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Serving: *Kansas City Metropolitan Area
Kansas and Missouri*

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HA2 Self and Family**

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20415-0001**

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Federal Employees Health Benefits Program Participant:

I am pleased to present this 2004 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program plan brochure. The brochure describes the benefits this plan offers you for 2004. Because benefits vary from year to year, you should review your plan's brochure every Open Season – especially Section 2, which explains how the plan changed.

It takes a lot of information to help a consumer make wise healthcare decisions. The information in this brochure, our FEHB Guide, and our web-based resources, make it easier than ever to get information about plans, to compare benefits and to read customer service satisfaction ratings for the national and local plans that may be of interest. Just click on www.opm.gov/insure!

The FEHB Program continues to be an enviable national model that offers exceptional choice, and uses private-sector competition to keep costs reasonable, ensure high-quality care, and spur innovation. The Program, which began in 1960, is sound and has stood the test of time. It enjoys one of the highest levels of customer satisfaction of any healthcare program in the country.

I continue to take aggressive steps to keep the FEHB Program on the cutting edge of employer-sponsored health benefits. We demand cost-effective quality care from our FEHB carriers and we have encouraged Federal agencies and departments to pay the full FEHB health benefit premium for their employees called to active duty in the Reserve and National Guard so they can continue FEHB coverage for themselves and their families. Our carriers have also responded to my request to help our members to be prepared by making additional supplies of medications available for emergencies as well as call-up situations and you can help by getting an Emergency Preparedness Guide at www.opm.gov. OPM's *HealthierFeds* campaign is another way the carriers are working with us to ensure Federal employees and retirees are informed on healthy living and best-treatment strategies. You can help to contain healthcare costs and keep premiums down by living a healthy life style.

Open Season is your opportunity to review your choices and to become an educated consumer to meet your healthcare needs. Use this brochure, the FEHB Guide, and the web resources to make your choice an informed one. Finally, if you know someone interested in Federal employment, refer them to www.usajobs.opm.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Coles James".

Kay Coles James
Director



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THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

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- To law enforcement officials when investigating and/or prosecuting alleged or civil or criminal actions, and
- Where required by law.

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- To communicate with your FEHB health plan when you or someone you have authorized to act on your behalf asks for our assistance regarding a benefit or customer service issue.
- To review, make a decision, or litigate your disputed claim.
- For OPM and the General Accounting Office when conducting audits.

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- For Government health care oversight activities (such as fraud and abuse investigations),
- For research studies that meet all privacy law requirements (such as for medical research or education), and
- To avoid a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

By law, OPM must have your written permission (an "authorization") to use or give out your personal medical information for any purpose that is not set out in this notice. You may take back ("revoke") your written permission at any time, except if OPM has already acted based on your permission.

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- Get a listing of those getting your personal medical information from OPM in the past 6 years. The listing will not cover your personal medical information that was given to you or your personal representative, any information that you authorized OPM to release, or that was given out for law enforcement purposes or to pay for your health care or a disputed claim.

- Ask OPM to communicate with you in a different manner or at a different place (for example, by sending materials to a P.O. Box instead of your home address).
- Ask OPM to limit how your personal medical information is used or given out. However, OPM may not be able to agree to your request if the information is used to conduct operations in the manner described above.
- Get a separate paper copy of this notice.

For more information on exercising your rights set out in this notice, look at www.opm.gov/insure on the web. You may also call 202-606-0191 and ask for OPM's FEHB Program privacy official for this purpose.

If you believe OPM has violated your privacy rights set out in this notice, you may file a complaint with OPM at the following address:

Privacy Complaints
Office of Personnel Management
P.O. Box 707
Washington, DC 20004-0707

Filing a complaint will not affect your benefits under the FEHB Program. You also may file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

By law, OPM is required to follow the terms in this privacy notice. OPM has the right to change the way your personal medical information is used and given out. If OPM makes any changes, you will get a new notice by mail within 60 days of the change.

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Introduction

This brochure describes the benefits of Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., under our contract (CS 1948) with the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM), as authorized by the Federal Employees Health Benefits law. The address for the administrative offices is:

Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc.
8320 Ward Parkway
Kansas City, Missouri 64114

This brochure is the official statement of benefits. No oral statement can modify or otherwise affect the benefits, limitations, and exclusions of this brochure. It is your responsibility to be informed about your health benefits.

If you are enrolled in this Plan, you are entitled to the benefits described in this brochure. If you are enrolled in 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, 2004, unless those benefits are also shown in this brochure.

OPM negotiates benefits and rates with each plan annually. **Benefit changes are effective January 1, 2004**, and changes are summarized on page 7. Rates are shown at the end of this brochure.

Plain Language

All FEHB brochures are written in plain language 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 Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc.
- We limit acronyms to ones you know. FEHB is the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. OPM is the United States 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 www.opm.gov/insure or e-mail OPM at fehwebcomments@opm.gov. You may also write to OPM at the United States Office of Personnel Management, Insurance Services Program, Program Planning & Evaluation Group, 1900 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20415-3650.

Stop Health Care Fraud!

Fraud increases the cost of health care for everyone and increases your Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program premium.

OPM's Office of the Inspector General investigates all allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in the FEHB Program regardless of the agency that employs you or from which you retired.

Protect Yourself From Fraud - Here are some things you can do to prevent fraud:

- Be wary of giving your plan identification (ID) number over the telephone or to people you do not know, except to your doctor, other provider, or authorized plan or OPM representative.
- Let only the appropriate medical professionals review your medical record or recommend services.
- Avoid using health care providers who say that an item or service is not usually covered, but they know how to bill us to get it paid.
- Carefully review explanations of benefits (EOBs) that you receive from us.
- Do not ask your doctor to make false entries on certificates, bills or records in order to get us to pay for an item or service.
- If you suspect that a provider 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 800/969-3343 and explain the situation.
 - If we do not resolve the issue:

**CALL -- THE HEALTH CARE FRAUD HOTLINE
202-418-3300**

OR WRITE TO:

**United States Office of Personnel Management
Office of the Inspector General Fraud Hotline
1900 E Street, NW, Room 6400
Washington, DC 20415-1100**

- Do not maintain as a family member on your policy:
 - Your former spouse after a divorce decree or annulment is final (even if a court order stipulates otherwise); or
 - Your child over age 22 (unless he/she is disabled and incapable of self support).
- If you have any questions about the eligibility of a dependent, check with your personnel office if you are employed, with your retirement office (such as OPM) if you are retired, or with the National Finance Center if you are enrolled under Temporary Continuation of Coverage.
- You can be prosecuted for fraud and your agency may take action against you if you falsify a claim to obtain FEHB benefits or try to obtain services for someone who is not an eligible family member or who is no longer enrolled in the Plan.

Preventing Medical Mistakes

An influential report from the Institute of Medicine estimates that up to 98,000 Americans die every year from medical mistakes in hospitals alone. That's about 3,230 preventable deaths in the FEHB Program a year. While death is the most tragic outcome, medical mistakes cause other problems such as permanent disabilities, extended hospital stays, longer recoveries, and even additional treatments. By asking questions, learning more and understanding your risks, you can improve the safety of your own health care, and that of your family members. Take these simple steps:

1. **Ask questions if you have doubts or concerns.**
 - Ask questions and make sure you understand the answers.
 - Choose a doctor with whom you feel comfortable talking.
 - Take a relative or friend with you to help you ask questions and understand answers.
2. **Keep and bring a list of all the medicines you take.**
 - Give your doctor and pharmacist a list of all the medicines that you take, including non-prescription medicines.
 - Tell them about any drug allergies you have.
 - Ask about side effects and what to avoid while taking the medicine.

- Read the label when you get your medicine, including all warnings.
 - Make sure your medicine is what the doctor ordered and know how to use it.
 - Ask the pharmacist about your medicine if it looks different than you expected.
3. **Get the results of any test or procedure.**
- Ask when and how you will get the results of test or procedures.
 - Don't assume the results are fine if you do not get them when expected, be it in person, by phone, or by mail.
 - Call your doctor and ask for your results.
 - Ask what the results mean for your care.
4. **Talk to your doctor about which hospital is best for your health needs.**
- Ask your doctor about which hospital has the best care and results for your condition if you have more than one hospital to choose from to get the health care you need.
 - Be sure you understand the instructions you get about follow-up care when you leave the hospital.
5. **Make sure you understand what will happen if you need surgery.**
- Make sure you, your doctor, and your surgeon all agree on exactly what will be done during the operation.
 - Ask your doctor, "Who will manage my care when I am in the hospital?"
 - Ask your surgeon:
 - Exactly what will you be doing?
 - About how long will it take?
 - What will happen after surgery?
 - How can I expect to feel during recovery?
 - Tell the surgeon, anesthesiologist, and nurses about any allergies, bad reaction to anesthesia, and any medications you are taking.

Want more information on patient safety?

- www.ahrq.gov/consumer/pathqpack.htm. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality makes available a wide-ranging list of topics not only to inform consumers about patient safety but to help choose quality healthcare providers and improve the quality of care you receive.
- www.npsf.org. The National Patient Safety Foundation has information on how to ensure safer healthcare for you and your family.
- www.talkaboutrx.org/consumer.html. The National Council on Patient Information and Education is dedicated to improving communication about the safe, appropriate use of medicines.
- www.leapfroggroup.org. The Leapfrog Group is active in promoting safe practices in hospital care.
- www.ahqa.org. The American Health Quality Association represents organizations and healthcare professionals working to improve patient safety.
- www.quic.gov/report. Find out what federal agencies are doing to identify threats to patient safety and help prevent mistakes in the nation's healthcare delivery system.

