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# A Health Maintenance Organization (High Option, Standard Option and Prosper)

This plan's health coverage qualifies as minimum essential coverage and meets the minimum value standard for the benefits it provides. See page 7 for details. This plan is accredited. See page12.

**Serving:** Most of Washington State and Northern Idaho

Enrollment in this Plan is limited. You must live or work in our geographic service area to enroll. See pages 13 and 14 for requirements.

#### **Enrollment codes for this Plan:**

541 High Option - Self Only543 High Option - Self Plus One542 High Option - Self and Family

544 Standard Option - Self Only 546 Standard Option - Self Plus One 545 Standard Option - Self and Family

PT4 Prosper - Self Only PT6 Prosper - Self Plus One PT5 Prosper - Self and Family

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#### Important Notice from Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington About Our Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has determined that the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington's Plan prescription drug coverage is, on average, expected to pay out as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage will pay for all plan participants and is considered Creditable Coverage. This means you do not need to enroll in Medicare Part D and pay extra for prescription drug coverage. If you decide to enroll in Medicare Part D later, you will not have to pay a penalty for late enrollment as long as you keep your FEHB coverage.

However, if you choose to enroll in Medicare Part D, you can keep your FEHB coverage and your FEHB plan will coordinate benefits with Medicare.

Remember: If you are an annuitant and you cancel your FEHB coverage, you may not re-enroll in the FEHB Program.

#### Please be advised

If you lose or drop your FEHB coverage and go 63 days or longer without prescription drug coverage that is at least as good as Medicare's prescription drug coverage, your monthly Medicare Part D premium will go up at least 1 percent per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage, your premium will always be at least 19 percent higher than what many other people pay. You will have to pay this higher premium as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the next Annual Coordinated Election Period (October 15 through December 7) to enroll in Medicare Part D.

#### **Medicare's Low Income Benefits**

For people with limited income and resources, extra help paying for a Medicare prescription drug plan is available. Information regarding this program is available through the Social Security Administration (SSA) online at <a href="https://www.ssa.gov/">https://www.ssa.gov/</a> or call the SSA at 800-772-1213, (TTY: 800-325-0778).

#### Potential Additional Premium for Medicare's High-Income Members

The Medicare Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is an amount you may pay in addition to your FEHB premium to enroll in and maintain Medicare prescription drug coverage. This additional premium is assessed only to those with higher incomes and is adjusted based on the income reported on your IRS tax return. You do not make any IRMAA payments to your FEHB plan. Refer to the Part D-IRMAA section of the Medicare website: <a href="https://www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/costs-for-medicare-drug-coverage/monthly-premium-for-drug-plans">https://www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/costs-for-medicare-drug-coverage/monthly-premium-for-drug-plans</a> to see if you would be subject to this additional premium.

You can get more information about Medicare prescription drug plans and the coverage offered in your area from these places:

- Visit www.medicare.gov for personalized help.
- Call 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), (TTY: 877-486-2048).

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#### Introduction

This brochure describes the benefits of Kaiser Permanente - Washington Core under contract (CS 1043) between Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and the United States Office of Personnel Management, as authorized by the Federal Employees Health Benefits law. Member Services may be reached at 888-901-4636 or through our website: <a href="https://www.kp.org/wa">www.kp.org/wa</a>. The address for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington's administrative office is:

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington

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This brochure is the official statement of benefits. No verbal 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 Plus One or 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, 2024, unless those benefits are also shown in this brochure.

OPM negotiates benefits and rates for each plan annually. Benefit changes are effective January 1, 2024, and changes are summarized on page 15. Rates are shown at the end of this brochure.

## Plain Language

All FEHB brochures are written in plain language to make them easy to understand. Here are some examples:

- Except for necessary technical terms, we use common words. For instance, "you" means the enrollee and each covered family member, "we" means Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington.
- 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.
- Our brochure and other FEHB plans' brochures have the same format and similar descriptions to help you compare plans.

## **Stop Healthcare Fraud!**

Fraud increases the cost of healthcare for everyone and increases your Federal Employees Health Benefits 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 that you can do to prevent fraud:

- Do not give your plan identification (ID) number over the phone or to people you do not know, except to your healthcare providers, authorized health benefits plan or OPM representative.
- Let only the appropriate medical professionals review your medical record or recommend services.
- Avoid using healthcare 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.
- Periodically review your claim history for accuracy to ensure we have not been billed for services you did not receive.
- 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.

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• 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 888-901-4636 and explain the situation.
- If we do not resolve the issue:

#### CALL - THE HEALTHCARE FRAUD HOTLINE 877-499-7295

#### OR go to www.opm.gov/our-inspector-general/hotline-to-report-fraud-waste-or-abuse/complaint-form/

The online reporting form is the desired method of reporting fraud in order to ensure accuracy, and a quicker response time.

You can also 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)
- Your child age 26 or over (unless they are disabled and incapable of self-support prior to age 26)

We may request that an enrollee verify the eligibility of any or all family members listed as covered under the enrollee's FEHB enrollment.

- 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 (TCC).
- Fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact is prohibited under the Plan. You can be prosecuted for fraud and your agency may take action against you. Examples of fraud include, falsifying a claim to obtain FEHB benefits, trying to or obtaining service or coverage for yourself or for someone else who is not eligible for coverage, or enrolling in the Plan when you are no longer eligible.
- If your enrollment continues after you are no longer eligible for coverage (i.e. you have separated from Federal service) and premiums are not paid, you will be responsible for all benefits paid during the period in which premiums were not paid. You may be billed by your provider for services received. You may be prosecuted for fraud for knowingly using health insurance benefits for which you have not paid premiums. It is your responsibility to know when you or a family member is no longer eligible to use your health insurance coverage.

## Discrimination is Against the Law

The health benefits described in this brochure are consistent with applicable laws prohibiting discrimination.

## **Preventing Medical Mistakes**

Medical mistakes continue to be a significant cause of preventable death within the United States. 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. Medical mistakes and their consequences also add significantly to the overall cost of healthcare. Hospitals and healthcare providers are being held accountable for the quality of care and reduction in medical mistakes by their accrediting bodies. You can also improve the quality and safety of your own healthcare and that of your family members by learning more about and understanding your risks. 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 take notes, ask questions and understand answers.

#### 2. Keep and bring a list of all the medications you take.

- Bring the actual medication or give your doctor and pharmacist a list of all the medications and dosages that you take, including non-prescription (over-the-counter) medication, and nutritional supplements.
- Tell your doctor and pharmacist about any drug, food, and other allergies you have, such as to latex.
- Ask about any risks or side effects of the medication and what to avoid while taking it. Be sure to write down what your doctor or pharmacist says.
- Make sure your medication is what the doctor ordered. Ask the pharmacist about your medication if it looks different than you expected.
- Read the label and patient package insert when you get your medication, including all warnings and instructions.
- Know how to use your medication. Especially note the times and conditions when your medication should and should not be taken.
- Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.
- Understand both the generic and brand names of your medication. This helps ensure you do not receive double dosing from taking both a generic and a brand. It also helps prevent you from taking a medication to which you are allergic.

