
Section 2. How we change for 2008

Do not rely only on these change descriptions; this Section 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.

Changes to this Plan

- United States Postal Service non-law enforcement career employees may now be covered either by Postal Category 1 or Postal Category 2 premium rates. See page 70.
- We have added a Standard Option. Members currently enrolled in this Plan's High Option codes, who wish to remain enrolled in the High Option, do not need to do anything at Open Season. However, if you wish to enroll in this Plan's Standard Option, you must enroll in the Standard Option codes during Open Season. See brochure cover.

Changes to High Option

- Your share of the non-Postal premium will increase for Self Only and increase for Self and Family. See page 70.
- Under "Medical services and supplies provided by physicians and other health care professionals," we have added a new category, "Major diagnostic testing." All of the procedures in this category must be pre-authorized, and they are subject to a copay of \$50 per procedure. See page 18.
- Under "Family planning," there now will be a copay of \$30 per 90-day supply of injectable contraceptives drugs (such as Depo-Provera). See page 21.
- Under "Durable medical equipment (DME)," there now is a \$50,000 lifetime maximum per member. See page 25.
- Under "Chiropractic," all covered services now require pre-authorization. "Manipulation of the spine and extremities" will continue to be subject to a \$15 copay per visit, but "Adjunctive procedures such as ultrasound, electrical muscle stimulation, and vibratory therapy," now will be subject to a member coinsurance of 20%. Also, "Cold pack applications," an adjunctive procedure, is no longer covered. See page 26.
- We have expanded our Service area in the Shreveport/Alexandria area of Louisiana to include the parishes of: Acadia, Calcasieu, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Orleans, and St. Landry. See pages 7 and 8.