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. The Plan is solely responsible for the selection of these providers in your area. Contact us for a copy of our most recent provider directory.

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 are paid in a number of ways, including salary, capitation, per diem rates, case rates, and fee for service. You will also be responsible for unauthorized care or services not covered under this plan.

Your Rights

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

Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., is a for profit domiciled Kansas health maintenance organization (HMO) with certificates of authority to operate in both Kansas and Missouri. Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., has been in existence since 1961, and has two unique service areas: Kansas City and Wichita for a combined total membership of over 170,000. We are dedicated to providing quality health care at an affordable price. We offer prepaid health care benefit plans to employers for employees and their dependents. We provide our members the security of knowing they are being offered a health care delivery system supported by a long tradition of quality and service.

If you want more information about us, call 800-969-3343, or write to Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., 8320 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114, or visit our website at www.chckansas.com.

Service Area

To enroll in this Plan, you must live in or work in our Service Area. This is where our providers practice. Our service area is:

Kansas – Anderson, Allen, Atchison, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Douglas, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Shawnee, and Wyandotte Counties

Missouri – Andrew, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Henry, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Livingston, Pettis, Platte, and Ray Counties

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 outside 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 employer or retirement office.

Section 2. How we changed for 2004

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 added information regarding two new Federal Programs that complement FEHB benefits, the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program - *FSAFEDS* and the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. See page 58.
- We added information regarding Preventing medical mistakes. See page 6.
- We added information regarding enrolling in Medicare. See page 48
- We revised the Medicare Primary Payer Chart. See page 50.

Changes to this Plan

- Your share of the non-postal premium will increase by 16.1% for Self Only or 16.1% for Self and Family.
- We have expanded our **Kansas** service area to include the following counties: Allen, Bourbon, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette and Neosho.

Clarification

- Your provider must obtain prior authorization for chiropractic services through Coventry's network of chiropractic providers.

Section 3. How you get care

Identification cards

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

If you do not receive your ID card within 30 days after the effective date of your enrollment, or if you need replacement cards, call us at 1-800-969-3343 or write to us at Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., 8320 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114. You may also request replacement cards through our website at www.chckansas.com.

Where you get covered care

You get care from “Plan providers” and “Plan facilities.” You will only pay copayments, deductibles, and/or coinsurance, 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 www.chckansas.com

- **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.

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.

- **Primary care**

Your primary care physician can be a family practitioner, internist, or pediatrician. Your primary care physician will provide most of your health care, or give you a referral to see a specialist. You may choose a primary care physician for the entire family or a different primary care physician may be selected for individual family members.

If you want to change primary care physicians or if your primary care physician leaves the Plan, call us at 800/969-3343 or visit our website at www.chckansas.com to change your PCP. We will help you select a new one.

- **Specialty care**

Your primary care physician will refer you to a specialist for a consultation. If after the consultation, the specialist requires additional visits, then the specialist must obtain pre-certification of services that require authorization. Some lab, radiology, and therapy services may require authorization by our utilization management department. Your participating specialist must obtain this authorization. However, you may see an OB/Gyn or a mental health provider 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 60 days after you receive notice of the change. Contact us or, if we drop out of the Program, contact your new plan.

If you are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy 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 60 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. Be sure to tell the hospital you are a Coventry Health Care HMO member and remember to present your identification card when you are admitted. This will ensure we are notified.

If you are in the hospital when your enrollment in our Plan begins, call our customer service department immediately at 1-800-969-3343. If you are new to the FEHB Program, we will arrange for you to receive care.

If you changed from another FEHB plan to us, your former plan will pay for the hospital stay until:

- You are discharged, not merely moved to an alternative care center; or
- The day your benefits from your former plan run out; or
- The 92nd day after you become a member of this Plan, whichever happens first.

These provisions apply only to the benefits of the hospitalized person. If your plan terminates participation in the FEHB Program in whole or in part, or if OPM orders an enrollment change, this continuation of coverage provision does not apply. In such case, the hospitalized family member's benefits under the new plan begin on the effective date of enrollment.

Circumstances beyond our control

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

Services requiring our prior approval

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

We call this review and approval process prior authorization of services. Your physician must obtain authorization for the following services: hospitalization, referral to a specialist outside of the network, or recommendations for follow-up-care.

You are responsible for ensuring that your physician has obtained authorization for a planned hospital admission or surgery.

In addition, we may retract or refuse to pay an authorization, referral, or claim if:

- You make a material misrepresentation or omission about your health condition or the cause for your health condition.
- You permit someone else to use your health plan identification card, you use another person's card or you deface the card in order to obtain services at a higher level of benefits. Except when the member is unaware another person is using their Identification card (i.e. lost or stolen card)
- Your group terminates its contract before your health care services are provided; or
- Your coverage under the group agreement terminates before the health care services are provided.

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 you pay a copayment of \$15 per office visit.

• **Deductible**

We have no deductible.

• **Coinsurance**

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

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

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

After your copayments and coinsurance total \$2,000 per person or \$4,000 per family enrollment in any calendar year, you do not have to pay any more for covered services. However, copayments or coinsurance for the following services do not count toward your catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximum, and you must continue to pay copayments or coinsurance for these services:

- Extended care services
- Durable medical equipment
- External prostheses and braces
- Chiropractic services
- Dental care services
- Prescription drugs

Be sure to keep accurate records of your copayments or coinsurance 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 63 for a benefits summary.)

NOTE: This benefits section is divided into subsections. Please read the important things you should keep in mind at the beginning of each subsection. Also read the General Exclusions in Section 6; they apply to the benefits in the following subsections. To obtain claim forms, claims filing advice, or more information about our benefits, contact us at 1-800-969-3343 or at our website at www.chckansas.com.

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•Preventive care, children	
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•Infertility services	
•Allergy care	
•Treatment therapies	
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•Speech therapy	
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Section 5 (a). Medical services and supplies provided by physicians and other health care professionals

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

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Benefit Description	You pay
Diagnostic and treatment services	
Professional services of physicians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In physician's office 	\$15 per office visit
Professional services of physicians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an urgent care center • During a hospital stay • In a skilled nursing facility • Office medical consultations • Second surgical opinion 	\$15 per office visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home 	Nothing

Diagnostic and treatment services -- continued on next page

Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic tests	You pay
<p>Tests, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood tests • Urinalysis • Non-routine pap tests • Pathology • X-rays • Non-routine Mammograms • CAT Scans/MRI • Ultrasound • Electrocardiogram and EEG 	<p>\$15 when the test is not performed during your office visit. You only pay the office visit copayment when the test is performed during your office visit.</p>
Preventive care, adult	
<p>Routine screenings, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Blood Cholesterol – once every three years • Chlamydia Infection • Colorectal Cancer Screening, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fecal occult blood test - Sigmoidoscopy screening – every five years starting at age 50 	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>
<p>Routine Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) test – one annually for men age 40 and older</p>	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>
<p>Routine pap test</p> <p>Note: The office visit is covered if pap test is received on the same day; see <i>Diagnosis and Treatment</i>, above.</p>	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>
<p>Routine mammogram –covered for women age 35 and older, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Note: In addition to routine screening, we cover mammograms when medically necessary to diagnose or treat your illness.</p>	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>
<p><i>Not covered: Physical exams required for obtaining or continuing employment or insurance, attending schools or camp, or travel.</i></p>	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Preventive care – adult--continued on next page

Preventive care, adult <i>(continued)</i>	You pay
Routine immunizations, limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetanus-diphtheria (Td) booster – once every 10 years, ages 19 and over (except as provided for under Childhood immunizations) • Influenza vaccine, annually • Pneumococcal vaccine, age 65 and over 	\$15 per office visit
Preventive care, children	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childhood immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics • Examinations done on the day of immunizations (through age 22) 	Nothing \$15 per office visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-child care charges for routine examinations, immunizations and care (through age 22) • Examinations, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Eye exams through age 17 to determine the need for vision correction. – Ear exams through age 17 to determine the need for hearing correction 	\$15 per office visit
<i>Not covered: Physical exams required for obtaining or continuing employment or insurance, attending schools or camp, or travel</i>	<i>All charges.</i>