#### 3. Get the results of any test or procedure.

- Ask when and how you will get the results of tests or procedures. Will it be in person, by phone, mail, through the Plan or Provider's portal?
- Don't assume the results are fine if you do not get them when expected. Contact your healthcare provider and ask for your results.
- Ask what the results mean for your care.

#### 4. Talk to your doctor about which hospital or clinic is best for your health needs.

- Ask your doctor about which hospital or clinic has the best care and results for your condition if you have more than one hospital or clinic to choose from to get the healthcare you need.
- Be sure you understand the instructions you get about follow-up care when you leave the hospital or clinic.

#### 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 or nutritional supplements you are taking.

#### **Patient Safety Links**

For more information on patient safety, please visit:

- www.jointcommission.org/speakup.aspx. The Joint Commission's Speak Up<sup>TM</sup> patient safety program.
- <u>www.jointcommission.org/topics/patient\_safety.aspx</u>. The Joint Commission helps healthcare organizations to improve the quality and safety of the care they deliver.
- <a href="www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/">www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/</a>. 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.
- <u>www.bemedwise.org</u>. The National Council on Patient Information and Education is dedicated to improving communication about the safe, appropriate use of medication.
- www.leapfroggroup.org. The Leapfrog Group is active in promoting safe practices in hospital care.
- <a href="www.ahqa.org">www.ahqa.org</a>. The American Health Quality Association represents organizations and healthcare professionals working to improve patient safety.

#### Preventable Healthcare Acquired Conditions ("Never Events")

When you enter a Plan hospital for a covered service, you do not expect to leave with additional injuries, infections or other serious conditions that occur during the course of your stay. Although some of these complications may not be avoidable, patients do suffer from injuries or illnesses that could have been prevented if doctors or the hospital had taken proper precautions. Errors in medical care that are clearly identifiable, preventable and serious in their consequences for patients, can indicate a significant problem in the safety and credibility of a healthcare facility. These conditions and errors are sometimes called "Never Events" or "Serious Reportable Events." (See Section 10, *Definitions of Terms We Use in This Brochure.*)

We have a benefit payment policy that encourages hospitals to reduce the likelihood of hospital-acquired conditions such as certain infections, severe bedsores and fractures; and reduce medical errors that should never happen. When such an event occurs, neither your nor your FEHB plan will incur costs to correct the medical error. If you are charged a cost share for a never event that occurs while you are receiving an inpatient covered service, or for treatment to correct a never event that occurred at a Plan provider, please notify us.

#### **FEHB Facts**

#### **Coverage information**

• No pre-existing condition limitation

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

Minimum essential coverage (MEC)

Coverage under this plan qualifies as minimum essential coverage. Please visit the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) website at

www.irs.gov/uac/Questions-and-Answers-on-the-Individual-Shared-Responsibility-Provision for more information on the individual requirement for MEC.

 Minimum value standard Our health coverage meets the minimum value standard of 60% established by the ACA. This means that we provide benefits to cover at least 60% of the total allowed costs of essential health benefits. The 60% standard is an actuarial value, your specific out-of-pocket costs are determined as explained in this brochure.

 Where you can get information about enrolling in the FEHB Program See www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance for enrollment information as well as:

- Information on the FEHB Program and plans available to you
- A health plan comparison tool
- A list of agencies that participate in Employee Express
- A link to Employee Express
- · Information on and links to other electronic enrollment systems

Also, your employing or retirement office can answer your questions and give you other plans' brochures 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
- What happens when your enrollment ends
- When the next Open Season for enrollment begins

We do not determine who is eligible for coverage and, in most cases, cannot change your enrollment status without information from your employing or retirement office. For information on your premium deductions, you must also contact your employing or retirement office.

Once enrolled in your FEHB Program Plan, you should contact your carrier directly for address updates and questions about your benefit coverage.

 Enrollment types available for you and your family Self Only coverage is only for the enrollee. Self Plus One coverage is for the enrollee and one eligible family member. Self and Family coverage is for the enrollee and one or more eligible family members. Family members include your spouse and your dependent children under age 26, including any foster children authorized for coverage by your employing agency or retirement office. Under certain circumstances, you may also continue coverage for a disabled child 26 years of age or older who is incapable of self-support.

If you have a Self Only enrollment, you may change to a Self Plus One or 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 Plus One or 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 Plus One or 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 are married. We may request that an enrollee verify the eligibility of any or all family members listed as covered under the enrollee's FEHB enrollment.

Contact your carrier to obtain a Certificate of Creditable Coverage (COCC).

Contact your employing or retirement office if you want to change from Self Only to Self Plus One or Self and Family. If you have a Self and Family enrollment, you may contact us to add a family member.

Your employing or retirement office will **not** notify you when a family member is no longer eligible to receive benefits. Please tell us immediately of changes in family member status, including your marriage, divorce, annulment, or when your child reaches age 26. We will send written notice to you 60 days before we proactively disenroll your child on midnight of their 26<sup>th</sup> birthday unless your child is eligible for continued coverage because they are incapable of self-support due to a physical or mental disability that began before age 26.

If you or one of your family members is enrolled in one FEHB plan, you or they cannot be enrolled in or covered as a family member by another enrollee in another FEHB plan.

If you have a qualifying life event (QLE) - such as marriage, divorce, or the birth of a child - outside of the Federal Benefits Open Season, you may be eligible to enroll in the FEHB Program, change your enrollment, or cancel coverage. For a complete list of QLEs, visit the FEHB website at <a href="https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/life-events">www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/life-events</a>. If you need assistance, please contact your employing agency, Tribal Benefits Officer, personnel/payroll office, or retirement office.

• Family member coverage

Family members covered under your Self and Family enrollment are your spouse (including your spouse by a valid common-law marriage from a state that recognizes common-law marriages) and children as described in the chart. A Self Plus One enrollment covers you and your spouse, or one eligible family member as described in the chart.

#### Natural children, adopted children, and stepchildren

**Coverage:** Natural children, adopted children, and stepchildren are covered until their 26th birthday.

#### Foster children

**Coverage:** Foster children are eligible for coverage until their 26th birthday if you provide documentation of your regular and substantial support of the child and sign a certification stating that your foster child meets all the requirements. Contact your human resources office or retirement system for additional information.

#### Children incapable of self-support

**Coverage:** Children who are incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical disability that began before age 26 are eligible to continue coverage. Contact your human resources office or retirement system for additional information.

#### Married children

**Coverage:** Married children (but NOT their spouse or their own children) are covered until their 26th birthday.

#### Children with or eligible for employer-provided health insurance

**Coverage:** Children who are eligible for or have their own employer-provided health insurance are covered until their 26th birthday.

