anesthetist services Take-home items Medical supplies, appliances, medical equipment, and any covered items billed by a hospital for use at home	Nothing
 Not covered: Custodial care Non-covered facilities, such as nursing home and schools Personal comfort items, such as telephone, television, barber services, guest meals and beds Private nursing care 	All charges.
Blood and blood derivatives not replaced by the member	
Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center	
 Operating, recovery, and other treatment rooms Prescribed drugs and medicines Diagnostic laboratory tests, X-rays, and pathology services Administration of blood, blood plasma, and other biologicals Blood and blood plasma, if not donated or replaced Pre-surgical testing Dressings, casts, and sterile tray services Medical supplies, including oxygen Anesthetics and anesthesia service NOTE: – We cover hospital services and supplies related to dental procedures when necessitated by a non-dental physical impairment. We do not cover the dental procedures. 	Nothing
Not covered: blood and blood derivatives not replaced by the member	All charges.

Extended care benefits/skilled nursing care facility benefits	You pay
Extended care benefit:	Nothing
We provide a comprehensive range of benefits for up to 180 days per calendar year when full-time skilled nursing care is necessary and confinement in a skilled nursing facility is medically appropriate as determined by a Plan doctor and approved by the Plan.	
Not covered: custodial care, rest cures, domiciliary or convalescent care, personal comfort items, such as telephones and television	All charges.
Hospice care	
Supportive and palliative care for a terminally ill member is covered in the home or hospice facility. Service include inpatient and outpatient care, and family counseling; these services are provided under the direction of a Plan doctor who certifies that the patient is in the terminal stages of illness, with a life expectancy of approximately six months or less.	Nothing
Not covered: Independent nursing, homemaker services	All charges.
Ambulance	
 Local professional ambulance service when medically appropriate and authorized by a Plan doctor. 	Nothing

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Section 5 (d). Emergency services/accidents

Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits: I I Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions M M in this brochure. P P Be sure to read Section 4, Your costs for covered services for valuable information about O 0 how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other R R coverage, including with Medicare. \mathbf{T} T A A N N \mathbf{T} T

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:

Emergencies within our service area:

If you are in an emergency situation, please call your primary care doctor. In extreme emergencies, if you are unable to contact your doctor, contact the local emergency system (e.g., the 911 telephone system) or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

If you are hospitalized in non-Plan facilities and Plan doctors believe care can be better provided in a Plan hospital, you will be transferred 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.

To be covered by this plan, any follow-up care recommended by non-plan providers must be approved by the Plan or provided by Plan providers.

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 on the first working day following your admissions, unless it was not reasonably possible to notify the Plan within that time. If a Plan doctor believes care can be better provided in a Plan hospital, you will be transferred when medically feasible with any ambulance charges covered in full.

To be covered by this Plan, any follow up care recommended by non-plan providers must be approved by the Plan or provided by Plan providers.

Benefit Description	You pay
Emergency within our service area	
Emergency care at a doctor's office	\$10.00 per office visit
Emergency care at an urgent care center	\$35.00 per visit; waived if admitted to a hospital or if you are referred to the ER by your PCP and services could have been provided by your doctor.
Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including doctors' services	\$35.00 per visit; waived if admitted to a hospital or if you are referred to the ER by your PCP and services could have been provided by your doctor.
Not covered: Elective care or non-emergency care	All charges.
Emergency outside our service area	
Emergency care at a doctor's office	\$10.00 per office visit
Emergency care at an urgent care center	\$35.00 per visit; waived if admitted to a hospital.
• Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including doctors' services	\$35.00 per visit; waived if admitted to a hospital.
Not covered:	All charges.
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 	
Ambulance	
Professional ambulance or air ambulance service when medically appropriate.	Nothing
See 5(c) for non-emergency service.	

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

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Parity

Beginning in 2001, all FEHB 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, costsharing and limitations for Plan mental health and substance abuse benefits will be no greater than for similar benefits for other illness and conditions.

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

- All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure.
- 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.
- YOU MUST GET PREAUTHORIZATION OF THESE SERVICES. See the instructions after the benefits description below.

Benefit Description	You pay
Mental health and substance abuse benefits	
All diagnostic and treatment services recommended by a Plan provider and contained in a treatment plan that we approve. The treatment plan may include services, drugs, and supplies described elsewhere in this brochure.	Your cost sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions.
Note: Plan benefits are payable only when we determine the care is clinically appropriate to treat your condition and only when you receive the care as part of a treatment plan that we approve.	
 Professional services, including individual or group therapy by providers such as psychiatrists, psychologists, or clinical social workers 	\$15 per specialist office visit
Medication management	

Mental health and substance abuse benefits -- Continued on next page.