Maternity care	You pay
<p>Complete maternity (obstetrical) care, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prenatal care • Delivery • Postnatal care • Physician ordered sonograms <p>Note: Here are some things to keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You need to precertify your normal delivery; see page 10 for other circumstances, such as extended stays for you or your baby. • You may remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after a regular delivery and 96 hours after a cesarean delivery. We will extend your inpatient stay if medically necessary. • We cover routine nursery care of the newborn child during the covered portion of the mother's maternity stay. We will cover other care of an infant who requires non-routine treatment only if we cover the infant under a Self and Family enrollment. (Surgical benefits, not maternity benefits, apply towards circumcision of the newborn; see page 24) • We pay hospitalization and surgeon services (delivery) the same as for illness and injury. See Hospital benefits (Section 5c) and Surgery benefits (Section 5b). 	<p>\$15 for initial office visit to confirm pregnancy. All other copayments for prenatal visits during the course of pregnancy are waived.</p>
<p><i>Not covered: Routine sonograms to determine fetal age, size or sex</i></p>	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>
Family planning	
<p>A range of voluntary family planning services, limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgically implanted contraceptives (such as Norplant) • Injectable contraceptive drugs (such as Depo provera) • Intrauterine devices (IUDs) • Diaphragms <p>NOTE: We cover oral contraceptives under the prescription drug benefit.</p>	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Sterilization (See surgical procedures Section 5(b)) 	<p>\$100 per procedure</p>
<p><i>Not covered: Reversal of voluntary surgical sterilization, genetic counseling</i></p>	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Infertility services	You pay
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial insemination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Intravaginal insemination (IVI)</i> – <i>Intracervical insemination (ICI)</i> – <i>Intrauterine insemination (IUI)</i> 	50% of our allowance per procedure
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, such as:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>in vitro fertilization</i> – <i>embryo transfer, gamete GIFT and zygote ZIFT</i> – <i>Zygote transfer</i> • <i>Services and supplies related to excluded ART procedures</i> • <i>Cost of donor sperm</i> • <i>Cost of donor egg</i> • <i>Drugs and supplies for the treatment of infertility</i> 	<i>All charges.</i>
Allergy care	
Testing and treatment Allergy injection	50% of our allowance per visit
Allergy serum	Nothing
<i>Not covered: Provocative food testing and sublingual allergy desensitization</i>	<i>All charges.</i>

Treatment therapies	You pay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemotherapy and radiation therapy <p>Note: High dose chemotherapy in association with autologous bone marrow transplants is limited to those transplants listed under Organ/Tissue Transplants on page 26.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory and inhalation therapy • Dialysis – hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis • Intravenous (IV)/Infusion Therapy – Home IV and antibiotic therapy • Growth hormone therapy (GHT) <p>Note: Growth hormone is covered under the prescription drug benefit.</p> <p>Note: – We will only cover GHT when we pre-authorize the treatment. Call 1-800-969-3343 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.</p>	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>
Physical and occupational therapies and chiropractic	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 days per condition for the services of each of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – qualified physical therapists – occupational therapists – chiropractor (coverage limited to subluxation and manipulation) • Cardiac rehabilitation following a heart transplant, bypass surgery or myocardial infarction <p>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.</p>	<p>\$15 for each outpatient session; Nothing per visit during covered inpatient admission</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exercise programs</i> • <i>Non-neuroskelatal disorders</i> • <i>Vocational rehabilitation services</i> • <i>Thermography</i> • <i>Long-term rehabilitative therapy</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Speech therapy	You pay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60 days per condition 	\$15 copay for each outpatient session; Nothing per visit during covered inpatient admission
Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First hearing aid and testing only when necessitated by accidental injury Hearing testing for children through age 17 (see <i>Preventive care, children</i>) 	\$15 per office visit
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other hearing testing Hearing aids, testing and examinations for them 	<i>All charges.</i>
Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One pair of eyeglasses or contact lenses to correct an impairment directly caused by accidental ocular injury or intraocular surgery (such as for cataracts) Eye exam to determine the need for vision correction for children through age 17 (see <i>Preventive care, children</i>) Annual eye refractions (see <i>Preventive care, children</i>) 	\$15 per office visit
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eyeglasses or contact lenses and, after age 17, examinations for them Eye exercises and orthoptics Radial keratotomy and other refractive surgery 	<i>All charges.</i>
Foot care	
Routine foot care when you are under active treatment for a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease, such as diabetes. See orthopedic and prosthetic devices for information on podiatric shoe inserts.	\$15 per office visit
<i>Not covered:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cutting, trimming or removal of corns, calluses, or the free edge of toenails, ingrown 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) 	<i>All charges.</i>

Orthopedic and prosthetic devices	You pay
<p>Our maximum allowance is \$1,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial limbs and eyes; stump hose • Externally worn breast prostheses and surgical bras, including necessary replacements, following a mastectomy • Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, cochlear implants, and surgically implanted breast implant following mastectomy. Note: See 5(b) for coverage of the surgery to insert the device • Corrective orthopedic appliances for non-dental treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain dysfunction syndrome. <p>Note: External devices are limited to one each per member per lifetime, except if a bilateral mastectomy is performed</p>	<p>20% of covered charges up to a maximum Plan allowance of \$1,000 benefit per member per calendar year.</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Orthopedic and corrective shoes</i> • <i>Arch supports</i> • <i>Foot orthotics</i> • <i>Orthotics (regular or custom, including but not limited to ankle foot orthotics or podiatric orthotics)</i> • <i>Heel pads and heel cups</i> • <i>Lumbosacral supports</i> • <i>Corsets, trusses, elastic stockings, support hose, and other supportive devices</i> • <i>Dental braces, devices, and appliances</i> • <i>Braces for aid in sports activities</i> • <i>Internally implanted devices, equipment, and prosthetics related to treatment of sexual dysfunction</i> • <i>Repair and replacement of orthopedic and prosthetic devices, unless necessitated by normal growth</i> • <i>Doc bands (Dynamic Orthotic Cranial Bands)</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Durable medical equipment (DME)	You pay
<p>Our maximum allowance is \$1,000.</p> <p>Rental or purchase, at our option, including repair and adjustment, of durable medical equipment prescribed by your Plan physician, such as oxygen and dialysis equipment. Under this benefit, we also cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital beds; • Wheelchairs; • Crutches; • Walkers; • Ostomy and urological supplies; • Prosthetic and orthotic supplies; • Blood glucose monitors; and • Insulin pumps, and syringes for insulin pumps • Apnea monitor • Cane; • Orthopedic braces for scoliosis; • Pads, wires, tubing, electrodes, and masks • Equipment required as a part of acute primary care such as back braces, rib belts, slings, and hard cervical collars; • Replacement due to anatomical growth; • Repair and replacement of DME determined to be medically necessary. <p>Note: Call us at 1-800-969-3343 as soon as your Plan physician prescribes this equipment. We will arrange with a health care provider to rent or sell you durable medical equipment at discounted rates and will tell you more about this service when you call.</p>	<p>20% of covered charges up to a maximum Plan allowance of \$1,000 benefit per member per calendar year.</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motorized wheel chairs</i> • <i>Comfort, convenience, or luxury items or features</i> • <i>Electric monitors of bodily functions, except for apnea monitors</i> • <i>Devices to perform medical testing of bodily fluids, excretions, or substances</i> • <i>Disposable supplies</i> • <i>Replacement of lost equipment</i> • <i>Repair, adjustment, or replacement necessitated by wear, tear, or misuse</i> • <i>More than one piece of durable medical equipment serving essentially the same function, except for replacement due to anatomical growth; spare equipment or alternate use equipment is not provided</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Home health services	You pay
<p>Home health care ordered by a Plan physician and approved by the primary care physician provided by a registered nurse (R.N.), licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.), licensed vocational nurse (L.V.N.), physical therapist, speech therapist, occupational therapist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agency rendering services is Medicare certified and licensed by the state of location • Services are a substitute or alternative to hospitalization • Services include intravenous therapy and medications <p>Other services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs, supplies, and supplements • Home IV and antibiotic therapy 	Nothing
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nursing care requested by, or for the convenience of, the patient or the patient's family</i> • <i>Services primarily for hygiene, feeding, exercising, moving the patient, homemaking, companionship or giving oral medication</i> • <i>Nursing care that could appropriately be rendered in a Plan medical office, affiliated hospital, or skilled nursing facility</i> • <i>Nursing care that can be performed safely and effectively by people whom, in order to provide the care do not require medical licenses or certificates, or the presence of a supervising licensed nurse</i> • <i>Home care primarily for personal assistance that does not include a medical component and is not diagnostic, therapeutic, or rehabilitative</i> 	<i>All charges.</i>
Chiropractic	
See Physical and occupational therapies	
Alternative treatments	
<i>No benefits</i>	<i>All charges.</i>

Educational classes and programs	You pay
<p>When provided or referred by a primary physician or other participating provider. Coverage is available for Health education, services including instructions on achieving and maintaining physical well being; learning how to control and identify warning signs of asthma or diabetes; and how to use medication and treat symptoms. Please call Customer Service at 1-800-969-3343 for assistance.</p> <p>Coverage is limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma education (Telephonic – No charge) • Diabetes self-management 	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>

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

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- The amounts listed below are for the charges billed by a physician or other health care professional for your surgical care. Look in Section 5(c) for charges associated with the facility (i.e. hospital, surgical center, etc.).
- **YOU MUST GET PRECERTIFICATION OF SOME SURGICAL PROCEDURES.** Please refer to the precertification information shown in Section 3.

