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# **A Health Maintenance Organization**



**Serving:** *Philadelphia and seven adjacent counties in* 

Southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Enrollment in this plan is limited . You must live or work in our Geographic service area to enroll. see page 8 for requirements

**Enrollment Codes for this Plan:** 

271 Self Only

272 Self and Family

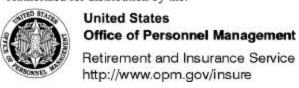
**Serving:** Scranton Wilkes-Barre area

**Enrollment Codes for this Plan:** 

2K1 Self Only

2K2 Self and Family

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#### Introduction

Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. 11 Penn Center, 1835 Market St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103

This brochure describes the benefits of Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. under our contract (CS1743) 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, 2002, unless those benefits are also shown in this brochure.

OPM negotiates benefits and rates with each plan annually. Benefit changes are effective January 1, 2002, and changes are summarized on page 9. Rates are shown at the end of this brochure.

## Plain Language

Teams of Government and health plans' staff worked on all FEHB brochures to make them responsive, accessible, and understandable to the public. For instance,

- Except for necessary technical terms, we use common words. For instance, "you" means the enrollee or family member; "we" means Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc.
- We limit acronyms to ones you know, FEHB is the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. OPM is the Office of Personnel Management. If we use others, we tell you what they mean first.
- Our brochure and other FEHB plans; brochures have the same format and similar descriptions to help you compare plans.

If you have comments or suggestions about how to improve the structure of this brochure, let OPM know. Visit OPM's "Rate Us" feedback area at <a href="www.opm.gov/insure">www.opm.gov/insure</a> or e-mail - OPM at fehbwebcomments@opm.gov. You may also write to OPM at the Office of Personnel Management, Office of Insurance Planning and Evaluation Division, 1900 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20415-3650.

#### **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 1-800-998-2840 and explain the situation.
- If we do not resolve the issue, call or write

# THE HEALTH CARE FRAUD HOTLINE 202/418-3300

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.

## 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 or coinsurance.

#### Who provides my healthcare?

Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. arranges for the provision of services through contracted doctors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other skilled medical personnel at participating medical centers or offices. Your medical records will be maintained at the Plan medical office of your choice and your primary health care will be provided, by appointment, at that office. Except for emergencies, all care must be provided by or arranged for you through the primary care physician that you choose.

#### **Your Rights**

OPM requires that all FEHB Plans to provide certain information to their FEHB members. You may get information about us, our networks, providers, and facilities. OPM's FEHB website (<a href="www.opm.gov/insure">www.opm.gov/insure</a>) lists the specific types of information that we must make available to you. Some of the required information is listed below.

- The right to receive information about Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc., its Officers, Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. Services, healthcare practitioners and providers, and your rights and responsibilities as a Member.
- The right to an Advance Directive, living will, or other directive to your contracting medical providers with respect to your future healthcare choices
- The right to information regarding how medical treatment decisions are made by the participating medical providers or Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. as well a payment structure.
- Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. has been in existence since 1972.
- Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. is a Health Maintenance Organization. Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Health Net Inc., a for-profit company.

If you want more information about us, call 1-800-998-2840 or write to Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc., 11 Penn Center, 1835 Market St., 10th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. You may also contact us by fax at (732) 643-7416 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.health.net">www.health.net</a>.

#### Service Area

To enroll in this Plan, you must live or work in our service area. This is where our providers practice. Our service area is: The *Pennsylvania* counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Montgomery and Philadelphia, and the *New Jersey* counties of Camden, Burlington and Gloucester.

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 benefits. We will not pay for any other health care services out of our service area unless the services have prior plan approval.

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. 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 2002

Do not rely on these change descriptions; this page is not an official statement of benefits. For that, go to Section 5 Benefits. Also, we edited and clarified language throughout the brochure; any language change not shown here is a clarification that does not change benefits.

#### **Program-wide changes**

• We increased speech therapy benefits by removing the requirement that services must be required to restore functional speech, (Section 5(a)).

#### Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-Postal premium for Code 27 will decrease by -1.3% for Self Only or increase 0.6% for Self and Family. Your share of non-Postal premium for Code 2K will increase by 8.8% for Self Only or increase 8.2% for Self and Family.
- We now provide coverage for up to \$100 for one smoking cessation program per member per lifetime, including all related expenses such as drugs.
- We cover Chiropractic Services, examinations, manipulations, x-rays and other therapies such as hot packs and electrical stimulation, up to 30 visits per member per calendar year subject to a \$10 copayment.
- We cover Acupuncture Services up to 20 visits per member per calendar year subject to a \$20 copayment.
- We increased the copayment to \$50 for Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at hospital, including doctors' services.
- We cover Durable Medical Equipment at 50% of the cost of the covered item to a maximum of \$1,500 per member per calendar year.
- We now cover Prescription drugs at a \$10 copayment per generic drug, \$20 copayment per preferred brand name drug, and \$35 copayment per non-preferred brand name drug. The cost of prescriptions filled through the Plan's mail order supplier will be equal to 2 copayments for a 90 day supply.
- We now cover certain intestinal transplants (small intestine). (Section 5(b))

## Section 3. How you get care

#### **Identification cards**

We will send you an identification (ID) card. 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 1-800-736-2096.

#### 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. A Provider Selection form is included in your enrollment package.

• Primary care

Your primary care physician can be a family practitioner, general practitioner, or internist. 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 your gynecologist for exams 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 provider.