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Mental health and substance abuse benefits	You pay
• Diagnostic tests	Nothing
 Services provided by a hospital or other facility Services in approved alternative care settings such as partial hospitalization, full-day hospitalization, facility based intensive outpatient treatment 	Nothing
Not covered: Services we have not approved. 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 plan in favor of another.	All charges.

Preauthorization

To be eligible to receive these benefits you must follow your treatment plan and all the following authorization processes:

Treatment for mental conditions, including various mental illnesses and substance abuse, is coordinated directly by Magellan Behavioral Health (formerly known as Green Spring Health Services), or any other behavioral health administrator we designate. Magellan Behavioral Health, acting as our mental health administrator, manages all care related to mental health and substance abuse services, including referrals to mental health and substance abuse specialists. Questions about related benefits and precertification should be directed to Magellan Behavioral Health at 1-800/688-1911.

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 conditions:

 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 and will end 90 days after you receive our notice. If we write to you before October 1, 2000, the 90-day period ends before January 1 and this transitional benefit does not apply.

Limitation

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

Section 5 (f). Prescription drug benefits

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

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- We cover prescribed drugs and medications, as described in the chart beginning on the next page.
- All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- 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.

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

- Who can write your prescription. A licensed Plan physician or licensed Plan dentist must write the prescription.
- Where you can obtain them. You must fill the prescription at a Plan pharmacy, or by mail at a
 Plan mail order pharmacy for maintenance medications, except for prescriptions required because
 of an out-of-area emergency.
- These are the dispensing limitations. Prescription drugs prescribed by a Plan or referral doctor and obtained at a Plan pharmacy will be dispensed for up to a 34-day supply, or 120 unit supply, or maximum allowed dosage as prescribed by law, whichever is less. Maintenance drugs may be obtained through the Plan Mail Order pharmacy for up to a 90-day supply. Prescription refills will not be provided beyond six (6) months from the most recent dispensing date. Prescription refills will be dispensed only if 75% of the previously dispensed quantity has been consumed based on the dosage prescribed.

When you have to file a claim. Prescription drugs obtained from a non-Plan pharmacy, for an out-of-area emergency will be reimbursed. You must submit acceptable proof-of-payment with a direct reimbursement form. All claims for payment must be received within ninety (90) days of the date of proof-of-purchase. Direct reimbursement forms may be obtained by calling 1-800/227-3114.

Prescription drug benefits begin on the next page.

Benefit Description	You pay
Covered medications and supplies	
We cover the following medications and supplies prescribed by a Plan physician and obtained from a Plan pharmacy or through our mail order	At a Retail Pharmacy for up to a 34-day supply:
 Drugs and medicines that by Federal law of the United States require a physician's prescription for their purchase, except as 	A \$5 copay per prescription unit or refill for generic or name brand drugs. At a Retail Pharmacy for up to a 90-day supply for maintenance medications: A \$15 copay per prescription unit or refill for generic or name brand drugs. At a Mail Order Pharmacy for up to a 90-day supply for maintenance medications: A \$5 copay per prescription unit or refill for generic or name brand drugs.
 excluded below. Oral and Injectable contraceptive drugs – up to a three-cycle supply 	
for a single copay.Contraceptive diaphragms and IUDs	
• Implanted time-release medications, such as Norplant.	
 Insulin, with a copay charge applied to each vial Diabetic supplies, including disposable insulin needles and syringes, glucose test tablets and test tape, Benedict's solution or equivalent, acetone test tablets, diabetic blood testing strips, lancets and glucometers. Copay applies to each diabetic supply, except lancets and glucometers obtained through a Plan Participating Pharmacy. 	
 Disposable needles and syringes for the administration of covered medications 	
Prenatal and pediatric vitamins	
Non-injectable fertility drugs	
• Drugs to treat sexual dysfunction may be subject to dosage limitations. Contact the Plan for dose limits.	

Covered medications and supplies (continued)	You pay
Not covered:	All Charges.
 Drugs and supplies used for cosmetic purposes 	
 Vitamins and nutritional substances that can be purchased without a prescription, except for prenatal and pediatric vitamins 	
 Drugs available without a prescription or for which there is a nonprescription equivalent available 	
• The cost of a prescription drug when the usual and customary charge is less than the member's prescription drug copay	
 Drugs obtained at a non-Plan pharmacy, except for out-of-area emergencies 	
 Medical supplies such as dressings and antiseptics 	
Drugs to enhance athletic performance	
• Refills resulting from loss or theft, or any unauthorized refills	
 Nicotine patches or gum or any other pharmacological therapy for smoking cessation 	
Injectable fertility drugs	
• Pharmacological therapy for weight reduction or diet agents, except for treatment of Morbid Obesity	