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Benefit Description	You pay
Surgical procedures	
<p>A comprehensive range of services, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operative procedures • Treatment of fractures, including casting • Normal pre-and post-operative care by the surgeon • Correction of amblyopia and strabismus • Endoscopy procedures • Biopsy procedures • Removal of tumors and cysts • Treatment of burns • Circumcision of a newborn • Correction of congenital anomalies (see reconstructive surgery) • Surgical treatment of morbid obesity -- a condition in which an individual weighs 100 pounds or 100% over his or her normal weight according to current underwriting standards; eligible members must be age 18 or over • Insertion of internal prosthetic devices. See 5(a) – Orthopedic and prosthetic devices for device coverage information <p>Note: Generally, we pay for internal prostheses (devices) according to where the procedure is done. For example, we pay Hospital benefits for a pacemaker and Surgery benefits for insertion of the pacemaker.</p>	\$15 per office visit; Nothing in a hospital.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary sterilization (e.g., Tubal ligation, Vasectomy) 	\$100 per procedure
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reversal of voluntary sterilization</i> • <i>Routine treatment of conditions of the foot; see Foot care.</i> 	<i>All charges.</i>

Reconstructive surgery	You pay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgery to correct a functional defect • Surgery to correct a condition caused by injury or illness if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 • All stages of breast reconstruction surgery following a mastectomy, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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) <p>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.</p>	<p>\$15 per office visit; Nothing in a hospital</p>
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>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</i> • <i>Surgeries related to sex transformation</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	
<p>Oral surgical procedures, when medically necessary, limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of fractures of the jaws or facial bones; • Surgical correction of cleft lip, cleft palate or severe functional malocclusion; • Removal of stones from salivary ducts; • Excision of leukoplakia or malignancies; • Excision of cysts and incision of abscesses when done as independent procedures • Other medically necessary surgical procedures that do not involve the teeth or their supporting structures • Treatment of (TMJ) Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction including surgical and non-surgical intervention, corrective orthopedic appliances and physical therapy. 	<p>\$15 per office visit; Nothing in a hospital.</p>

Oral and maxillofacial surgery – continued on next page

Oral and maxillofacial surgery (<i>continued</i>)	You pay
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Oral implants and transplants</i> • <i>Procedures that involve the teeth or their supporting structure (such as the periodontal membrane, gingiva, and alveolar bone). Other procedures that involve the teeth or intra-oral areas surrounding the teeth, including shortening of the mandible or maxillae for cosmetic purposes</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>
Organ/tissue transplants	
<p>Limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornea • Heart • Heart/lung • Kidney • Kidney/Pancreas • Liver • Lung: Single – Double • Pancreas • Allogeneic (donor) bone marrow transplants • Autologous bone marrow transplants (autologous stem cell and peripheral stem cell support) for the following conditions: acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic leukemia; advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma; advanced non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; advanced neuroblastoma; breast cancer; multiple myeloma; epithelial ovarian cancer; and testicular, mediastinal, retroperitoneal and ovarian germ cell tumors • Intestinal transplants (small intestine) and the small intestine with the liver or small intestine with multiple organs such as the liver, stomach, and pancreas <p>Note: We cover related medical and hospital expenses of the donor when we cover the recipient provided the recipient is a plan member. After referral to a transplant facility, the following will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If our Medical Director or the referral facility decides you do not satisfy criteria for a transplant, we only pay for covered services you receive before that decision is made • We, and the plan providers are not responsible for finding, furnishing, or ensuring the availability of a bone marrow or organ donor • We cover reasonable medical and hospital expenses as long as the expenses are directly related to a covered transplant of the donor or an individual identified as a potential donor, even if a member • Unless otherwise authorized by our Medical Director, we provide transplants only at approved Transplant Network facilities 	<p>Nothing</p>

Organ/tissue transplants – continued on next page

Organ/tissue transplants <i>(continued)</i>	You pay
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Donor screening tests and donor search expenses, except those performed for the actual donor</i> • <i>Any related conditions or complications for a member who is donating an organ or tissue when the recipient is not a member</i> • <i>Outpatient immunosuppressive agents</i> • <i>Any transplant procedure that is performed in a facility that has not been designated by the Medical Director as a approved transplant facility</i> • <i>Implants of non-human or artificial organs</i> • <i>Transplants not listed as covered</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>
Anesthesia	
<p>Professional services provided in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital (inpatient) 	<p>Nothing</p>
<p>Professional services provided in –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital outpatient department • Skilled nursing facility • Ambulatory surgical center • Office 	<p>\$15 per office visit</p>

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

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- 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. If hospitalization is required, your primary physician will arrange admission to one of our participating hospitals. Either your primary care physician will admit you or you will be referred to a participating provider who will manage your inpatient coordination with your primary care physician. Your admitting physician will give you instructions about which hospital to go to, including the date and time you should arrive. Before the arrangements are made, please remind your primary care physician or participating physician that you need to go to a participating hospital.

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Benefit Description	You pay
<p>Inpatient hospital</p> <p>Room and board, such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ward, semiprivate, or intensive care accommodations; • general nursing care; and • meals and special diets. • special duty nursing care when medically necessary <p>NOTE: When it is medically necessary, a plan physician may prescribe private accommodations. If you want a private room when it is not medically necessary, you pay the additional charge above the semiprivate room rate.</p>	<p>\$100 per day up to a maximum of \$300 per admission</p>

Inpatient hospital - continued on next page.

Inpatient hospital <i>(continued)</i>	You pay
<p>Other hospital services and supplies, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating, recovery, maternity, and other treatment rooms • Prescribed drugs and medicines • Diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays • Administration of blood and blood products • Blood or blood plasma, if not donated or replaced • Dressings, splints, casts, and sterile tray services • Medical supplies and equipment, including oxygen • Anesthetics, including nurse anesthetist services • Medical supplies, appliances, medical equipment, and any covered items billed by a hospital for use at home 	Nothing
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Custodial care</i> • <i>Non-covered facilities, such as nursing homes, schools</i> • <i>Personal comfort items, such as telephone, television, barber services, guest meals and beds</i> • <i>Private nursing care not medically necessary</i> 	<i>All charges.</i>
Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating, recovery, and other treatment rooms • Prescribed drugs and medicines • Diagnostic laboratory tests, X-rays, and pathology services • Administration of blood, blood plasma, and other biologicals • Blood and blood plasma, if not donated or replaced • Pre-surgical testing • Dressings, casts, and sterile tray services • Medical supplies, including oxygen • Anesthetics and anesthesia service <p>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.</p>	\$50 per surgery
<p><i>Not covered: Blood and blood derivatives not replaced by the member</i></p>	<i>All charges.</i>

Extended care benefits/skilled nursing care facility benefits	You pay
<p>Up to 60 days per member per calendar year when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time skilled nursing care is necessary • Confinement in a skilled nursing facility is medically necessary <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed, board, and general nursing • Prescribed drugs and their administration • Biologicals • Supplies • Durable medical equipment ordinarily furnished by the facility 	Nothing
<i>Not covered: custodial care or care in an intermediate care facility</i>	<i>All charges.</i>
Hospice care	
<p>Hospice care is a program for caring for the terminally ill that emphasizes supportive and palliative services, such as home care and pain control, rather than curative care of the terminal illness. A person who is terminally ill may elect to receive hospice benefits.</p> <p>Services are provided under the direction of a Plan doctor who certifies that the patient is in the terminal stages of illness, with a life expectancy of six months or less.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must reside in the service area Services will be provided in the home or • in a Plan approved hospice facility • Services include inpatient care, outpatient care, and family counseling (except financial, legal or spiritual counseling provided by a volunteer). • These palliative and supportive services include nursing care, medical social services, physician services, and short-term inpatient care for pain control and acute chronic symptom management. We also provide services for symptom control to enable the person to continue life with as little disruption as possible. 	Nothing
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Services in the member's home outside of the service area</i> • <i>Any service for which the hospice does not customarily charge the member, or his or her family</i> • <i>Independent nursing, homemaker services</i> 	<i>All charges.</i>

Ambulance	You pay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local professional ambulance service to the nearest hospital equipped to handle your medical condition when medically appropriate. We limit coverage to \$400 per transport. Air ambulance when medically appropriate. 	<p>30% coinsurance per transport up to our \$400 coverage limit</p> <p>30% of covered charges</p>
<p><i>Not covered: Non-emergent transport due to absence of other transportation, non-emergent transport regardless of who requested the ambulance service</i></p>	<p><i>All charges</i></p>

Section 5 (d). Emergency services/accidents

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What is a medical emergency?

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

What to do in case of emergency:

In a life-threatening emergency, call the local emergency system (e.g., the local 911 telephone system), or go to the nearest emergency facility. If an ambulance comes, tell the paramedics that the person who needs help is a Coventry Health Care of Kansas member.

Emergencies within our service area:

If you are admitted to a non-participating facility, call Customer Service at (800) 969-3343. You must notify us about your medical emergency within a reasonable time period as dictated by the circumstances. If you are hospitalized in a non-participating hospital and plan physicians believe your care can be provided in one of our participating hospitals, we will transfer you when medically feasible. Follow-up services will normally be performed by your primary care physician.

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

If your symptoms are not life-threatening, contact your primary care physician who is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. After hours or weekends, your physician may use an answering service. Your physician or a covering physician will generally return your call within 30 minutes. We also provide **FirstHelp**, which is available to our members 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling **(800) 622-9528**. With this service registered nurses are available to help direct you to the appropriate level of care or provide medical advice.