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 1-800-736-2096. 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 92<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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# 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 the review and approval process. Your physician must obtain Prior Authorization for some services, such as:

- Non-emergency hospital admissions
- MRIs, CT Scans
- Any referral to a non-participating provider or facility
- Outpatient services by physical therapists, speech therapists or occupational therapists
- All skilled nursing facility admissions or home care
- Non-emergency ambulance transportation
- Hospital beds, wheelchairs, prostheses, and insulin pumps
- Prescriptions for certain injectable drugs
- Home health services
- Cardiac nuclear stress test

By following these steps, you'll know you're seeing the right provider for your medical problem at the right time. Here's all you have to do:

- 1. Contact your Primary Care Physician (PCP) whenever you think you need care from a specialist or a specialized medical procedure.
- 2. If you PCP feels you need specialized care, s/he will refer you to a participating specialist for a consultation and possible follow-up visits. No Prior authorization by Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. is required.
- 3. Once you have seen a specialist physician, it may be necessary the specialist to request an authorization for certain diagnostic tests or therapeutic procedures. We will review the request to be sure the service is a covered benefit and that specialized medical procedures are performed by a participating, qualified doctor in a qualified facility.
- 4. In most cases, Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. will notify you of approval or denial, in writing, within five days of receiving the request for authorization. If the request is approved, make an appointment at the facility listed on the referral letter.

Occasionally, you doctor's request may be denied. Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. may require more information from your doctor about the service requested. Please contact your PCP or Member Services at 1-800-736-2096 if this happens. If you make an appointment, and the request was denied, you will be responsible for all charges.

#### 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, facility, pharmacy, etc. when you receive services.

Example: When you see your primary care physician or specialist you pay a copayment of \$10 per office visit.

#### - Deductible

A deductible is a fixed expense you must incur for certain covered services and supplies before we start paying benefits for them.

• We only have a deductible for external prostheses.

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.

And, if you change options in this Plan during the year, we will credit the amount of covered expenses already applied toward the deductible of your old option to the deductible of your new option.

#### - Coinsurance

Coinsurance is the percentage of our negotiated fee that you must pay for your care. Coinsurance doesn't begin until you meet your deductible.

Example: In our Plan, you pay 50% of our allowance for infertility services.

Your catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximum for copayments, deductibles and coinsurance

After your copayments total \$500 per person 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

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 9 for how our benefits changed this year and page 57 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 1-800-736-2096 or at our website at www.health.net.

(a)	Medical services and supplies provided by physicians and other health care professionals		
	<ul> <li>Diagnostic and treatment services</li> <li>Lab, X-ray, and other diagnostic tests</li> <li>Preventive care, adult</li> <li>Preventive care, children</li> <li>Maternity care</li> <li>Family planning</li> <li>Infertility services</li> <li>Allergy care</li> <li>Treatment therapies</li> <li>Physical and occupational therapies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Speech therapy</li> <li>Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)</li> <li>Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)</li> <li>Foot care</li> <li>Orthopedic and prosthetic devices</li> <li>Durable medical equipment (DME)</li> <li>Home health services</li> <li>Chiropractic</li> <li>Alternative treatments</li> <li>Educational classes and programs</li> </ul>	
(b)	Surgical and anesthesia services provided by phys	icians and other health care professionals	23-26
	•Surgical procedures •Reconstructive surgery	<ul><li>Oral and maxillofacial surgery</li><li>Organ/tissue transplants</li><li>Anesthesia</li></ul>	
(c)	Services provided by a hospital or other facility, an	nd ambulance services	27-28
	<ul><li>Inpatient hospital</li><li>Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Extended care benefits/skilled nursing care facility benefits</li> <li>Hospice care</li> <li>Ambulance</li> </ul>	
(d)	Emergency services/accidents  •Medical emergency	•Ambulance	29-30
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# Section 5 (a) Medical services and supplies provided by physicians and other health care professionals

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#### 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.
- The calendar year deductible is: \$100 per person. The calendar year deductible applies to external prostheses only.

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Benefit Description	You pay
Diagnostic and treatment services	
Professional services of physicians	φ10 C" · · ·
• In physician's office	\$10 per office visit
Professional services of physicians	
• In an urgent care center	\$10 per office visit
During a hospital stay	nothing
• In a skilled nursing facility	nothing
Office medical consultations	\$10 per office visit
Second surgical opinion	
	\$10 per office visit
At home	nothing
Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic tests	
Tests, such as:	
• Blood tests	Nothing if you receive these
• Urinalysis	services during your office visit;
<ul><li> Urinalysis</li><li> Non-routine pap tests</li></ul>	
·	services during your office visit;
Non-routine pap tests	services during your office visit;
<ul> <li>Non-routine pap tests</li> <li>Pathology</li> <li>X-rays</li> <li>Non-routine Mammograms</li> </ul>	services during your office visit;
<ul><li>Non-routine pap tests</li><li>Pathology</li><li>X-rays</li></ul>	services during your office visit;
<ul> <li>Non-routine pap tests</li> <li>Pathology</li> <li>X-rays</li> <li>Non-routine Mammograms</li> </ul>	services during your office visit;