Newborns of covered children are insured only for routine nursery care during the covered portion of the mother's maternity stay.

You can find additional information at www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance.

# • Children's Equity Act

OPM has implements the Federal Employees Health Benefits Children's Equity Act of 2000. This law mandates that you be enrolled for Self Plus One or Self and Family coverage in the 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 in Self Plus One or 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 Plus One
  or Self and Family coverage, as appropriate, in the lowest-cost nationwide plan option
  as determined by OPM.
- 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 Plus One or Self and Family, as appropriate, 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 Plus One or Self and Family, as
  appropriate, in the lowest-cost nationwide plan option as determined by OPM.

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 does not 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 does not serve the area in which your children live as long as the court/administrative order is in effect. Similarly, you cannot change to Self Plus One if the court/administrative order identifies more than one child. Contact your employing office for further information.

# • When benefits and premiums start

The benefits in this brochure are effective 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 processed according to the 2024 benefits of your prior plan or option. If you have met (or pay cost-sharing that results in your meeting) the out-of-pocket maximum under the prior plan or option, you will not pay cost-sharing for services covered between January 1 and the effective date of coverage under your new plan or option. However, if your prior plan left the FEHB Program at the end of the year, you are covered under that plan's 2023 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.

If your enrollment continues after you are no longer eligible for coverage (i.e., you have separated from Federal service) and premiums are not paid, you will be responsible for all benefits paid during the period in which premiums were not paid. You may be billed for services received directly from your provider. You may be prosecuted for fraud for knowingly using health insurance benefits for which you have not paid premiums. It is your responsibility to know when you or a family member are no longer eligible to use your health insurance 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.

Any person covered under the 31 day extension of coverage who is confined in a hospital or other institution for care or treatment on the 31st day of the temporary extension is entitled to continuation of the benefits of the Plan during the continuance of the confinement but not beyond the 60th day after the end of the 31 day temporary extension. You may be eligible for spouse equity coverage or Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC).

• Upon divorce

If you are an enrollee, and your divorce or annulment is final, your ex-spouse cannot remain covered as a family member under your Self Plus One or Self and Family enrollment.

You must contact us to let us know the date of the divorce or annulment and have us remove your ex-spouse. We may ask for a copy of the divorce decree as proof. In order to change enrollment type, you must contact your employing or retirement office. A change will not automatically be made.

If you were married to an enrollee and your divorce or annulment is final, you may not remain covered as a family member under your former spouse's enrollment. This is the case even when the court has ordered your former spouse to provide health coverage for you.

However, you may be eligible for your own FEHB coverage under either 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 additional information about your coverage choices. You can also visit OPM's website at <a href="https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/life-events/memy-family/im-separated-orim-getting-divorced/#url=Health">https://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/life-events/memy-family/im-separated-orim-getting-divorced/#url=Health</a>. We may request that you verify the eligibility of any or all family members listed as covered under the enrollee's FEHB enrollment.

 Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) If you leave Federal service, tribal employment, or if you lose coverage because you no longer qualify as a family member, you may be eligible for Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC). For example, you can receive TCC if you are not able to continue your FEHB enrollment after you retire, if you lose your Federal or Tribal job, or if you are a covered child and you turn 26.

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

**Enrolling in TCC**. Get the RI 79-27, which describes TCC, from your employing or retirement office or from <a href="www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance">www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance</a>. It explains what you have to do to enroll.

Alternatively, you can buy coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace where, depending on your income, you could be eligible for a tax credit that lowers your monthly premiums. Visit <a href="www.HealthCare.gov">www.HealthCare.gov</a> to compare plans and see what your premium, deductible, and out-of-pocket costs would be before you make a decision to enroll. Finally, if you qualify for coverage under another group health plan (such as your spouse's plan), you may be able to enroll in that plan, as long as you apply within 30 days of losing FEHBP coverage.

#### 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 or Tribal service, your employing office will notify you of your right to convert. You must contact us in writing 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 contact us in writing 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, a waiting period will not be imposed, and your coverage will not be limited due to pre-existing conditions. When you contact us we will assist you in obtaining information about health benefits coverage inside or outside the Affordable Care Act's Health Insurance Marketplace in your state. For assistance in finding coverage, please contact us toll-free at 888-901-4636; for the deaf and hearing-impaired use Washington state's relay line by dialing either 800-833-6388 or 711 or visit our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/wa.">www.kp.org/wa</a>.

#### Health Insurance Marketplace

If you would like to purchase health insurance through the ACA's Health Insurance Marketplace, please visit <a href="www.HealthCare.gov">www.HealthCare.gov</a>. This is a website provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that provides up-to-date information on the Marketplace.

#### **Section 1. How This Plan Works**

This Plan is a health maintenance organization (HMO). OPM requires that FEHB plans be accredited to validate that plan operations and/or care management meet nationally recognized standards. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington holds the following accreditations: National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). To learn more about this plan's accreditation, please visit the following website: <a href="https://www.ncqa.org">www.ncqa.org</a>. We require you to see specific physicians, hospitals, and other providers that contract with us. These Plan providers coordinate your healthcare services. We are solely responsible for the selection of these providers in your area. Contact us for a copy of our most recent provider directory. We give you a choice of enrollment in High Option, Standard Option, or Prosper.

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 covered services from Plan providers, you generally 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 if a provider leaves our Plan. We cannot guarantee that any one provider, hospital, or other provider will be available and/or remain under contract with us.

#### General features of our High Option, Standard Option and Prosper

On High Option, Standard Option and Prosper, when you receive covered services, you will be responsible for a copayment or a coinsurance unless the service is covered in full. There is no dental coverage on this Plan. See Section 5 for Plan specifics.

#### How we pay providers

We contract with individual providers, medical groups, and hospitals to provide the benefits in this brochure. These Plan providers accept a negotiated payment from us, and you will only be responsible for your cost-sharing (copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, and non-covered services and supplies).

#### Who provides my healthcare?

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington is a Mixed Model Prepayment (MMP) Plan. The Plan provides medical care by doctors, nurse practitioners, and other skilled Medical personnel working as medical teams. Specialists are available as part of the medical teams for consultation and treatment.

In some of the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Service areas, participating providers are practitioners who provide routine care within their private office settings in the community.

The first and most important decision each member must make is the selection of a primary care provider. The decision is important since it is usually through this provider that all other health services, particularly those of specialists, are obtained. It is the responsibility of your primary care provider to obtain any necessary authorizations from the Plan before referring you to a specialist or making arrangements for hospitalization. Services of other providers are covered only when there has been a Plan approved written referral by the member's primary care provider, with the following exception: a member may see a participating General and Family Practitioner, Physician's Assistant, Gynecologist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Doctor of Osteopathy, Obstetrician or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner who provide healthcare services directly, without a referral from their primary care provider, for medically appropriate maternity care, reproductive health services, preventive care and general examination, gynecological care and medically appropriate follow-up visits for the above services. If your chosen provider diagnoses a condition that requires referral to other specialists or hospitalization, you or your chosen provider must obtain preauthorization and care coordination in accordance with applicable Plan requirements.