We also provide several Urgent Care centers which are open on evenings, weekends, and holidays and are designed to give our members fast, effective quality care for non-emergent conditions such as: sprains, influenza, sore throats, ear infections, minor lacerations, and upper respiratory infections.

Emergencies outside our service area:

If you are hospitalized, We must be notified about your medical emergency within a reasonable time period as dictated by the circumstances. If a participating physician believes your care can be provided in one of our participating hospitals, we will transfer you when medically feasible.

Benefit Description	You pay
Emergency within our service area	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency care at a doctor's office • Emergency care at an urgent care center • Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including doctor's services <p>Note: We waive the copay if you are admitted to the hospital</p>	<p>\$15 per visit</p> <p>\$25 per visit</p> <p>\$75 per visit</p>
<i>Not covered: Elective care or non-emergency care</i>	<i>All charges.</i>
Emergency outside our service area	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency care at a doctor's office • Emergency care at an urgent care center • Emergency care as an outpatient or inpatient at a hospital, including doctor's services 	Nothing
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elective care or non-emergency care</i> • <i>Emergency care provided outside the service area if the need for care could have been foreseen before leaving the service area</i> • <i>Medical and hospital costs resulting from a normal full-term delivery of a baby outside the service area</i> 	<i>All charges.</i>
Ambulance (within or outside of service area)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local professional ambulance service to the nearest hospital equipped to handle your medical condition when medically appropriate. We limit coverage to \$400 per transport. • Air ambulance when medically appropriate. 	<p>30% coinsurance per transport up to our \$400 coverage limit</p> <p>30% of covered charges</p>
<i>Not covered: Transports we determine are not medically necessary</i>	<i>All charges.</i>

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

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

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

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- We have no calendar year deductible
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.
- **YOU MUST GET PREAUTHORIZATION OF THESE SERVICES.** See the instructions after the benefits description below.

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Benefit Description	You pay
Mental health and substance abuse benefits	
<p>All diagnostic and treatment services recommended by a Plan provider and contained in a treatment plan that we approve. The treatment plan may include services, drugs, and supplies described elsewhere in this brochure.</p> <p>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.</p>	Your cost sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illness or conditions.
<p>Diagnostic and treatment of psychiatric conditions, mental illness and mental disorders. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diagnostic evaluation • Professional services, including individual or group therapy by providers such as psychiatrists, psychologists, or clinical social workers • Crisis intervention and stabilization for acute episodes • Medication evaluation and management 	\$15 per visit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological testing necessary to determine the appropriate treatment 	\$15 when the test is not performed during your office visit. You only pay the office visit copayment when the test is performed during your office visit.

Mental health and substance abuse benefits - continued on next page

Mental health and substance abuse benefits <i>(continued)</i>	You pay
<p>Diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detoxification (medical management of withdrawal from the substance) • Treatment and counseling (including individual and group therapy visits) • Rehabilitation <p>Note: Your mental health or substance abuse provider will develop a treatment plan to assist you in improving or maintaining your condition and functional level, or to prevent relapse.</p> <p>Note: You may see an outpatient mental health or substance abuse provider without referral from your primary care physician. However, before you see a mental health provider you must obtain authorization for the visit from United Behavioral Health at 1-866-607-5970. They can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer questions and assist you in choosing appropriate services. Your mental health provider will obtain subsequent authorizations for treatment.</p>	<p>\$15 per visit</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient psychiatric care • Services in approved alternative care settings such as partial hospitalization, half-way house, residential treatment, full-day hospitalization, facility based intensive outpatient treatment • Inpatient substance abuse care • Inpatient detoxification 	<p>\$100 per day up to a maximum of \$300 per admission</p>
<p><i>Not covered: Services we have not approved.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Preauthorization

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

United Behavioral Health, is contracted by Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., to provide a network of providers who offer a variety of therapeutic services on an inpatient and outpatient basis.

All inpatient and outpatient treatment must be authorized through United Behavioral Health, at 1-866-607-5970.

Limitation

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

Section 5 (f). Prescription drug benefits

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

- We cover prescribed drugs and medications, as described in the chart beginning on the next page.
- All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- We have no calendar year deductible
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your costs for covered services*, for valuable information about how cost sharing works. Also read Section 9 about coordinating benefits with other coverage, including with Medicare.

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

- **Who can write your prescription.** A plan physician, referral physician or oral surgeon must write the prescription.
- **Where you can obtain them.** You must fill the prescription at a participating pharmacy. You may obtain maintenance medication through Caremark, our mail order prescription drug program. **Caremark's Customer Service number is (800) 378-7040.**
- **We use a formulary.** A formulary is a list of specific generic and brand name prescription drugs authorized by the Health Plan, and subject to periodic review and modification. Since there may be more than one brand name of a prescription drug, not all brands of the same prescription drug (e.g., different manufacturers) may be included in the Formulary. If you would like information on whether a specific drug is included in our drug formulary, please call Customer Service at (800) 969-3343.

If your plan physician specifically prescribes a non-formulary drug because it is medically necessary, you will receive the non-formulary drug at the Plan non-formulary copayment. If you request a non-formulary drug when your physician has prescribed a substitution, we will not provide the non-formulary drug. However, you may purchase the non-formulary drug from a Plan pharmacy at our allowance.

- **These are the dispensing limitations.** Prescription Drugs will be dispensed in the quantity determined by the Prescribing Provider. The following also apply:
- One (1) applicable copayment is due each time a prescription is filled or refilled at a retail pharmacy for up to a thirty-one (31) day supply.
- Mail Order Drugs are obtained through Caremark, our mail order prescription drug program, and may be dispensed with two (2) applicable copayment(s), or \$20 formulary generic and \$40 brand name generic, for a ninety-three (93) day supply. **To order prescriptions or refills please contact Caremark's Customer Service at (800) 378-7040 or visit the website www.rxrequest.com. Available 24 hours a day – 7 days a week.**
- **Members called to active military duty in a time of national or other emergency who need to obtain a greater-than-normal supply of prescribed medications should call us at 1-800-969-3343.**
- If a brand name Prescription Drug is dispensed, and an equivalent generic Prescription Drug is available, you pay an Ancillary Charge in addition to the formulary brand name copayment. The Ancillary Charge will be due regardless of whether or not the Prescribing Provider indicates that the pharmacy is to "Dispense as Written." The Ancillary Charge is the difference between the average wholesale price of the brand name and the maximum allowable cost price of the generic prescription. Copayments and Ancillary Charges do not apply to the Catastrophic Protection Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

- Generic drugs are a lower-priced drugs that are the therapeutic equivalent to more expensive brand-name drugs. They must contain the same active ingredients and must be equivalent in strength and dosage to the original brand-name product. Generics cost less than the equivalent brand-name product. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration sets quality standards for generic drugs to ensure that these drugs meet the same standards of quality and strength as brand-name drugs. Generic drugs are indicated on the formulary listing of prescription drugs.
- **When you have to file a claim.** When you receive drugs from a Plan pharmacy, you do not have to file a claim. For a covered out-of-area emergency, you will need to file a claim when you receive drugs from a no-Plan pharmacy.

Benefit Description	You pay
<p>Covered medications and supplies</p> <p>We cover the following medications and supplies prescribed by a Plan physician and obtained from a Plan pharmacy or through our mail order program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs and medicines that by Federal law of the United States require a physician’s prescription for their purchase, except those listed as <i>Not covered</i>. • Insulin (per vial) and lancets • Glucose test strips • Oral contraceptive drugs • Injectable contraceptive drugs (such as Depo Provera) • Growth hormone 	<p>Retail Pharmacy</p> <p>\$10 per generic formulary \$20 per brand name formulary \$50 per non formulary</p> <p>Mail Order (93-day supply)</p> <p>\$20 per generic formulary \$40 per brand name formulary</p> <p>Note: Our mail order benefit is limited to the two tiers listed above</p> <p>Note: If there is no generic equivalent available, you will still have to pay the brand name copay.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs to treat sexual dysfunction (Note: This drug has dispensing limitations. Contact the Plan for details) 	50% of our allowance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulin – Under retail pharmacy benefit, you can obtain up to a 3 month supply of insulin. 	\$30 generic, \$60 brand name formulary, \$150 non formulary brand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Contraceptive drugs – Under retail pharmacy benefit, you can obtain up to a 3 month supply of oral contraceptives drugs 	\$30 generic, \$60 brand name formulary, \$150 non formulary brand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposable needles and syringes for the administration of covered medications. • Immunosuppressant drugs required after a covered transplant. 	Nothing

Covered medications and supplies – continued on next page

Covered medications and supplies <i>(continued)</i>	You pay
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Drugs and supplies for cosmetic purposes</i> • <i>Medical supplies such as dressings and antiseptics</i> • <i>Smoking cessation drugs, and devices including nicotine gum</i> • <i>Drugs to enhance athletic performance</i> • <i>Fertility drugs</i> • <i>Drugs obtained at a non-Plan pharmacy; except for out-of-area emergencies</i> • <i>Vitamins, nutrients and food supplements even if a physician prescribes or administers them</i> • <i>Drugs available without a prescription or for which there is a non-prescription equivalent</i> • <i>Prescription drugs for a non-covered service</i> • <i>Drugs used for hair restoration</i> • <i>Dietary supplements, appetite suppressants, and other drugs used to treat obesity or assist in weight reduction</i> 	<p><i>All charges.</i></p>