Preventive care, adult	You Pay
Routine screenings, such as:	\$10 per office visit
• Total Blood Cholesterol – once every three years	
Colorectal Cancer Screening, including	
—Fecal occult blood test	
— Sigmoidoscopy, screening – every five years starting at age 50	
Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA test) – one annually for men age 40 and older	\$10 per office visit
Routine pap test	\$10 per office visit
Note: The office visit is covered if pap test is received on the same day; see <i>Diagnostic and Treatment</i> , above.	
Routine mammogram –covered for women age 35 and older, as follows:	\$10 per office visit
• From age 35 through 39, one during this five year period	
• From age 40 through 64, one every calendar year	
• At age 65 and older, one every two consecutive calendar years	
Not covered: Physical exams required for obtaining or continuing employment or insurance, attending schools or camp, or travel.	All charges.
Routine immunizations, limited to:	\$10 per office visit
<ul> <li>Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster – once every 10 years, ages19 and over (except as provided for under Childhood immunizations)</li> </ul>	
• Influenza/Pneumococcal vaccines, annually, age 65 and over	
Preventive care, children	
• Childhood immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics	\$10 per office visit
• Well-child care charges for routine examinations, immunizations and care ( under age 22)	\$10 per office visit
• Examinations, such as:	
—Eye exams through age 17 to determine the need for vision correction.	
—Ear exams through age 17 to determine the need for hearing correction	
—Examinations done on the day of immunizations ( under age 22)	

Maternity care	You pay
Complete maternity (obstetrical) care, such as:	
Prenatal care	\$10 for initial prenatal office visit
• Delivery	only/ you pay nothing thereafter
Postnatal care	
Note: Here are some things to keep in mind:	
<ul> <li>You do not need to precertify your normal delivery; see page 12 for other circumstances, such as extended stays for you or your baby.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>We pay hospitalization and surgeon services (delivery) the same as for illness and injury. See Hospital benefits (Section 5c) and Surgery benefits (Section 5b).</li> </ul>	
Not covered: Routine sonograms to determine fetal age, size or sex	All charges
Family planning	
A broad range of voluntary family planning services, limited to:	\$100 copay
Voluntary sterilization	
• Surgically implanted contraceptives (such as Norplant)	\$10 per office visit
• Injectable contraceptive drugs (such as Depo provera)	
• Intrauterine devices (IUDs)	
• Diaphragms	
NOTE: We cover oral contraceptives under the prescription drug benefit.	
Not covered: reversal of voluntary surgical sterilization, genetic counseling,	All charges.

Infertility services	You pay
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility, such as:	No charge for Initial evaluation
Artificial insemination:	Up to 50% of cost after initial
—intravaginal insemination (IVI)	evaluation
—intracervical insemination (ICI)	
—intrauterine insemination (IUI)	
Fertility drugs	
Note: We cover injectable fertility drugs under medical benefits and oral fertility drugs under the prescription drug benefit.	
Not covered:	All charges.
Reversal of voluntary, surgically-induced sterility	
• Assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, such as:	
—in vitro fertilization	
—embryo transfer, gamete GIFT and zygote ZIFT	
Zygote transfer	
<ul> <li>Services and supplies related to excluded ART procedures</li> </ul>	
• Cost of donor sperm	
• Cost of donor egg	
Allergy care	
Testing and treatment	\$10 per office visit
Allergy injection	
Allergy serum	Nothing
Not covered: provocative food testing and sublingual allergy desensitization	All charges.

Treatment therapies	You pay
Chemotherapy and radiation therapy	\$10 per office visit
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: Growth hormone is covered under the prescription drug benefit.	
Note: – We will only cover GHT when we preauthorize the treatment. Call 1-800-50-REFER for preauthorization. We will ask you to submit information that establishes that the GHT is medically necessary. Ask us to authorize GHT before you begin treatment; otherwise, we will only cover GHT services from the date you submit the information. If you do not ask or 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.	
Physical and occupational therapies	
	\$10 per office visit
• 60 visits per condition for the services of each of the following:	
—qualified physical therapists and	Nothing per visit during covered
—occupational therapists.	inpatient admission.
Note: We only cover therapy to restore bodily function when there has been a total or partial loss of bodily function due to illness or injury.	
<ul> <li>Cardiac rehabilitation following a heart transplant, bypass surgery or a myocardial infarction, is provided for up to 20 sessions</li> </ul>	
Not covered:	All charges.
• long-term rehabilitative therapy	
• exercise programs	
Speech therapy	

Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	You Pay
First hearing aid and testing only when necessitated by accidental injury	\$10 per office visit
Hearing testing for children through age 17 (see <i>Preventive care</i> , <i>children</i> )	
Not covered: <ul><li>all other hearing testing</li><li>hearing aids, testing and examinations for them</li></ul>	All charges.
Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	
• One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses to correct an impairment directly caused by accidental ocular injury or intraocular surgery (such as for cataracts)	\$10 per office visit
• Annual eye exam to determine the need for vision correction for children through age 17 (see preventive care)	\$10 per office visit
• Bi-annual eye exam to determine the need for vision correction for adults over age 17 (see preventive care)	
• Annual eye refractions	
Not covered:	All charges.
Eyeglasses or contact lenses and, after age 17, examinations for them	
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 nserts.	
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 eyes; stump hose	\$10 per office visit
<ul> <li>Externally worn breast prostheses and surgical bras, including necessary replacements, following a mastectomy</li> </ul>	\$100 deductible per calendar year
<ul> <li>Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, cochlear implants, and surgically implanted breast implant following mastectomy. Note: See 5(b) for coverage of the surgery to insert the device.</li> </ul>	
• Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, cochlear implants, and surgically implanted breast implant following mastectomy. Note: We pay internal prosthetic devices as hospital benefits; see Section 5 (c) for payment information. 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.	
Not covered:	All charges.
• orthopedic and corrective shoes	
• arch supports	
• foot orthotics	
• heel pads and heel cups	
• lumbosacral supports	
<ul> <li>corsets, trusses, elastic stockings, support hose, and other supportive devices</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>prosthetic replacements provided less than 3 years after the last one we covered</li> </ul>	
Durable medical equipment (DME)	
Rental or purchase, at our option, including repair and adjustment, of	\$10 per office visit
durable medical equipment prescribed by your Plan physician, such as oxygen and dialysis equipment. Under this benefit, we also cover:	50% of the cost of the covered item to
<ul> <li>hospital beds;</li> </ul>	a maximum of \$1,500 per member per calendar year
• wheelchairs;	carendar year
• crutches;	
• walkers;	
<ul> <li>blood glucose monitors; and</li> </ul>	
• insulin pumps.	
Not covered:	All charges
Motorized wheel chairs	All charges.