#### Your Rights and responsibilities

OPM requires that all FEHB plans provide certain information to their FEHB members. You can also find out about Care Management, which includes medical practice guidelines, disease management programs and how we determine if procedures are experimental or investigational. OPM's FEHB website (<a href="www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance">www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance</a>) lists the specific types of information that we must make available to you. Some of the required information is listed below.

- We are a health maintenance organization that has provided healthcare services to Washingtonians since 1947.
- This medical benefit plan is provided by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington. Medical, hospital and
  administrative services are provided through our integrated healthcare delivery organization known as Kaiser Permanente.
  Kaiser Permanente is composed of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. (a not-for-profit organization), and the Washington
  Permanente Medical Group (a for-profit Washington-based partnership) which operates Plan medical offices throughout
  Washington.

You are also entitled to a wide range of consumer protections and have specific responsibilities as a member of this Plan. You can view the complete list of these rights and responsibilities by visiting our Kaiser Permanente Washington Core website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/feds/wa-core">www.kp.org/feds/wa-core</a>. You can also contact us to request that we mail a copy to you.

If you would like more information about us, call 888-901-4636, or write to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Member Services, P.O. Box 34590, Seattle WA 98124-1590. You may also visit our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/feds/wa-core">www.kp.org/feds/wa-core</a> to get information about us, our networks, providers and facilities.

By law, you have the right to access your protected health information (PHI). For more information regarding access to PHI, visit our website at <a href="www.kp.org/feds/wa-core">www.kp.org/feds/wa-core</a> to obtain our Notice of Privacy Practices. You can also contact us to request that we mail you a copy of that Notice.

#### Language interpretation services

Language interpretation services are available to assist non-English speaking members. Please call our Language interpretation services line at 888-901-4636 (TTY: 711).

#### Your medical and claims records are confidential

We will keep your medical and claims records confidential. Please note that we may disclose your medical and claims information (including your prescription drug utilization) to any of your treating physicians or dispensing pharmacies.

#### Service Area

To enroll in this Plan, you must live or work in our service area. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington providers practice in the following areas. Our service area is:

Western Washington (entire counties): Island, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom.

In Grays Harbor County, the following cities, by Zip Code:

- Elma (98541)
- Malone (98559)
- McCleary (98557)
- Oakville (98568)

In Jefferson County, the following cities, by Zip Code:

• Brinnon (98320)

- Chimacum (98325)
- Hadlock (98339)
- Nordland (98358)
- Port Ludlow (98365)
- Port Townsend (98368)
- Quilcene (98376)

Central and Eastern Washington (entire counties): Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Spokane, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima.

Northern Idaho (entire counties): Kootenai and Latah

Ordinarily, you must receive your care from physicians, hospitals, and other providers who contract with us. However, we are part of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program, and if you are visiting another Kaiser Permanente region, you can receive visiting member care from designated providers in that area. See Section 5(h), *Special features*, for more details. We also pay for certain follow-up services or continuing care services while you are traveling outside the service area, as described in Section 5(h); and for emergency care obtained from any non-Plan provider, as described in Section 5(d), *Emergency services/accidents*. We will not pay for any other healthcare services out of our service area unless the services have prior Plan approval.

If you or a covered family member move outside of our service area, you can enroll in another plan. If your dependents live out of the service area (for example, if your child goes to college in another state), you should consider enrolling in a fee-for-service plan or an HMO that has agreements with affiliates in other areas. If you or a family member move, you do not have to wait until Open Season to change plans. Contact your employing or retirement office.

## Section 2. Changes for 2024

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 High Option, Standard Option and Prosper

- Premium. Your share of the premium rate will increase for Self Only, Self Plus One, and Self and Family. See Page 94.
- **Hearing aids.** We added coverage for hearing aids. You pay all charges in excess of \$3,000 for one hearing aid per ear, every 36 months. See Page 36.
- **Fertility drugs.** We added coverage for fertility drugs, including in vitro fertilization-related drugs when prescribed by either a Plan or a non-Plan provider. You pay 50% of our allowance for High Option and Standard Option, and 50% of our allowance after the deductible for Prosper. There are no cycle or dollar limits. See Page 62.
- Male condoms. We added a dispensing limit of up to 120 condoms per 90-day supply at no charge. See Page 61.
- **General exclusions.** We have removed the cost-sharing for services, drugs, or supplies related to covered abortions. Under the Federal law, abortions are only covered 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. See Page 70.
- Infusion Therapy. A plan physician must obtain prior authorization for infusion therapy. See Page 18.

#### **Changes to High Option**

- **Preventive care.** We decreased your copayment from \$25 per primary care visit and \$35 per specialty visit for screening for major depressive disorder in adolescents ages 12 to 18 and screening for anxiety in children and adolescents aged 8 to 18 to no charge. See Page 31.
- Gender-affirming surgery. We now cover all medically necessary gender-affirming surgery including facial surgeries. You pay \$75 per day for services in an outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center, or \$350 per admission for inpatient hospital. See Page 45.
- Hearing aids. We added coverage for testing and examination for hearing aids. You pay \$25 per office visit. See Page 36.

#### **Change to Standard Option**

- Gender-affirming surgery. We now cover all medically necessary gender-affirming surgery including facial surgeries. You pay \$150 per day for services in an outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center, or \$750 per admission for inpatient hospital. See Page 45.
- **Hearing aids.** We added coverage for testing and examination for hearing aids. You pay \$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17); \$35 per specialty care office visit. See Page 36.

#### **Changes to Prosper**

- **Preventive care.** We decreased your copayment from \$15 per primary care visit and \$40 per specialty visit for screening for major depressive disorder in adolescents ages 12 to 18 and screening for anxiety in children and adolescents aged 8 to 18 to no charge. See Page 31.
- Breast examinations. We decreased cost-sharing to no charge for breast imaging. See Page 29.
- Gender-affirming surgery. We now cover all medically necessary gender-affirming surgery including facial surgeries. You pay \$250 per day after the deductible for services in an outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center, or \$350 per day up to \$1,050 per admission after the deductible for inpatient hospital. See Page 45.
- **Hearing aids.** We added coverage for testing and examination for hearing aid. You pay \$15 per primary care office visit; \$40 per specialty care office visit. See Page 36.

#### **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 letter (for annuitants), or your electronic enrollment system (such as 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, please call Member Services at 888-901-4636 or write to us at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Member Services, P.O. Box 34590, Seattle WA 98124-1590. You may also request replacement cards through our website, <a href="https://www.kp.org/wa">www.kp.org/wa</a>

Where you get covered care

You get care from "Plan providers" and "Plan facilities." You will only pay copayments, deductibles, and/or coinsurance as described in Section 4. *Your Cost for Covered Services*.