Section 5 (g). Special features

Feature	Description
24 hour nurse line	Call FirstHelp anytime you or a family member experience health symptoms that need attention. Nurses are available to you and your family 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are trained to handle your questions. Any member who visits an emergency room or urgent care center as a result of advice from FirstHelp will automatically have associated claims approved. With FirstHelp authorization, you will know in advance if medical services will be covered. You may call 1-800-622-9528 or for the hearing impaired call 1-800-735-2966.
Services for deaf and hearing impaired	The Missouri TDD relay number is 1-800-735-2966. The Kansas TDD relay number is 1-800-766-3777.
Transplant Network	In order to provide members requiring a transplant the opportunity for the best outcomes and experiences, We have contracted with United Resource Networks for access to a network of transplant programs with proven expertise. United Resource Networks evaluates transplant programs throughout the United States, and has built a nationally-recognized network of programs called the United Resource Networks Transplant Network.
Flexible Benefits Option	<p>Under the flexible benefits option, we determine the most effective way to provide services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We may identify medically appropriate alternatives to traditional care and coordinate other benefits as a less costly alternative benefit. • Alternative benefits are subject to our ongoing review. • By approving an alternative benefit, we cannot guarantee you will get it in the future. • The decision to offer an alternative benefit is solely ours, and we may withdraw it at any time and resume regular contract benefits. • Our decision to offer or withdraw alternative benefits is not subject to OPM review under the disputed claims process.

Section 5 (h). Dental benefits

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 dentally necessary.
- We have no calendar year deductible. There are no out-of-network benefits.
- You must pay the dentist the listed copay at the time of service. You are not limited to a specific number of visits per year. You do not have to be assigned to a certain provider office. You may visit any dentist in the plan. A plan dentist must provide or arrange your care.
- We cover hospitalization for dental procedures only when a non-dental physical impairment exist which makes hospitalization necessary to safeguard the health of the patient. See section 5(c) for inpatient benefits.
- 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.
- This is not a complete list of our Dental benefits. For a complete list of our Dental benefits, contact National Dental Plans (NDP) a CompDent company toll free at (800) 456-5500 or visit NDP's website at www.compdent.com.
- Important Note: Prior to treatment, always discuss all fees with the dentist. Some of our benefits list the amount you pay for the service. For other covered benefits, you pay a percentage of the dentist's usual and customary fee. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE INFORMED ABOUT YOUR DENTAL COVERAGE.**

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Accidental injury benefit	You pay
We cover emergency 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.	The remaining cost after a 20% reduction of participating specialist fees
Dental Benefits	
Service	You pay
General dentist (you pay restorative services) Amalgam (fillings silver, plastic or composite) Crowns (Stainless steel, cast or porcelain/metal)	\$33 – \$55 \$431 – \$458
Periodontic services Root planning (per quadrant)	\$44 – \$114
Orthodontic services Standard fully banded case (available to members age 19 and under)	The remaining cost after a 20% reduction of the participating specialist usual & customary fees for services provided
Endodontic services Root canals	The remaining cost after a 20% reduction of the participating specialist usual & customary fees for services provided

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Dental benefits <i>(continued)</i>	You pay
Oral surgery Simple extraction Extractions (each additional tooth) Surgical removal of erupted tooth	 \$45 \$39 \$85
Prosthetic services Dentures (complete upper or lower) Partial dentures	 \$540 \$455
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any treatment provided by a participating specialist (advanced degree) will be charged at a 20% reduction of participating specialist fees for that particular case. Note: Some specialists may require a consultation visit before treatment is initiated. 	The remaining cost after a 20% reduction of the participating specialist usual & customary fees for services provided
<p><i>Not covered:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Services for injuries or conditions that are covered under Workman's Compensation or Employer Liability Laws.</i> <i>Services which are provided without cost to the member by any municipality, county, or other political subdivision.</i> <i>Cost of dental care that is covered under automobile medical, no fault, or similar type insurance.</i> <i>General anesthesia, IV sedation, nitrous oxide, hospitalization or hospital medical charges of any kind.</i> <i>Osseointegrated implants</i> <i>Member's dental fees apply only when treatment is performed at a participating dental office. If the services of a non-participating specialist or non-participating general dentist are required, these dental fees do not apply, and the patient will be responsible for the non-participating dentist's usual, customary and reasonable fee.</i> <i>Reduced fees will not be honored if the dental treatment is already in progress or if the patient's membership is no longer valid.</i> <i>Any member accepted for orthodontics must remain a member of the dental plan for the full duration of their treatment or risk additional charges from their participating Orthodontist.</i> <i>A patient's existing dental or medical condition may necessitate extra precautionary procedures and require additional charges.</i> <p>Please discuss all fees with the dentist prior to treatment.</p>	<i>All charges.</i>

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);
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive while you are not enrolled in this Plan;
- Services, drugs, or supplies that are not medically necessary;
- Services, drugs, or supplies not required according to accepted standards of medical, dental, or psychiatric practice;
- Experimental or investigational procedures, treatments, drugs or devices;
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to abortions, except when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or when the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest;
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to sex transformations;
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive from a provider or facility barred from the FEHB Program; or
- Services, drugs or supplies you receive without charge while in active military service.

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.

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

Medical, hospital, and drug benefits

In most cases, providers and facilities file claims for you. Physicians must file on the form HCFA-1500, Health Insurance Claim Form. Facilities will file on the UB-92 form. For claims questions and assistance, call us at 1-800-969-3343.

When you must file a claim -- such as for services you receive outside of the Plan's service area -- 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:

Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc.
P.O. Box 7109
London, KY 40742

Deadline for filing your claim

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

When we need more information

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

Section 8. The disputed claims process

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

Step	Description
1	<p>Ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Write to us within 90 days from the date of our decision; andSend your request to us at: Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc., Attn: Member Appeals, 8320 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114; andInclude a statement about why you believe our initial decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure; andInclude copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms.
2	<p>We have 30 days from the date we receive your request to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Pay the claim (or, if applicable, arrange for the health care provider to give you the care); orWrite to you and maintain our denial -- go to step 4; orAsk you or your provider for more information. If we ask your provider, we will send you a copy of our request—go to step 3.
3	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We will write to you with our decision.</p>
4	<p>If you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it.</p> <p>You must write to OPM within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">90 days after the date of our letter upholding our initial decision; or120 days after you first wrote to us -- if we did not answer that request in some way within 30 days; or120 days after we asked for additional information. <p>Write to OPM at: United States Office of Personnel Management, Insurance Services Program, Health Insurance Group 3, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415-3630.</p>

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 more than one claim, 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.

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

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 preauthorization/prior approval, then call us at 1-800-969-3343 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 may call OPM's Health Insurance Group 3 at 202/606-0755 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time.

Section 9. Coordinating benefits with other coverage

When you have other health coverage You must tell us if you or a covered family member have coverage 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 Part A 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.

• Should I enroll in Medicare?

The decision to enroll in Medicare is yours. We encourage you to apply for Medicare benefits 3 months before you turn age 65. It's easy. Just call the Social Security Administration toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 to set up an appointment to apply. If you do not apply for one or both Parts of Medicare, you can still be covered under the FEHB Program.

If you can get premium-free Part A coverage, we advise you to enroll in it. Most Federal employees and annuitants are entitled to Medicare Part A at age 65 **without cost**. When you don't have to pay premiums for Medicare Part A, it makes good sense to obtain the coverage. It can reduce your out-of-pocket expenses as well as costs to the FEHB, which can help keep FEHB premiums down.

Everyone is charged a premium for Medicare Part B coverage. The Social Security Administration can provide you with premium and benefit information and decide if it makes sense for you to buy the Medicare part B coverage.

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 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 Part 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, coinsurance.

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 then provide secondary benefits for covered charges. You will not need to do anything. To find out if you need to do something to file your claims, call us at 1-800-969-3343 or visit our website at www.checkkansas.com.

We do not waive any costs if the Original Medicare Plan is your primary payer.

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

Primary Payer Chart		
A. When you - or your covered spouse - are age 65 or over and have Medicare and you...	The primary payer for the individual with Medicare is...	
	Medicare	This Plan
1) Are an active employee with the Federal government and... • You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an active employee		✓
• You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
2) Are an annuitant and... • You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an annuitant	✓	
• You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an active employee		✓
3) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Federal government and your position is excluded from the FEHB (your employing office will know if this is the case)	✓*	
4) Are a reemployed annuitant with the Federal government and your position is not excluded from the FEHB (your employing office will know if this is the case) and... • You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an active employee		✓
• You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
5) 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)	✓*	
6) Are enrolled in Part B only, regardless of your employment status	✓ for Part B services	✓ for other services
7) 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)	✓**	
B. When you or a covered family member...		
1) Have Medicare solely based on end stage renal disease (ESRD) and... • It is within the first 30 months of eligibility for or entitlement to Medicare due to ESRD (30-month coordination period)		✓
• It is beyond the 30-month coordination period and you or a family member are still entitled to Medicare due to ESRD	✓	
2) Become eligible for Medicare due to ESRD while already a Medicare beneficiary and... • This Plan was the primary payer before eligibility due to ESRD		✓ for 30-month coordination period
• Medicare was the primary payer before eligibility due to ESRD	✓	
C. When either you or your spouse are eligible for Medicare solely due to disability and you		
1) Are an active employee with the Federal government and... • You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an active employee		✓
• You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓	
2) Are an annuitant and... • You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an annuitant	✓	
• You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an active employee		✓
D. Are covered under the FEHB Spouse Equity provision as a former spouse	✓	

*Unless you have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an active employee

**Workers' Compensation is primary for claims related to your condition under Workers' Compensation

• Medicare + Choice

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

If you enroll in a Medicare + Choice plan, the following options are available to you:

We do not offer a Medicare + Choice plan.