You pay nothing.
All charges.
\$10 per office visit
\$20 per office visit.
All charges.
\$10 per office visit.

# 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:	
I	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	т
M	<ul> <li>Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.</li> </ul>	M
P O R	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	P O R
T A N	<ul> <li>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 changes associated with the facility (i.e. hospital, surgical center, etc.).</li> </ul>	T A N
T	<ul> <li>YOUR PHYSICIAN 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.</li> </ul>	T

Benefit Description	You pay
Surgical procedures	
<ul> <li>A comprehensive range of services, such as:</li> <li>Operative procedures</li> <li>Treatment of fractures, including casting</li> <li>Normal pre- and post-operative care by the surgeon</li> <li>Correction of amblyopia and strabismus</li> <li>Endoscopy procedures</li> <li>Biopsy procedures</li> <li>Removal of tumors and cysts</li> <li>Correction of congenital anomalies (see reconstructive surgery)</li> <li>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</li> <li>Insertion of internal prostethic devices. See 5(a) - Orthopedic and prosthetic devices for device coverage information.</li> </ul>	\$10 per office visit  Nothing in a hospital.

Surgical procedures continued on next page.

Surgical procedures (Continued)	You pay
Voluntary sterilization	\$100 copay
Treatment of burns	\$10 per office visit
Note: Generally, we pay for internal prostheses (devices) according to where the procedure is done. For example, we pay Hospital benefits for pacemaker and Surgery benefits for insertion of the pacemaker.	Nothing in a hospital
Not covered: Reversal of voluntary sterilization Routine treatment of conditions of the foot; see Foot care.	All charges.
Reconstructive surgery	
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.	\$10 per office visit  Nothing in a hospital.
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 (see Prosthetic devices)	See above.
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 Surgeries related to sex transformation	All charges

Oral and maxillofacial surgery	You Pay
Oral surgical procedures, limited to:	\$10 per office visit
<ul> <li>Reduction of fractures of the jaws or facial bones;</li> </ul>	
• Surgical correction of cleft lip, cleft palate or severe functional	Nothing in a hospital.
malocclusion;	
<ul><li>Removal of stones from salivary ducts;</li><li>Excision of leukoplakia or malignancies;</li></ul>	
<ul> <li>Excision of cysts and incision of abscesses when done as independent</li> </ul>	
procedures; and	
Other surgical procedures that do not involve the teeth or their	
supporting structures.	
• TMJ surgery and other non-dental treatment.	
Not covered:	All observes
Oral implants and transplants	All charges.
<ul> <li>Oral implants and transplants</li> <li>Procedures that involve the teeth or their supporting structures (such</li> </ul>	
as the periodontal membrane, gingiva, and alveolar bone)	
Organ/tissue transplants	
Limited to:  • Cornea	Nothing
Heart	6
Heart/lung	
• Kidney	
Kidney/Pancreas	
• Liver	
• Lung: Single –Double	
<ul> <li>Pancreas</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Allogeneic (donor) bone marrow transplants</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Autologous bone marrow transplants (autologous stem cell and</li> </ul>	
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	
<ul> <li>Intestinal transplants (small intestine) and the small intestine with</li> </ul>	
the liver or small intestine with multiple organs such as the liver,	
stomach, and pancreas	
National Transplant Program (NTP)	
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 we	
cover the recipient.	

Organ/tissue transplants continued on next page

Organ/tissue transplants (continued)	You pay
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 –	Nothing
• Hospital (inpatient)	
Professional services provided in –	\$10 per office visit
<ul> <li>Hospital outpatient department</li> <li>Skilled nursing facility</li> <li>Ambulatory surgical center</li> <li>Office</li> </ul>	

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

#### Here are some important things to remember about these benefits: Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and Ι Ι exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are $\mathbf{M}$ $\mathbf{M}$ medically necessary. P P Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care and you must be hospitalized 0 $\mathbf{O}$ in a Plan facility. R R $\mathbf{T}$ T Be sure to read Section 4, Your costs for covered services, for valuable A A information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about N N coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare. T 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 Sections 5(a) or (b). YOUR PHYSICIAN MUST GET PRECERTIFICATION OF HOSPITAL **STAYS.** Please refer to Section 3 to be sure which services require

precertification.

Benefit Description	You pay
Inpatient hospital	
<ul> <li>Room and board, such as</li> <li>ward, semiprivate, or intensive care accommodations;</li> <li>general nursing care; and</li> <li>meals and special diets.</li> </ul> NOTE: If you want a private room when it is not medically necessary, you pay the additional charge above the semiprivate room rate.	Nothing
<ul> <li>Other hospital services and supplies, such as:</li> <li>Operating, recovery, maternity, and other treatment rooms</li> <li>Prescribed drugs and medicines</li> <li>Diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays</li> <li>Administration of blood and blood products</li> <li>Blood or blood plasma, if not donated or replaced</li> <li>Dressings, splints, casts, and sterile tray services</li> <li>Medical supplies and equipment, including oxygen</li> <li>Anesthetics, including nurse anesthetist services</li> <li>Take-home items</li> <li>Medical supplies, appliances, medical equipment, and any covered items billed by a hospital for use at home (Note: calendar year deductible applies.)</li> </ul>	Nothing

Inpatient hospital continued on next page.