#### **Balance billing protection**

FEHB Carriers must have clauses in their plan provider agreements. These clauses provide that, for a service that is a covered benefit in the plan brochure or for services determined not medically necessary, the plan provider agrees to hold the covered individual harmless (and may not bill) for the difference between the billed charge and the in network contracted amount. If a plan provider bills you for covered services over your normal cost share (deductible, copay, co-insurance), contact your Carrier to enforce the terms of its provider contract.

#### · Plan Providers

Plan providers are physicians and other healthcare professionals in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. We contract with Washington Permanente Medical Group (Medical Group) to provide or arrange covered services for our members. Medical care is provided through physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other skilled medical personnel. Specialists in most major specialties are available as part of the medical teams for consultation and treatment. We credential Plan providers according to national standards.

We list Plan providers in the provider directory, which we update periodically. Directories are available at the time of enrollment or upon request by calling our Member Service at 888-901-4636 (TTY: 711). The list is also on our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/feds/wa-core">www.kp.org/feds/wa-core</a>.

This Plan recognizes that transgender, non-binary, and other gender diverse members require health care delivered by healthcare providers experienced in gender affirming health. Benefits described in this brochure are available to all members meeting medical necessity guidelines regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability, religion, sex or gender.

Kaiser Permanente primary care providers provide care coordination for complex conditions. For assistance please contact your provider or member services at 888-901-4636 (TTY: 711).

#### · Plan facilities

Plan facilities are hospitals and other facilities in our service area that we contract with to provide covered services to our members. Kaiser Permanente offers comprehensive healthcare at Plan facilities conveniently located throughout our service areas.

We list Plan facilities in the facility directory, with their locations and phone numbers. Directories are updated on a regular basis and are available at the time of enrollment or upon request by calling our Member Service Call Center at 800-464-4000 (TTY: 711). The list is also on our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/feds/wa-core">www.kp.org/feds/wa-core</a>.

You must receive your health services at Plan facilities, except if you have an emergency, authorized referral, or out-of-area urgent care. If you are visiting another Kaiser Permanente or allied plan service area, you may receive healthcare services at those Kaiser Permanente facilities. See Section 5(h), *Special features*, for more details. Under the circumstances specified in this brochure, you may receive follow-up or continuing care while you travel anywhere.

# What you must do to get covered care

You and each family member should choose a primary care provider. This decision is important since your primary care provider provides or arranges for most of your healthcare. There are several ways to select a physician; you may contact Member Services at 888-901-4636 or your chosen Plan facility for assistance.

#### · Primary care

Your primary care provider (such as family practitioner or pediatrician) will arrange for most of your healthcare, or give you a referral to see a specialist.

If you want to change primary care providers or if your primary care provder leaves the Plan, call Member Services at 888-901-4636 or contact your chosen Plan facility. We will help you select a new one.

#### · Specialty care

Your primary care provider will refer you to a specialist for needed care, but you may also self-refer to many specialists at Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington facilities. When you receive a referral from your primary care provider, you must return to the primary care provider after the consultation, unless your primary care provider authorized a certain number of visits without additional referrals. However, you may see a woman's healthcare specialist or a mental health provider without a referral, namely a participating General or Family Practitioner, Physician's Assistant, Gynecologist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Doctor of Osteopathy, Obstetrician or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner for medically appropriate maternity care, reproductive health services, preventive care and general examination, gynecological care, and medically appropriate follow-up visits for the above services. If the chosen provider diagnoses a condition that requires a referral to other specialists or hospitalization, you or your chosen provider must obtain preauthorization and care coordination in accordance with applicable Plan requirements.

Here are some 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 provider will develop a treatment plan that allows you to see your specialist for a certain number of visits without additional referrals. Your primary care provider will use our criteria when creating your treatment plan (the physician may have to get an authorization or approval beforehand).

Your primary care provider will create 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 provider. If they decide 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 provider, 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
- If you have a chronic and disabling condition and lose access to your specialist because we:
  - terminate our contract with your specialist for other than cause;
  - drop out of the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program and you enroll in another FEHB program plan;
  - reduce our Service Area and you enroll in another FEHB plan;

you may be able to continue seeing your specialist for up to 90 days after you receive notice of the change. Contact our Member Services Department at 888-901-4636 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 90 days.

· Hospital care

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

 If you are hospitalized when your enrollment begins We pay for covered services from the effective date of your enrollment. However, if you are in the hospital when your enrollment in our Plan begins, call our Member Services department immediately at 888-901-4636. If you are new to the FEHB Program, we will arrange for you to receive care and provide benefits for your covered services while you are in the hospital beginning on the effective date of your coverage.

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;
- the day your benefits from your former plan run out; or
- the 92<sup>nd</sup> day after you become a member of this Plan, whichever happens first.

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

You need prior Plan approval for certain services Your primary care provider arranges most referrals to specialists. For certain services, your Plan physician must obtain approval from us. Before we approve a referral, we consider if the item or service is medically necessary, and meets other coverage requirements. We call this review and approval process "prior authorization". Once the referral is approved, we will notify you that we have authorized your referral. Your Plan physician must obtain prior authorization for:

- · Specialty care
- · Inpatient hospital
- · Surgical treatment of morbid obesity
- Certain prescription medications as identified on our formulary
- · Non-emergency ambulance
- · Durable Medical Equipment
- · Gender Affirming surgery
- Infusion therapy

To confirm if a referral has been approved for a service or item that requires prior authorization, please call Member Service at 888-901-4636 (TTY: 711). Prior authorization determinations are made based on the information available at the time the service or item is requested. We will not cover the service or item unless you are a Plan member on the date you receive the service or item.

How to request Precertification for an admission or get prior authorization for Other services First, your physician, your hospital, you, or your representative, must call us at 888-901-4636 before admission or services requiring prior authorization are rendered.

Next, provide the following information:

- enrollee's name and Plan identification number;
- patient's name, birth date, identification number and phone number;
- reason for hospitalization, proposed treatment, or surgery;
- name and phone number of admitting physician;
- · name of hospital or facility; and
- · number of days requested for hospital stay.
- Non-urgent care claims

For non-urgent claims, we will tell the physician and/or hospital the number of approved inpatient days, or the care that we approve for other services that must have prior authorization. We will make our decision within 15 days of receipt of the pre-service claim. If matters beyond our control require an extension of time, we may take up to an additional 15 days for review and we will notify you of the need for an extension of time before the end of the original 15-day period. Our notice will include the circumstances underlying the request for the extension and the date when a decision is expected.

If we need an extension because we have not received necessary information from you, our notice will describe the specific information required and we will allow you up to 60 days from the receipt of the notice to provide the information.