This Plan and another plan's Medicare + Choice plan: You may enroll in another plan's Medicare + Choice plan and also remain enrolled in our FEHB plan. We will still provide benefits when your Medicare + Choice plan is primary and we will waive your out-of-pocket costs like copayments and coinsurance, up to our allowed amount. If you enroll in a Medicare + Choice plan, tell us. We will need to know whether you are in the Original Medicare Plan or in a Medicare + Choice plan so we can correctly coordinate benefits with Medicare.

Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare + Choice plan: If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare + Choice plan eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to your Medicare + Choice 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 + Choice plan's service area.

TRICARE and CHAMPVA

TRICARE is the health care program for eligible dependents of military persons, and retirees of the military. TRICARE includes the CHAMPUS program. CHAMPVA provides health coverage to disabled Veterans and their eligible dependents. If TRICARE or CHAMPVA and this Plan cover you, we pay first. See your TRICARE or CHAMPVA Health Benefits Advisor if you have questions about these programs.

Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in TRICARE or CHAMPVA: If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a one of these programs, eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to any applicable plan premiums.) 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 under the program.

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.

Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in Medicaid or a similar State-sponsored program of medical assistance: If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in one of these State programs, eliminating your FEHB 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 under the State program.

When other Government agencies are responsible for your care

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

When others are responsible for injuries

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

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

Section 10. Definitions of terms we use in this brochure

Calendar year	January 1 through December 31 of the same year. For new enrollees, the calendar year begins on the effective date of their enrollment and ends on December 31 of the same year.
Coinsurance	Coinsurance is the percentage of our allowance that you must pay for your care. See page 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.
Custodial care	Care that is primarily for meeting personal needs: such as walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, shopping, eating and preparing meals, performing general household services, or taking medicine. Custodial care that lasts 90 days or more is sometimes know as Long term care.
Deductible	A deductible is a fixed amount of covered expenses you must incur for certain covered services and supplies before we start paying benefits for those services. See page 13.
Experimental or investigational services	A health product or service is deemed Experimental, Investigational or Unproven if one of the following criteria are met: (1) Any drug not approved for use by the FDA; any drug that is classified as IND (investigational new drug) by the FDA; any drug requiring pre-authorization that is proposed for off-label prescribing; (2) Any health service or product that is subject to Investigational Review Board (IRB) review or approval; (3) Any health service or product that is the subject of a clinical trial that meets criteria for Phase I, Phase II or Phase III as set forth by FDA regulations; (4) Any health product or service that is not considered standard treatment by the medical community, based on clinical evidence reported by peer review medical literature and by generally recognized academic experts.
Group health coverage	Health care benefits that are available as a result of your employment, or the employment of your spouse, and that are offered by an employer or through membership in an employee organization. Health care coverage may be insured or indemnity coverage, self-insured or self-funded coverage, or coverage through health maintenance organizations or other managed care plans. Health care coverage purchased through membership in an organization is also “group health coverage.”
Medical necessity	Health Services and supplies which are deemed by the Plan to be medically appropriate and (1) necessary to meet the basic health needs of the Plan member; (2) rendered in the most cost-efficient manner and type of setting appropriate for the delivery of the health service; (3) consistent in type, frequency and duration of treatment with relevant guidelines of national medical, research or health care coverage organizations and governmental agencies; (4) consistent with the diagnosis of the condition; (5) required for reasons other than the comfort or convenience of the Plan member or his or her provider; and (6) of demonstrated medical value. The fact that a Physician has performed or prescribed a procedure or treatment of the fact that it may be the only treatment for a particular injury or sickness does not necessarily mean that the procedure or treatment is medically necessary.

Our allowance

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

Us/We

Us and we refer to Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc.

You

You refers to the enrollee and each covered family member.

Section 11. FEHB facts

Coverage information

No pre-existing condition limitation

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

Where you 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 your FEHB coverage. These materials tell you:

- 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.

Children's Equity Act

OPM has implemented the Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 2000. This law mandates that you be enrolled for Self and Family coverage in the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, if you are an employee subject to a court or administrative order requiring you to provide health benefits for your child(ren).

If this law applies to you, you must enroll for Self and Family coverage in a health plan that provides full benefits in the area where your children live or provide documentation to your employing office that you have obtained other health benefits coverage for your

children. If you do not do so, your employing office will enroll you involuntarily as follows:

- If you have no FEHB coverage, your employing office will enroll you for Self and Family coverage in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan's Basic Option,
- If you have a Self Only enrollment in a fee-for-service plan or in an HMO that serves the area where your children live, your employing office will change your enrollment to Self and Family in the same option of the same plan; or
- If you are enrolled in an HMO that does not serve the area where the children live, your employing office will change your enrollment to Self and Family in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Benefit Plan's Basic Option.

As long as the court/administrative order is in effect, and you have at least one child identified in the order who is still eligible under the FEHB Program, you cannot cancel your enrollment, change to Self Only, or change to a plan that doesn't serve the area in which your children live, unless you provide documentation that you have other coverage for the children. If the court/administrative order is still in effect when you retire, and you have at least one child still eligible for FEHB coverage, you must continue your FEHB coverage into retirement (if eligible) and cannot cancel your coverage, change to Self Only, or change to a plan that doesn't serve the area in which your children live as long as the court/administrative order is in effect. Contact your employing office for further information.

When benefits and premiums start

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. If you changed plans or plan options during Open Season and you receive care between January 1 and the effective date of coverage under your new plan or option, your claims will be paid according to the 2004 benefits of your old plan or option. However, if your old plan left the FEHB Program at the end of the year, you are covered under that plan's 2003 benefits until the effective date of your coverage with your new plan. 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.

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 (TCC), or a conversion policy (a non-FEHB individual policy).

• 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. This is the case even when the court has ordered your former spouse to supply health coverage to you. But, you may be eligible for your own FEHB coverage under the spouse equity law or Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC). 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. You can also download the guide from OPM's website, www.opm.gov/insure.

• **Temporary continuation of coverage (TCC)**

If you leave Federal service, or if you lose coverage because you no longer qualify as 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 www.opm.gov/insure. 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 (www.opm.gov/insure/health); refer to the "TCC and HIPAA" 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 HIPAA, and have information about Federal and State agencies you can contact for more information.

Two new Federal Programs complement FEHB benefits

Important information

OPM wants to be sure you know about two new Federal programs that complement the FEHB Program. First, the **Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Program**, also known as **FSAFEDS**, lets you set aside tax-free money to pay for health and dependent care expenses. The result can be a discount of 20 to more than 40 percent on services you routinely pay for out-of-pocket. Second, the **Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP)** covers long term care costs not covered under the FEHB.

The Federal Flexible Spending Account Program - *FSAFEDS*

- **What is an FSA?**

It is a tax-favored benefit that allows you to set aside pre-tax money from your paychecks to pay for a variety of eligible expenses. *By using an FSA, you can reduce your taxes while paying for services you would have to pay for anyway, producing a discount that can be over 40%!!*

There are two types of FSAs offered by the FSAFEDS Program:

Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA)

- Covers eligible health care expenses not reimbursed by this Plan, or any other medical, dental, or vision care plan you or your dependents may have
- Eligible dependents for this account include anyone you claim on your Federal income tax return as a qualified dependent under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) definition and/or with whom you jointly file your Federal income tax return, even if you don't have self and family health benefits coverage. **Note:** The IRS has a broader definition than that of a "family member" than is used under the FEHB Program to provide benefits by your FEHB Plan.
- The maximum amount that can be allotted for the HCFSA is \$3,000 annually. The minimum amount is \$250 annually.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (DCFSA)

- Covers eligible dependent care expenses incurred so you can work, or if you are married, so you and your spouse can work, or your spouse can look for work or attend school full-time.
- Eligible dependents for this account include anyone you claim on your Federal income tax return as a qualified IRS dependent and/or with whom you jointly file your Federal income tax return.
- The maximum that can be allotted for the DCFSA is \$5,000 annually. The minimum amount is \$250 annually. **Note:** The IRS limits contributions to a Dependent Care FSA. For single taxpayers and taxpayers filing a joint return, the maximum is \$5,000 per year. For taxpayers who file their taxes separately with a spouse, the maximum is \$2,500 per year. The limit includes any child care subsidy you may receive

- **Enroll during Open Season**

You **must make an election** to enroll in an FSA during the FEHB Open Season. Even if you enrolled during the initial Open Season for 2003, you must make a new election to continue participating in 2004. Enrollment is easy!

- Enroll online anytime during Open Season (November 10 through December 8, 2003) at www.fsafeds.com.
- Call the toll-free number 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337) Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. eastern time and a FSAFEDS Benefit Counselor will help you enroll.