Inpatient hospital (Continued)	You pay
<ul> <li>Not covered:</li> <li>Custodial care</li> <li>Non-covered facilities, such as nursing homes, schools</li> <li>Personal comfort items, such as telephone, television, barber services, guest meals and beds</li> <li>Private nursing care</li> </ul>	All charges.
Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center	
<ul> <li>Operating, recovery, and other treatment rooms</li> <li>Prescribed drugs and medicines</li> <li>Diagnostic laboratory tests, X-rays, and pathology services</li> <li>Administration of blood, blood plasma, and other biologicals</li> <li>Blood and blood plasma, if not donated or replaced</li> <li>Pre-surgical testing</li> <li>Dressings, casts, and sterile tray services</li> <li>Medical supplies, including oxygen</li> <li>Anesthetics and anesthesia service</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Nothing
Not covered: blood and blood derivatives not replaced by the member	All charges
Extended care benefits/skilled nursing care facility benefits	
Skilled nursing facility (SNF): 120 days limitation/year	Nothing
Not covered: custodial care	All charges
Hospice care	
Supportive and palliative care for terminally ill members in home or hospice facility, including:	Nothing
• Inpatient and outpatient care	
Family counseling	
Note: These services are provided under the direction of a Plan doctor who certifies that the patient is in terminal stages of illness, with a life expectancy of approximately six months or less.	
Not covered: Independent nursing, homemaker services	All charges
Ambulance	
Local professional ambulance service when medically appropriate	Nothing

## Section 5 (d). Emergency services/accidents

	Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits:
I M	<ul> <li>Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure.</li> </ul>
P O R T	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>
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#### 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 a non-threatening emergency situation, please call your primary care doctor. In life-threatening 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. 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 should notify the Plan within 48 hours. It is your responsibility to ensure that the plan has been timely notified.

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 the Plan within that time. If you are hospitalized in non-Plan facilities and Plan doctors believe care can be better provided in a Plan hospital, you may be transferred when medically stable 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 admission, 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

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Benefit Description	You pay
Emergency within our service area	
Emergency care at a doctor's office	\$10 per office visit
Emergency care at an urgent care center	\$25 per office visit/ waived if admitted to hospital
<ul> <li>Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including doctors' services</li> </ul>	\$50 per visit/waived if admitted to hospital
Not covered: Elective care or non-emergency care	All charges.
Emergency outside our service area	
Emergency care at a doctor's office	\$10 per office visit
Emergency care at an urgent care center	\$25 per office visit
• Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including doctors' services	\$50 per visit/waived if admitted to 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 service when medically appropriate.	No charge
See 5(c) for non-emergency service.	
Not covered: air ambulance	All charges.

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

#### **Network Benefit** 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. I I Here are some important things to keep in mind about these benefits: $\mathbf{M}$ $\mathbf{M}$ P All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure. P 0 0 Be sure to read Section 4, Your costs for covered services, for valuable information about how cost $\mathbf{R}$ R sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with T $\mathbf{T}$ Medicare. A A YOU MUST GET PREAUTHORIZATION OF THESE SERVICES. See the instructions $\mathbf{N}$ N after the benefits description below. T T

Benefit Description	You pay
Mental health and substance abuse benefits	
All diagnostic and treatment services recommended by Plan providers 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	
<ul> <li>Professional services, including individual or group therapy by providers such as Psychiatrists, Psychologists or Clinical Social Workers.</li> </ul>	\$10 per office visit
Medication Management	
Diagnostic Tests	Nothing
Services provided by Hospital or other facility	Nothing
<ul> <li>Services in approved Alternate Care settings such as participating hospitals, halfway houses, residential treatment, full-day hospitalization, facility-based intensive outpatient treatment</li> </ul>	

Network mental health and substance abuse benefits (continued)	You Pay
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.

Network mental health and substance abuse benefits -- Continued on next page.

# Network Benefit -- CONTINUED

#### **Preauthorization**

To be eligible to receive benefits you must follow your treatment plan and all of our network authorization processes. These include:

- You must call Managed Health Network for a list of participating providers and for authorization at 1-800-977-7593;
- You must receive services from Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. providers

#### 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:	
I M	<ul> <li>We cover prescribed drugs and medications, as described in the chart beginning on the next page.</li> </ul>	I M
P O	<ul> <li>All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.</li> </ul>	P O
R T A	• 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	R T A
N T	other coverage, including with Medicare.	N T

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

- Who can write your prescription. A licensed physician must write the prescription or A plan physician or licensed 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 use a formulary. The Plan uses a formulary that includes generic and preferred name brand drugs. The Plan's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review new medications to be added to or deleted from the formulary.

Reviews for additions to the formulary are based primarily on the following:

- 1. New drug therapies introduced
- 2. Changes in existing drug therapies
- 3. Requests received from Plan physicians
- The criteria used are the safety and efficacy of the drug, other similar products available, and its relative cost. Deletions are decided by the committee based on low utilization, other types of equivalent therapy available, or negative changes in existing therapies. Your doctor can ask for exceptions to the formulary. Nonformulary drugs will be covered when prescribed by a Plan doctor.
- We have an open formulary. If your physician believes a name brand product is necessary or there is no generic available, your physician may prescribe a name brand drug from a formulary list. This list of name brand drugs is a preferred list of drugs that we selected to meet patient needs at a lower cost. To order a prescription drug brochure, call 1-800-736-2096.