• Urgent care claims

If you have an urgent care claim (i.e., when waiting for the regular time limit for your medical care or treatment could seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without this care or treatment), we will expedite our review and notify you of our decision within 72 hours. If you request that we review your claim as an urgent care claim we will review the documentation you provide and decide whether or not it is an urgent care claim by applying the judgment of a prudent layperson that possess an average knowledge of health and medicine.

If you fail to provide sufficient information, we will contact you within 24 hours after we receive the claim to let you know what information we need to complete our review of the claim. You will then have up to 48 hours to provide the required information. We will make our decision on the claim within 48 hours of (1) the time we received the additional information or (2) the end of the time frame, whichever is earlier.

We may provide our decision orally within these time frames, but we will follow-up with written or electronic notification within three days of oral notification.

You may request that your urgent care claim on appeal be reviewed simultaneously by us and OPM. Please let us know that you would like a simultaneous review of your urgent care claim by OPM either in writing at the time you appeal our initial decision, or by calling us at 888-901-4636. You may also call OPM's FEHB 3 at (202) 606-0737 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time to ask for the simultaneous review.

We will cooperate with OPM so they can quickly review your claim on appeal. In addition, if you did not indicate that your claim was a claim for urgent care, call us at 888-901-4636. If it is determined that your claim is an urgent care claim, we will expedite our review (if we have not yet responded to your claim).

Concurrent care claims

A concurrent care claim involves care provided over a period of time or over a number of treatments. We will treat any reduction or termination of our pre-approved course of treatment before the end of the approved period of time or number of treatments as an appealable decision. This does not include reduction or termination due to benefit changes or if your enrollment ends. If we believe a reduction or termination is warranted, we will allow you sufficient time to appeal and obtain a decision from us before the reduction or termination takes effect.

If you request an extension of an ongoing course of treatment at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved time period and this is also an urgent care claim, we will make a decision within 24 hours after we receive the claim.

Emergency inpatient admission

If you have an emergency admission due to a condition that you reasonably believe puts your life in danger or could cause serious damage to bodily function, you, your representative, the physician, or the hospital must phone us within two business days following the day of the emergency admission, even if you have been discharged from the hospital.

 If your treatment needs to be extended If you request an extension of an ongoing course of treatment at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved time period and this is also an urgent care claim, we will make a decision within 24 hours after we receive the claim.

What happens when you do not follow the Precertification rules when using non-Plan facilities

You must receive your health services at Plan facilities, except if you have an emergency, authorized referral, or out-of-area urgent care. Your primary care provider will provide most of your healthcare, or give you a referral to see a specialist. If you do not obtain a referral from us for services or items that require a referral, we will not pay any amount for those services or items and you may be liable for the full price of those services or items. This also includes any residual amounts, such as deductibles, copayments or coinsurance that are not covered or not paid by any other insurance plan you use to pay for those services or items.

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.

If you disagree with our pre-service claim decision

If you have a **pre-service claim** and you do not agree with our decision regarding precertification on an inpatient admission or prior approval of other services, you may request a review in accord with the procedures detailed below. If you claim is in reference to a contraceptive call 888-901-4636.

If you have already received the service, supply or treatment, then you have a **post-service claim** and must follow the entire disputed claims process detailed in Section 8.

 To reconsider a nonurgent care claim Within 6 months of our initial decision, you may ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. Follow Step 1 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

In the case of a pre-service claim and subject to a request for additional information, we have 30 days from the date we receive your written request for reconsideration to

- 1. Precertify your hospital stay or, if applicable, arrange for the healthcare provider to give you the care or grant your request for prior approval for a service, drug, or supply; or
- 2. Ask you or your provider for more information.

You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 more days.

If we do not receive the information within 60 days, we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.

3. Write to you and maintain our denial.

# • To reconsider an urgent care claim

In the case of an appeal of a pre-service urgent care claim, within 6 months of our initial decision, you may ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. Follow Step 1 of the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

Unless we request additional information, we will notify you of our decision within 72 hours after receipt of your reconsideration request. We will expedite the review process, which allows oral or written request for appeals and the exchange of information by phone, electronic mail, facsimile, or other expeditious methods

# • To file an appeal with OPM

After we reconsider your **pre-service claim**, if you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it by following Step 3 of the disputed claims process detailed in section 8 of this brochure

#### **Section 4. Your Costs for Covered Services**

This is what you will pay out-of-pocket for covered care:

#### **Cost-sharing**

Cost-sharing is the general term used to refer to your out-of-pocket costs (e.g., deductible, coinsurance, and copayments) for the covered care you receive.

#### Copayments

A copayment is a fixed amount of money you pay to the provider, facility, pharmacy, etc., when you receive certain services. The amount of copayment will depend upon whether you are enrolled in the High Option, Standard Option or Prosper, the type of provider, and the service or supply that you receive.

You pay a primary care provider copayment when you visit any primary care provider as described in Section 3, How you get care. You pay a specialist copayment when you receive care from a specialist as described in Section 3.

For example, for diagnostic and treatment services as described in Section 5(a):

- Under the High Option, you pay a \$25 copayment when you receive diagnostic and treatment services in a physician's office.
- Under the Standard Option, you pay a \$25 copayment when you receive diagnostic and treatment services from a primary care provider or a \$35 copayment when you receive diagnostic and treatment services from a specialty care provider.
- Under Prosper, you pay a \$15 copayment when you receive diagnostic and treatment services from a primary care provider and a \$40 copayment when you receive these services from a specialty care provider.

**Deductible** 

A deductible is a fixed expense you must incur for certain covered services and supplies before we start paying benefits for them. Copayments do not count toward any deductible.

- We do not have a deductible for the High Option and Standard Option.
- The calendar year deductible for Prosper is \$250 per person. Under a Self Plus One or Self and Family enrollment, the deductible is considered satisfied and benefits are payable for all family members when the combined covered expenses applied to the calendar year deductible for family members reach \$500.

**Annual Deductible Carryover:** Under Prosper, charges from the last 3 months of the prior year which were applied toward the individual annual deductible will also apply to the current year individual annual deductible. The individual annual deductible carryover will apply only when expenses incurred have been paid in full. The Family deductible does not carry over into the next year.

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

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

#### Coinsurance

We have different coinsurance percentages for some benefits, and in those cases, we specify the percentage that you must pay. For example, there is a 50% coinsurance for certain types of infertility services. Durable medical equipment and ambulance services are other services that require you to pay a coinsurance.

# Your catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximum

After your cost-sharing total is \$3,000 per person up to \$6,000 per family enrollment (High Option), \$5,000 per person or per family enrollment (Standard Option), or \$6,000 per person up to \$12,000 per family enrollment (Prosper) in any calendar year, you do not have to pay any more for certain covered services. This includes any services required by group health plans to count toward the catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximum by federal healthcare reform legislation (Affordable Care Act and implementing regulations).