What is SHPS?

SHPS is a third-party administrator hired by OPM to manage the FSAFEDS Program. SHPS is the largest FSA administrator in the nation and will be responsible for enrollment, claims processing, customer service, and day-to-day operations of FSAFEDS.

Who is eligible to enroll?

If you are a Federal employee eligible for FEHB – even if you’re not enrolled in FEHB– you can choose to participate in either, or both, of the flexible spending accounts. If you are not eligible for FEHB, you are not eligible to enroll for a Health Care FSA. However, almost all Federal employees are eligible to enroll for the Dependent Care FSA. The only exception is intermittent (also called when actually employed [WAE]) employees expected to work less than 180 days during the year.

Note: FSAFEDS is the FSA Program established for all Executive Branch employees and Legislative Branch employees whose employers signed on. Under IRS law, FSAs are not available to annuitants. In addition, the U.S. Postal Service and the Judicial Branch, among others, are Federal agencies that have their own plans with slightly different rules, but the advantages of having an FSA are the same no matter what agency you work for.

- **How much should I contribute to my FSA?**

Plan carefully when deciding how much to contribute to an FSA. Because of the tax benefits of an FSA, the IRS places strict guidelines on them. You need to estimate how much you want to allocate to an FSA because current IRS regulations require you forfeit any funds remaining in your account(s) at the end of the FSA plan year. This is referred to as the “use-it-or-lose-it” rule. You will have until April 29, 2004 to submit claims for your eligible expenses incurred during 2003 if you enrolled in FSAFEDS when it was initially offered. You will have until April 30, 2005 to submit claims for your eligible expenses incurred from January 1 through December 31, 2004 if you elect FSAFEDS during this Open Season.

The **FSAFEDS Calculator** at www.fsafeds.com will help you plan your FSA allocations and provide an estimate of your tax savings based on your individual situation.

- **What can my HCFSA pay for?**

Every FEHB health plan includes cost sharing features, such as deductibles you must meet before the Plan provides benefits, coinsurance or copayments that you pay when you and the Plan share costs, and medical services and supplies that are not covered by the Plan and for which you must pay. These out-of-pocket costs are summarized on page XX and detailed throughout this brochure. Your HCFSA will reimburse you for such costs when they are for tax deductible medical care for you and your dependents that is NOT covered by this FEHB Plan or any other coverage that you have.

Under this Plan, typical out-of-pocket expenses include: copays for office visits, hospital services and emergency room services. Three common expenses not covered by this Plan are glasses and/or contacts, laser vision surgery and hearing aids.

The IRS governs expenses reimbursable by a HCFSA. See Publication 502 for a comprehensive list of tax-deductible medical expenses. **Note: While you will see insurance premiums listed in Publication 502, they are NOT a reimbursable expense for FSA purposes.** Publication 502 can be found on the IRS Web site at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf>. If you do not see your service or expense listed in Publication 502, please call a FSAFEDS Benefit Counselor at 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337), who will be able to answer your specific questions.

- **Tax savings with an FSA**

An FSA lets you allot money for eligible expenses *before* your agency deducts taxes from your paycheck. This means the amount of income that your taxes are based on will be lower, so your tax liability will also be lower. Without an FSA, you would still pay for these expenses, but you would do so using money remaining in your paycheck after Federal (and often state and local) taxes are deducted. The following chart illustrates a typical tax savings example:

Annual Tax Savings Example	With FSA	Without FSA
If your taxable income is:	\$50,000	\$50,000
And you deposit this amount into a FSA:	\$ 2,000	-\$0-
Your taxable income is now:	\$48,000	\$50,000
Subtract Federal & Social Security taxes:	\$13,807	\$14,383
If you spend after-tax dollars for expenses:	-\$0-	\$ 2,000
Your real spendable income is:	\$34,193	\$33,617
Your tax savings:	\$576	-\$0-

Note: This example is intended to demonstrate a typical tax savings based on 27% Federal and 7.65% FICA taxes. Actual savings will vary based upon in which retirement system you are enrolled (CSRS or FERS), as well as your individual tax situation. In this example, the individual received \$2,000 in services for \$1,424, a discount of almost 36%! You may also wish to consult a tax professional for more information on the tax implications of an FSA.

- **Tax credits and deductions**

Health care expenses

You *cannot* claim expenses on your Federal income tax return if you receive reimbursement for them from your HCFSA or DCFSA. Below are some guidelines that may help you decide whether to participate in FSAFEDS.

The HCFSA is tax-free from the first dollar. In addition, you may be reimbursed from the HCFSA at any time during the year for expenses up to the annual amount you've elected to contribute.

Only health care expenses exceeding 7.5% of your adjusted gross income are eligible to be deducted on your Federal income tax return. Using the example listed in the above chart, only health care expenses exceeding \$3,750 (7.5% of \$50,000) would be eligible to be deducted on your Federal income tax return. In addition, money set aside through a HCFSA is also exempt from FICA taxes. This exception is not available on your Federal income tax return.

Dependent care expenses

The DCFSA generally allows many families to save more than they would with the Federal tax credit for dependent care expenses. Note that you may only be reimbursed from the DCFSA up to your current account balance. If you file a claim for more than your current balance, it will be held until additional payroll allotments have been added to your account.

Visit www.fsafeds.com and download the Dependent Care Tax Credit Worksheet from the Quick Links box to help you determine what is best for your situation. You may also wish to consult a tax professional for more details.

- **Does it cost me anything to participate in FSAFEDS?**

Probably not. While there is an administrative fee of \$4.00 per month for an HCFSA and 1.5% of the annual election for a DCFSA, most agencies have elected to pay these fees out of their share of employment tax savings. To be sure, check the FSAFEDS.com web site or call 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337). Also, remember that participating in FSAFEDS can cost you money if you don't spend your entire account balance by the end of the plan year and wind up forfeiting your end of year account balance, per the IRS "use-it-or-lose-it" rule.

- **Contact us**

To find out more or to enroll, please visit the **FSAFEDS Web site** at www.fsafeds.com, or contact SHPS by email or by phone. SHPS Benefit Counselors are available from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

- E-mail: fsafeds@shps.net
- Telephone: 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337)
- TTY: 1-800-952-0450 (for hearing impaired individuals that would like to utilize a text messaging service)

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program

It's important protection

Here's why you should consider enrolling in the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program:

- **FEHB plans do not cover the cost of long term care.** Also called "custodial care," long term care is help you receive when you need assistance performing activities of daily living – such as bathing or dressing yourself. This need can strike anyone at any age and the cost of care can be substantial.
- **The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program can help protect you from the potentially high cost of long term care.** This coverage gives you control over the type of care you receive and where you receive it. It can also help you remain independent, so you won't have to worry about being a burden to your loved ones.
- **It's to your advantage to apply sooner rather than later.** Long term care insurance is something you must apply for, and pass a medical screening (called underwriting) in order to be enrolled. Certain medical conditions will prevent some people from being approved for coverage. By applying while you're in good health, you could avoid the risk of having a change in health disqualify you from obtaining coverage. Also, the younger you are when you apply, the lower your premiums.
- **You don't have to wait for an open season to apply.** The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program accepts applications from eligible persons at any time. You will have to complete a full underwriting application, which asks a number of questions about your health. However, if you are a new or newly eligible employee, you (and your spouse, if applicable) have a limited opportunity to apply using the abbreviated underwriting application, which asks fewer questions. If you marry, your new spouse will also have a limited opportunity to apply using abbreviated underwriting. Qualified relatives are also eligible to apply with full underwriting.

To find out more and to request an application

Call 1-800-LTC-FEDS (1-800-582-3337) (TTY 1-800-843-3557) or visit www.ltcfeds.com.

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Summary of benefits for the Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc. -2004

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

Benefits	You Pay	Page
Medical services provided by physicians: • Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office.....	Office visit copay: \$15 primary care or specialist	15
Services provided by a hospital: • Inpatient	\$100 per day up to a \$300 maximum per admission.	30
• Outpatient.....	\$50 copay for ambulatory surgery	31
Emergency benefits: • In-area	\$75 per Emergency room visit	35
• Out-of-area.....	Nothing	35
Mental health and substance abuse treatment.....	Regular cost sharing.	36
Prescription drugs.....	<u>Retail Pharmacy</u> \$10 per generic formulary; \$20 per brand name formulary; \$50 per generic or brand name non-formulary <u>Mail Order:</u> \$20 per generic formulary; \$40 per brand name formulary Note: Our mail order benefit is only a 2 tier benefit as listed	38
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**2004 Rate Information for
Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc.
Kansas City area**

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 a special FEHB guide is published for Postal Service Inspectors and Office of Inspector General (OIG) employees (see RI 70-2IN).

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

Type of Enrollment	Code	<i>Non-Postal Premium</i>				<i>Postal Premium</i>	
		<u>Biweekly</u>		<u>Monthly</u>		<u>Biweekly</u>	
		Gov't Share	Your Share	Gov't Share	Your Share	USPS Share	Your Share
KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA (KANSAS AND MISSOURI)							
Self Only	HA1	\$99.27	\$33.09	\$215.09	\$71.69	\$117.47	\$14.89
Self & Family	HA2	\$256.16	\$85.38	\$555.00	\$185.00	\$303.12	\$38.42