**Please Note:** All brand name drugs that are not listed in the preferred drug formulary will be subject to the highest copayment.

- 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 maximum. Drugs are prescribed by Plan doctors and dispensed in accordance with the Plan's drug formulary. You pay a \$10 copayment per prescription unit or refill for generic formulary drugs, \$20 for preferred brand name, and \$35 for all others. The cost of prescriptions filled through the Plan's mail order supplier will be equal to 2 copayments for a 90 day supply.
- A generic equivalent will be dispensed if it is available, unless your physician specifically requires a name brand. If you receive a name brand drug when a Federally-approved generic drug is available, and your physician has not specified Dispense as Written for the name brand drug, you have to pay the difference in cost between the name brand drug and the generic.
- Why use generic drugs? To reduce your out-of-pocket expenses! A generic drug is the chemical equivalent of a corresponding brand name drug. Generic drugs are less expensive than brand name drugs; therefore, you may reduce your out-of-pocket costs by choosing to use a generic drug.

•	When you have to file a claim. If you purchase a prescription in an out-of-network pharmacy, you
	must pay in full, and submit a copy of your paid receipt along with a prescription reimbursement form.
	To receive reimbursement forms, please call our Customer Service Department at 1-800-736-2096.

Prescription drug benefits begin on the next page.

Benefit Description	You pay
Covered medications and supplies	
<ul> <li>We cover the following medications and supplies prescribed by a Plan physician and obtained from a Plan pharmacy or through our mail order program:</li> <li>Drugs and medicines that by Federal law of the United States require a physician's prescription for their purchase, except as those listed as <i>Not covered</i>.</li> <li>Insulin</li> <li>Disposable needles and syringes for the administration of covered medications</li> <li>Drugs for sexual dysfunction (see Prior authorization below)</li> <li>Oral contraceptive drugs and devices</li> <li>Growth Hormones</li> </ul>	\$10 for generic drugs \$20 for preferred brand name drugs \$35 for all other covered drugs
Not covered:	All Charges
<ul> <li>Drugs and supplies for cosmetic purposes</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Vitamins, nutrients and food supplements even if a physician prescribes or administers them</li> </ul>	
Nonprescription medicines	
Drugs to enhance athletic performance	
• Fertility Drugs used as part of excluded infertility treatment, such as In vitro fertilization.	
• Drugs obtained at a non-Plan pharmacy; except for out-of-area emergencies	

### Section 5 (g). Special features

Feature	Description
Flexible benefits option	Under the flexible benefits option, we determine the most effective way to provide services.
	<ul> <li>We may identify medically appropriate alternatives to traditional care and coordinate other benefits as a less costly alternative benefit.</li> </ul>
	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.
Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. HealthLine	Through Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc.'s toll-free HealthLine, registered nurses are available to provide health care answers for members, 24 hours a day, every day of the year. These skilled professionals use their years of clinical experience and the extensive computerized medical resources at their fingertips to assist members and direct them to the appropriate care.
Health Newsline and Resource Guide	Members can call a toll-free number listen to more than 150 pre-recorded health care topics.
Being Well Magazine	Subscriber households receive <i>Being Well</i> , Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc.'s exclusive, award winning magazine.

### Section 5 (h). Dental benefits

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

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• 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 cover hospitalization for dental procedures only when a non-dental 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.
- 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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### Accidental injury benefit

You Pay

We cover restorative services and supplies necessary to promptly repair (but not replace) sound natural teeth. The need for these services must result from an accidental injury.

\$10 per office visit

#### **Dental benefits**

We have no other dental benefits

#### Section 5 (i). Non-FEHB Benefits Available to Plan Members

The benefits described on this page are neither offered nor guaranteed under the contract with the FEHB Program, but are made available to all enrollees and family members who are members of this Plan. The cost of the benefits described on this page is not included in the FEHB premium; any charges for these services do not count toward the FEHB deductibles, out of pocket maximum copay charges, etc. These benefits are not subject to the FEHB disputed claims procedures.

#### **Women's Health Programs**

**Preventive Care** Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. members have direct access to routine

gynecological exams without a PCP referral. Members also receive

mammography reminders on a regular basis.

**New Mom 's Program** Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. offers members a free, comprehensive

maternity services program that includes valuable information concerning prenatal health, health during pregnancy, member benefits, money saving

coupons, and a free gift for the new mom and baby.

Childbirth Class Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. reimburses up to \$85 when members attend

**Reimbursement** and complete childbirth classes at participating hospitals.

#### AlternaCare<sup>SM</sup>

**Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc. AlternaCare** This holistic health care program provides benefits for chiropractic and acupuncture services; and offers discounts for massage therapy, nutritional supplements and vitamins.

### 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.

We do not cover the following:

- Care by non-Plan providers except for authorized referrals or emergencies (see Emergency Benefits); or
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive while you are not enrolled in this Plan; or
- Services, drugs, or supplies that are not medically necessary; or
- Services, drugs, or supplies not required according to accepted standards of medical, dental, or psychiatric practice; or
- Experimental or investigational procedures, treatments, drugs or devices; or
- 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; or
- 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 obtain 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 & 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 1-800-736-2096.