Section 5 (g). Special Features

Feature	Description
Services for deaf and hearing impaired	TDD #215/241-2018
Travel benefit	Ordinarily, you must get your care from providers who contract with us. If you receive care outside our service area, we will pay only for emergency care. We will not pay for any other health care services, however as a Keystone Health Plan East member, you have access to physician care through a nationwide network of Blue Cross and Blue Shield HMOs. This is one of the largest HMO networks in the country, offering coverage in more than 200 U.S. cities. If you become ill while visiting one of these cities, contact the network at 1-800/446-6872. This number is also found on the back of your I.D. card. The network referral coordinator will schedule an appointment with a network physician in the area from which you are calling. No office visit copayment will be required and you will not need to file a claim.

Section 5 (h). Dental benefits

	Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:	
I	 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. 	I
M P	Plan dentists must provide or arrange your care.	M P
O R T	 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 unless it is described below. 	O R T
A N T	• Be sure to read Section 4, <i>Your costs for covered services</i> for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.	A N T

Accidental injury benefit	You pay
We cover restorative services and supplies necessary to promptly repair (but not replace) sound natural teeth. The services are covered if they are initiated within 6 months after the accident, or as other medical conditions permit, and are provided by participating Plan dentists. The need for these services must result from an accidental injury.	\$15 copay per visit.

Dental benefits are continued on next page.

Dental Benefits					
Service	You Pay				
The following dental services are covered when provided by participating Plan general dentists:	\$5 copay per office visit				
Preventive services:					
 Oral examination and diagnosis (limited to once in 6 months) 					
 Prophylaxis/teeth cleaning to include scaling and polishing (limited to once in 6 months) 					
 Topical fluoride (includes child and adult) 					
Oral hygiene instruction					
Diagnostic services:					
Complete series X-rays					
 Intraoral occlusal film 					
• Bitewings (limited to once in 6 months)					
Emergency examination					
Panoramic film					
Cephalometric film					
Restorative services:					
 Amalgan (silver) restoration to primary and permanent teeth 					
 Anterior and posterior composite restoration—to primary and permanent teeth 					
Pin restoration					
• Sedative restoration (per tooth)					
• Emergency treatment (palliative)					
Other services:	A discounted amount; what you pay may change				
• Endodontic	periodically, so call us for the amounts you pay for these dental services.				
Orthodontic	these dental services.				
Oral surgery					
Single unconnected crowns					
• Prosthodontics					
Out-of-area dental services:	All charges after the Plan maximum allowance of				
We will provide coverage for dental services in connection with dental emergencies for palliative treatment (to relieve pain). To receive payment for these services, you must submit a receipt to Member Services. The receipt must be itemized and show the dental services performed and the charge for each service.	\$25 per occurrence.				
Not covered: Other dental services not shown as covered	All charges.				

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.

Keystone Health Plan East also offers members these Distinct Health Enhancement Opportunities:

Weight Management Program—Keystone and Weight Watchers have special offer for those who want to lose weight and keep it off! Keystone Members receive 100% reimbursement up to \$200 on Weight Watchers^{®1} or network hospital program of their choice.

New Fitness Reimbursement Program—to give members added incentive to maintain an active lifestyle, we will reimburse members up to \$150 of their annual fitness club fees. Members can now enjoy the flexibility of joining any fitness club and working out at multiple fitness clubs. Visits can be recorded by swipe-card, computer printout, telephone or logbook. Members must complete 120 visits per 365 – day enrollment period to receive reimbursement.

Smoking Cessation Program—If you smoke, quitting is one of the best things you can do for your health. Better yet, when you kick the habit, we'll help foot the bill! You can get up to \$200 back when you complete your choice of variety of proven smoking cessation programs. And to give you more incentive, we now will reimburse you the costs of nicotine replacement products. If you choose a smoking cessation program that costs less than \$200, you use the difference toward the purchase of nicotine replacement products, such as "the patch" or chewing gum.

Red Cross CP and First Aid Course Discounts—Keystone Health Plan East members will receive a 30% discount off any course offered by the American Red Cross.

Poison Prevention Program—Keystone Health Plan East members can receive warning stickers to place on poisonous substances, and a coupon for a free bottle of Syrup of Ipecac.

Child Safety Program—Offers tips on how to reduce children's risk for household accidents such as burns, injuries from firearms, choking, and accidental poisonings. Our newly enhanced Family Health Portfolio includes "Mr. Yuk" stickers to place on poisonous substance, tips for safety bicycling and more.

Baby Blueprints—Our maternity program helps identify possible risk factors during pregnancy. It also offers educational materials and up to \$40 back for the cost of any childbirth class.