Example: Your plan has a \$3,000 per person up to \$6,000 per family maximum out-of-pocket limit. If you or one of your eligible family members has out-of-pocket qualified medical expenses of \$3,000 in a calendar year, any cost-sharing for qualified medical expenses for that individual will be covered fully by your health plan for the remainder of the calendar year. With a family enrollment, the out-of-pocket maximum will be satisfied once two or more family members have out-of-pocket qualified medical expenses or \$6,000 in a calendar year, any cost-sharing for qualified medical expenses for all enrolled family members will be covered fully by your health plan for the reminder of the calendar year.

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

#### Carryover

If you changed to this Plan during Open Season from a plan with a catastrophic protection benefit and the effective date of the change was after January 1, any expenses that would have applied to that plan's catastrophic protection benefit during the prior year will be covered by your prior plan if they are for care you received in January before your effective date of coverage in this Plan. If you have already met your prior plan's catastrophic protection benefit level in full, it will continue to apply until the effective date of your coverage in this Plan. If you have not met this expense level in full, your prior plan will first apply your covered out-of-pocket expenses until the prior year's catastrophic level is reached and then apply the catastrophic protection benefit to covered out-of-pocket expenses incurred from that point until the effective date of your coverage in this Plan. Your prior plan will pay these covered expenses according to this year's benefits; benefit changes are effective January 1.

Note: If you change options in this Plan during the year, we will credit the amount of covered expenses already accumulated toward the catastrophic out-of-pocket limit of your old option to the catastrophic protection limit of your new option.

# When Government facilities bill us

Facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense and the Indian Health Services are entitled to seek reimbursement from us for certain services or supplies they provide to you or a family member. They may not seek more than their governing laws allow. You may be responsible to pay for certain services and charges. Contact the government facility directly for more information.

# Important notice about surprise billing – know your rights

The No Surprises Act (NSA) is a federal law that provides you with protections against "surprise billing" and "balance billing" for out-of-network emergency services; out-of-network non-emergency services provided with respect to a visit to a participating health care facility; and out-of-network air ambulance services.

A surprise bill is an unexpected bill you receive for:

- emergency care when you have little or no say in the facility or provider from whom you receive care, or for
- non-emergency services furnished by non-Plan providers with respect to patient visits to Plan health care facilities, or for
- · air ambulance services furnished by non-Plan providers of air ambulance

Balance billing happens when you receive a bill from the non-Plan provider, facility, or air ambulance service for the difference between the non-Plan provider's charge and the amount payable by your health plan.

Your health plan must comply with the NSA protections that hold you harmless from surprise bills.

In addition, your health plan complies with the surprise billing laws of Washington and RCW 48.49.030(2).

For specific information on surprise billing, the rights and protections you have, and your responsibilities go to <a href="https://www.kp.org/feds">www.kp.org/feds</a> or contact the health plan at 800-464-4000.

The Federal Flexible Spending Account Program – FSAFEDS

- Healthcare FSA (HCFSA) Reimburses you for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare expenses (such as copayments, deductibles, **physician prescribed** over-the-counter drugs and medications, vision and dental expenses, and much more) for you, your tax dependents, and your adult children (through the end of the calendar year in which they turn 26).
- FSAFEDS offers paperless reimbursement for your HCFSA through a number of FEHB and FEDVIP plans. This means that when you or your provider files claims with your FEHB or FEDVIP plan, FSAFEDS will automatically reimburse your eligible out-of-pocket expenses based on the claim information it receives from your plan.

## Section 5. High Option, Standard Option and Prosper Benefits

See page 15 for how our benefits changed this year. Page 91 - page 93 are a benefits summary of each option. Make sure that you review the benefits that are available under the option in which you are enrolled.

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## Section 5. High Option, Standard Option and Prosper Benefits Overview

This Plan offers High Option, Standard Option and Prosper. These benefit packages are described in Section 5. Make sure that you review the benefits that are available under the option in which you are enrolled.

High Option, Standard Option and Prosper Section 5 is divided into subsections. Please read *Important things you should keep in mind* at the beginning of the subsections. 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 888-901-4636 or on our website at www.kp.org/feds/wa-core.

Each option offers unique features.

#### • High Option

The High Option covers most outpatient services subject to a copayment. Select services are covered subject either to a copayment or to a coinsurance and some services are covered in full. See Section 5 for Plan specifics.

#### Standard Option

The Standard Option covers some services, such as specialty care and hospital services, at a higher copayment than on the High Option. Select services are covered subject either to a copayment or to a coinsurance and some services are covered in full. See Section 5 for Plan specifics.

#### • Prosper

With Prosper, there is a calendar year deductible of \$250 per person (\$500 per Self Plus One or Self and Family) and your cost-sharing may be higher than for the Standard Option; however, your bi-weekly premium contribution is lower.

## Section 5(a). Medical Services and Supplies Provided by Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals

#### Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.
- We have no calendar year deductible for High Option and Standard Option.
- The calendar year deductible for Prosper is \$250 per person (\$500 per family). The calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We added "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.
- Be sure to read Section 4, Your Costs for Covered Services, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage.
- The coverage and cost-sharing listed below are for services provided by physicians and other health care professionals for your medical care. See Section 5(c) for cost-sharing associated with the facility (i.e., hospital, surgical center, etc.).

Benefit Description		You pay	
Note: The Prosper calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We say "after the deductible"			
Diagnostic and treatment services	Calendar year deductible High Option	e applies.  Standard Option	Prosper
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Professional services of physicians and other healthcare professionals	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing	\$15 per primary care office visit
• In provider's office		for children through age 17)	\$40 per specialty care
• In an urgent care center			office visit
<ul> <li>Office medical consultation</li> </ul>		\$35 per specialty care office visit	
Second surgical opinion		care office visit	
Procedures received during an office visit	Nothing after you pay the office visit copayment	Nothing after you pay the office visit copayment	Nothing after the deductible
Professional services of physicians	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
During a hospital stay			
<ul> <li>In a skilled nursing facility</li> </ul>			
Advanced care planning			
• At home			
Telehealth services	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Professional services of physicians and other healthcare professionals delivered through telehealth, such as:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
• Interactive videos			
• Phone visits			
• Email			
Note: Visits may be limited by provider type, location and benefit specific limitations, such as visit limits.			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Lab, X-ray and other diagnostic tests	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Tests, such as:  • Blood test  • Urinalysis  • Non-routine pap test  • Pathology	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Breast imaging			
<ul><li> X-ray</li><li> Ultrasound</li><li> Electrocardiogram, EEG and echocardiogram</li></ul>	Nothing	Nothing	\$50 per visit
<ul><li> CT/CAT scan</li><li> MRI</li><li> PET scan</li></ul>	Nothing	\$100 per visit	\$150 per visit
Preventive care, adult	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Routine physical according to the Plan's adult well-care schedule  The following preventive services are covered at the time interval recommended at each of the links below:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
<ul> <li>Including:</li> <li>Immunizations such as Pneumococcal, influenza, shingles, tetanus/Tdap, and human papillomavirus (HPV). For a complete list of immunizations visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules</a></li> <li>Screenings such as for breast cancer, osteoporosis, depression, diabetes, high blood pressure, total blood cholesterol, HIV, and colorectal cancer. For a complete list of A and B recommended screenings visit the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) website at <a href="https://shorturl.at/hovHM">https://shorturl.at/hovHM</a>.</li> <li>Individual counseling on prevention and reducing health risks</li> </ul>			continued on payt page