> 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:** Health Net, Formerly PHS Health Plans

P. O. Box 981

Bridgeport, CT 06601-0981 **Attention: Claims Only** 

#### 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

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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: Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc., 1835 Market St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, 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, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415-3630.

#### The Disputed Claims process (Continued)

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 include 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 or from the year in which you were denied precertification or prior approval. 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 pre-authorization/prior approval, then call us at 1-800-50-REFER 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 202/606-0737 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. If you or your spouse worked for at least 10 years in Medicare-covered employment, you should be able to qualify for premium-free PartA insurance. (Someone who was a Federal employee on January 1, 1983 or since automatically qualifies.) Otherwise, if you are age 65 or older, you may be able to buy it. Contact 1-800-MEDICARE for more information.
- Part B (Medical Insurance). Most people pay monthly for Part B. Generally, Part B premiums are withheld from your monthly Social Security check or your retirement check.

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 (Part A or Part B)

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

When you are enrolled in Original Medicare along with this Plan, 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, or precertified as required.

We will not waive any of our copayments.

(Primary payer chart begins on next page.)

The following chart illustrates whether the **Original Medicare Plan** 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),		<b>√</b>						
2) Are an annuitant,	✓							
Are a reemployed annuitant with the Federal government when     a) The position is excluded from FEHB, or	<b>√</b>							
b) The position is not excluded from FEHB		✓						
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),	<b>√</b>							
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,		✓						
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								
Are eligible for Medicare based on disability, and     a) Are an annuitant, or	<b>✓</b>							
b) Are an active employee, or		✓						
c) Are a former spouse of an annuitant, or	✓							
d) Are a former spouse of an active employee		✓						

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

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

- 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 1-800-736-2096 or visit our website at www.health.net.

We waive some costs when you have the Original Medicare Plan – When Original Medicare is the primary payer, we will waive medical services and supplies provided by physicians and other health care professionals. If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, we will waive:

- in-patient hospital copay
- skilled nursing facility copay
- Medicare managed care plan

If you are eligible for Medicare, you may choose to enroll in and get your Medicare benefits from another type of Medicare+Choice plan -- 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 provide all the benefits that Original Medicare covers. 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 <a href="www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>.

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, coinsurance, or deductibles 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, but we will not waive any of our copayments. If you enroll in a Medicare managed care plan, tell us. We will need to know whether you are in the Original Medicare Plan or in a Medicare managed care plan so we can correctly coordinate benefits with Medicare.

Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in 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.

#### • If you do not enroll in **Medicare Part A or Part B**

If you do not have one or both Parts of Medicare, you can still be covered under the FEHB Program. We will not require you to enroll in Medicare Part B and, if you can't get premium-free Part A, we will not ask you to enroll in it.

#### 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 illness 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 care. You must use our providers.

#### Medicaid

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

### are responsible for your care

When other Government agencies 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

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 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. See 13.

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

covered services. See page 13.

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

> Any type of care that does not meet the requirements of post-hospital skilled nursing facility care. Custodial care includes but is not limited to any type of care where the primary purpose of the total care provided is to attend to the Member's daily living activities which do not entail or require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel (for example, assistance in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, feeding, using the toilet, changes of dressings of noninfected, postoperative or chronic conditions, preparation of special diets, supervision of medication which can be self-administered by the Member, general maintenance care of colostomy or ileostomy, periodic turning and positioning in bed; general supervision of exercises which have been taught to the Member, routine services to maintain other services which, in the sole determination of the PLAN, based on medically accepted standards can be safely and adequately self-

regardless of who actually provides the service).

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

administered or performed by the average non-medical person without the direct supervision of trained medical or paramedical personnel,

those services. See page 13.

As determined by the PLAN a drug, device, medical treatment or

procedure is experimental or investigational: (i) if the drug or device cannot be lawfully marketed without the approval of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and approval for marketing has not been given at the time the drug or device is furnished; or (ii) if the drug, device, medical treatment or procedure, or the patient informed consent document utilized with the drug, device, treatment or procedure, was reviewed and approved by the treating facility's Institutional Review Board or other body serving a similar function, or if federal law requires such review and approval; or (iii) if Reliable Evidence shows that the drug, device, medical treatment or procedure is the subject of on-going phase I and phase II clinical trials, is the research, experimental study or investigational arm of on-going phase III clinical trials, or is otherwise under study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its efficacy or its efficacy compared with a standard means of treatment or diagnosis; or (iv) if Reliable Evidence shows that the prevailing opinion among experts regarding the drug, device, medical treatment or procedure is that further studies or clinical trials are necessary to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its

**Custodial care** 

**Deductible** 

**Experimental or** investigational services safety, its efficacy or its efficacy as compared with a standard means of treatment or diagnosis. As used here Reliable Evidence shall mean, only as determined by the PLAN, published reports and articles in the authoritative medical and scientific literature; the written protocol or protocols used by the treating facility or the protocol(s) of another facility studying substantially the same drug, device, medical treatment or procedure; or the written informed consent used by the treating facility or by another facility studying substantially the same drug, device, medical treatment or procedure.

#### **Group health coverage**

Health insurance provided as a benefit to an employee, which is partially or fully paid by the employer.