For more information—Call the Health Resource Center 1-800/275-2583 or 215/241-3367 in the Philadelphia area.

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 doctor determines it is medically necessary to prevent, diagnose, or treat your illness, disease, injury, or condition and we agree, as discussed under What Services Require Our Prior Approval on page 10.

We do not cover the following:

- Care by non-Plan providers except for authorized referrals or emergencies (see Emergency Benefits);
- 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, coinsurance, or deductible.

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 1-800/227-3114.

> 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: Keystone Health Plan East

1901 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

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 preauthorization:

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: 1901 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; 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.
- 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, D.C. 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.

- 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.
- 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 preauthorized/prior approval, then call us at 1-800/227-3114 and we will expedite our review; or
- (b) We denied your initial request for care or preauthorization/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 normally pays its benefits in full as the primary payer and 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.

• 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 (Medicare 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 managed care plan 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. Your care must continue to be authorized by your Plan PCP.

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		
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 whena) 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),	1			
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				
 Are within the first 30 months of eligibility to receive Part A benefits solely because of ESRD,)		
 Have completed the 30-month ESRD coordination period and are still eligible for Medicare due to ESRD,)			
Become eligible for Medicare due to ESRD after Medicare became primary for you under another provision,	1			
C. When you or a covered family member have FEHB and				
 Are eligible for Medicare based on disability, and a) Are an annuitant, or 	J			
b) Are an active employee		J		

Please note, if your Plan physician does not participate in Medicare, you will have to file a claim with Medicare.

Claims process -- You probably will never have to file a claim form when you have both our Plan and Medicare.

- When we are the primary payer, we process the claim first.
- When Original Medicare is the primary payer, Medicare processes your claim first. In most cases, your claims will be coordinated automatically and we will pay the balance of covered charges. You will not need to do anything. To find out if you need to do something about filing your claims, call us at 1-800/227-3114.

• 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 managed care 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 and also remain enrolled in our FEHB plan. In this case, we do not waive any of our copayments for your FEHB 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, even out of the managed care plan's network and/or service area (if you use our Plan providers), but we will not waive any of our copayments.

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 plan's 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.

Copayment A copayment is a fixed amount of money you pay when you receive

covered services. See page 11.

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

Experimental or investigational services

To establish if a biological, medical device, drug or procedure is or is not experimental/investigational, a technology assessment is performed. The results of the assessment provide the basis for the determination of the

service's status (e.g., medically effective, experimental, etc.).

Technology assessment is the review and evaluation of available data from multiple sources using industry standard criteria to assess the medical effectiveness of the service. Sources of data used in technology assessment include, but are not limited to, clinical trials, position papers,

articles published by local and/or nationally accepted medical organizations or peer-reviewed journals, information supplied by government agencies, as well as regional and national experts and/or panels and, if applicable, literature supplied by the manufacturer.

Us/We Us and we refer to Keystone Health Plan East.

You refers to the enrollee and each covered family member.

Section 11. FEHB facts

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 can 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

Your medical and claims records are confidential

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.

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.

• Enrolling in TCC

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 1-800/227-3114 and explain the situation.
- 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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Summary of Benefits for Keystone Health Plan East – 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	Office visit copay: \$10 primary care; \$15 specialist	13	
Services provided by a hospital: Inpatient. Outpatient.	Nothing Nothing	2 <i>6</i> 27	
Emergency benefits: In-area	\$35 per emergency room	29	
• Out-of-area	visit; waived if admitted \$35 per emergency room visit; waived if admitted	29	
Mental Health and substance abuse treatment	Regular cost sharing	31	
Prescription drugs	At a Retail Pharmacy: \$5 copay for generic or name brand drugs for up to a 34-day supply; \$15 copay for up to a 90-day supply for maintenance drugs. At a Mail Order Pharmacy: \$5 copay for generic or name brand drugs for up to a 90-day supply for maintenance drugs.	33	
Dental Care Accidental injury benefit; Preventive, Diagnostic, and Restorative dental care	\$15 copay per visit \$5 copay per visit	37	
Vision Care.			
One refraction every two years.	\$15 copay per visit	19	
Special Features: Services for deaf and hearing impaired; and Travel benefit.		36	
Protection against catastrophic costs (your out-of-pocket maximum)	Nothing after \$1,000/Self Only or \$2,000/Family enrollment per year	11	
	Some costs do not count toward this protection.		

2001 Rate Information for Keystone Health Plan East

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	ED1	\$80.26	\$26.75	\$173.90	\$57.96	\$94.97	\$12.04
Self and Family	ED2	\$195.82	\$86.18	\$424.28	\$186.72	\$231.17	\$50.83