#### **Medical necessity**

Health care services or supplies for prevention, diagnosis, or treatment which are not excluded or limited by this brochure and which are:

- (a) appropriate for, and consistent with, the symptoms and proper diagnosis or treatment of the member's illness, injury, disease, or condition; and
- (b) provided for the diagnosis or the direct care and treatment of the member's illness, injury, disease or condition; and
- (c) not primarily for the convenience, appearance, or recreation of the member, the member's practitioner or another; and
- (d) within the standards of good medical practice within the organized medical community; and
- (e) neither Experimental or Investigational; and
- (f) the most appropriate supply or level of service which can safely be provided. For Hospital stays this means the acute care as an inpatient is necessary due to the type of covered services a member is receiving or the severity of the member's condition and adequate care cannot be received as an outpatient or in a less intensive medical setting

Not all medically necessary and appropriate services or supplies are covered. For additional information refer to the Benefits Sections of this brochure.

Us/We

Us and we refer to Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc.

You

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 joined this Plan during Open Season, your coverage begins on the first day of your first pay period that starts on or after January 1. Annuitants' coverage and premiums begin on January 1. If you joined at any other time during the year, your employing office will tell you the effective date of coverage.

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.

- Temporary Continuation of Coverage (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, if you lose your job, if you are a covered dependent child and you turn 22 or marry, etc.

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 <a href="www.opm.gov/insure">www.opm.gov/insure</a>. It explains what you have to do to enroll.

 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

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) is a Federal law that offers limited Federal protections for health coverage availability and continuity to people who lose employer group 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.

For more information, get OPM pamphlet RI 79-27, Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) under the FEHB Program. See also the FEHB web site (<a href="www.opm.gov/insure/health">www.opm.gov/insure/health</a>); refer to the "TCC and HIPAA" and frequently asked questions. These highlight HIPAA rules, such as the requirement that Federal employees must exhaust any TCC eligibility as one condition for guaranteed access to individual health coverage under HIPPA, and have information about Federal and State agencies you can contact for more information.

#### **Long Term Care Insurance Is Coming Later in 2002!**

- Many FEHB enrollees think that their health plan and/or Medicare will cover their long-term care needs. Unfortunately, they are *WRONG*!
- How are YOU planning to pay for the future custodial or chronic care you may need?
- You should consider buying long-term care insurance.

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will sponsor a high-quality long term care insurance program effective in October 2002. As part of its educational effort, OPM asks you to consider these questions:

### What is long term care (LTC) insurance?

- It's insurance to help pay for long term care services you may need if you can't take care of yourself because of an extended illness or injury, or an age-related disease such as Alzheimer's.
- LTC insurance can provide broad, flexible benefits for nursing home care, care in an assisted living facility, care in your home, adult day care, hospice care, and more. LTC can supplement care provided by family members, reducing the burden you place on them.

### I'm healthy. I won't need long term care. Or, will I?

- Welcome to the club!
- 76% of Americans believe they will never need long term care, but the facts are that about half them will. And it's not just the old folks. About 40% of people needing long term care are under age 65. They may need chronic care due to a serious accident, a stroke, or developing multiple sclerosis, etc.
- We hope you will never need long term care, but everyone should have a plan just in case. Many people now consider long term care insurance to be vital to their financial and retirement planing.

#### Is long term care expensive?

- Yes, it can be very expensive. A year in a nursing home can exceed \$50,000. Home care for only three 8- hour shifts a week can exceed \$20,000 a year. And that's before inflation!
- Long term care can easily exhaust your savings. Long term care insurance can protect your savings.

#### But won't my FEHB plan, Medicare or Medicaid cover my long term care?

- Not FEHB. Look at the "Not covered" blocks in sections 5(a) and 5(c) of your FEHB brochure. Health plans don't cover custodial care or a stay in an assisted living facility or a continuing need for a home health aide to help you get in and out of bed and with other activities of daily living. Limited stays in skilled nursing facilities can be covered in some circumstances.
- Medicare only covers skilled nursing home care (the highest level of nursing care) after a hospitalization for those who are blind, age 65 or older or fully disabled. It also has a 100 day limit.
- Medicaid covers long term care for those who meet their state's poverty guidelines, but has restrictions on covered services and where they can be received. Long term care insurance can provide choices of care and preserve your independence.

#### When will I get more information on how to apply for this new insurance coverage?

- Employees will get more information from their agencies during the LTC open enrollment period in the late summer/early fall of 2002.
- Retirees will receive information at home.

How can I find out more about the program NOW?

• Our toll-free teleservice center will begin in mid-2002. In the meantime, you can learn more about the program on our web site at <a href="https://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc">www.opm.gov/insure/ltc</a>.

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- **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 form the cover on you 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; \$10 specialist	15	
Services provided by a hospital:			
• Inpatient	Nothing	27	
Outpatient	\$10 per office visit	23	
Emergency benefits:			
• In-area	\$50 per admission; waived if admitted	29	
Out-of-area	\$50 per admission; waived if admitted	29	
Mental health and substance abuse treatment	Regular cost sharing.	31	
Prescription drugs	\$10 for generic drugs \$20 for preferred brand name drugs \$35 for all other covered drugs	34	
Dental Care	No benefit.	38	
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### **NOTES**

# 2002 Rate Information for Health Net of Pennsylvania, Inc.

**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, 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 who are not career postal employees. 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
High Option Self Only	271	\$97.86	\$52.91	\$212.03	\$114.64	\$115.52	\$35.25
High Option Self and Family	272	\$223.41	\$130.94	\$484.06	\$283.70	\$263.75	\$90.60
High Option Self Only	2K1	\$96.88	\$32.29	\$209.90	\$69.97	\$114.64	\$14.53
High Option Self and Family	2K2	\$223.41	\$93.62	\$484.06	\$202.84	\$263.75	\$53.28