Preventive care, adult - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Preventive care, adult (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Preventive care benefits for women such as Pap smears, gonorrhea prophylactic medication to protect newborns, annual counseling for sexually transmitted infections, contraceptive methods, and screening for interpersonal and domestic violence. For a complete list of preventive care benefits for women go to the Health and Human Services (HHS) website at <a href="https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-women">www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-women</a>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
<ul> <li>Services such as routine prostate specific antigen (PSA) test and retinal photography screening</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>We cover other preventive services required by federal healthcare reform legislation (the Affordable Care Act and implementing regulations) and additional services that we include in our preventive services benefit. For a complete list of Kaiser Permanente preventive services visit our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/prevention">www.kp.org/prevention</a></li> <li>To build your personalized list of preventive services go to <a href="https://www.health.gov/myhealthfinder">www.health.gov/myhealthfinder</a></li> </ul>			
-	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Routine mammogram		_	
<ul> <li>Adult immunizations endorsed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): based on the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) schedule.</li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
<ul> <li>Medical Nutrition Therapy and Intensive Behavioral Therapy for the prevention of obesity related comorbidities as recommended under the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) A and B recommendations.</li> </ul>			
Notes:	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit
<ul> <li>You may pay cost-sharing for any procedure, injection, diagnostic service, laboratory or X-ray service that is provided in conjunction with a routine physical exam and not included in the preventive recommended listing of services.</li> </ul>			
You should consult with your physician to determine what is appropriate for you.			
Not covered: • Physical exams and immunizations required for:	All charges	All charges	All charges

Preventive care, adult - continued on next page

Benefit Description	You pay		
Preventive care, adult (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
- obtaining or continuing employment or insurance	All charges	All charges	All charges
<ul><li>attending schools or camp</li><li>athletic exams</li></ul>			
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Preventive care, children	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Well-child visits, examinations, and other preventive services as described in the Bright Future Guidelines provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For a complete list of the American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures Guidelines visit <a href="https://www.brightfutures.aap.org">www.brightfutures.aap.org</a></li> <li>Immunizations such as DTaP/Tdap, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR), and Varicella. For a complete list of immunizations visit the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) website at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html">www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html</a></li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
<ul> <li>You can also find a complete list of A and B recommended preventive care services under the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) online at https://shorturl.at/hovHM.</li> </ul>			
• We cover other preventive services required by federal healthcare reform legislation (the Affordable Care Act and implementing regulations) and additional services that we include in our preventive services benefit. For a complete list of Kaiser Permanente preventive services visit our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/prevention">www.kp.org/prevention</a>			
<ul> <li>To build your personalized list of preventive services go to www.health.gov/myhealthfinder</li> </ul>			
Notes: You may pay cost-sharing for any procedure, injection, diagnostic service, laboratory or X-ray service that is provided in conjunction with a routine physical exam and not included in the preventive recommended listing of services			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Maternity care	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Routine maternity (obstetrical) care, such as:  • Prenatal and postpartum care  • Screening for gestational diabetes	Nothing for routine prenatal and postpartum care	Nothing for routine prenatal and postpartum care	Nothing for routine prenatal and postnatal care
<ul> <li>Delivery</li> <li>Screening and counseling for prenatal and postpartum depression</li> </ul>	Non-routine care: \$25 per office visit Nothing for inpatient professional delivery services	Non-routine care: \$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  \$35 per specialty care office visit  Nothing for inpatient professional delivery services	Non-routine care:\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit Nothing for inpatient professional delivery services
Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling for each birth	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Note: We cover breastfeeding pumps and supplies under Durable Medical Equipment (DME).			
<ul> <li>Your Plan provider does not have to obtain prior approval from us for your vaginal delivery. See Section 3, You need prior Plan approval for certain services, for prior approval guidelines.</li> <li>You may remain in the hospital up to 48 hours after a vaginal delivery and 96 hours after a cesarean delivery. We will extend your inpatient stay if medically necessary.</li> <li>We cover routine nursery care of the newborn child during the covered portion of the mother's maternity stay. We will cover other care of an infant who requires nonroutine treatment only if we cover the infant under a Self Plus One or Self and Family enrollment. Surgical benefits, not maternity benefits, apply to medically necessary circumcision. We cover routine circumcision under Preventive care, children.</li> <li>When a newborn requires definitive treatment during or after the mother's confinement, the newborn is considered a patient in their own right. If the newborn is eligible for coverage, regular medical or surgical benefits apply rather than maternity benefits.</li> </ul>	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit
We pay hospitalization and surgeon services (delivery) and non-maternity care the same as for illness and injury.			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Maternity care (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Hospital services are covered under Section	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit
<ul> <li>5(c) and Surgery benefits Section 5(b).</li> <li>See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment</li> </ul>			
services, Procedures received during an office visit.			
Family planning	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
A range of voluntary family planning services, limited to:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Contraceptive counseling			
Voluntary sterilization - tubal ligation and vasectomy			
• Intrauterine devices (IUDs) - insertion			
Diaphragms - fittings			
Oral contraceptives			
Implantable contraceptives			
Injectable contraceptives (such as Depo Provera)			
Note:			
See Section 5(b), Surgical and Anesthesia Services for coverage of voluntary sterilization for males and females and section 5(f), Prescription Drug Benefits for oral contraceptives and devices such as diaphragms.			
Not covered: Reversal of voluntary or involuntary surgical sterilization	All charges	All charges	All charges
Infertility services	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Diagnosis and treatment of infertility, such as:	50% of our allowance	50% of our allowance	50% of our allowance
Artificial insemination (AI):			after the deductible
- Intravaginal insemination (IVI)			
- Intracervical insemination (ICI)			
- Intrauterine insemination (IUI)			
Semen analysis			
Hysterosalpingogram			
Hormone evaluation			
Notes:			
<ul> <li>Infertility is the inability of an individual to conceive or produce conception during a period of 1 year if the female is age 35 or younger, or during a period of 6 months if the female is over the age of 35, or having a medical or other demonstrated condition that is recognized by a Plan physician as a cause</li> </ul>			
of infertility.			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Infertility services (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
• For coverage of fertility drugs, see Section 5 (f), Covered medications and supplies.	50% of our allowance	50% of our allowance	50% of our allowance after the deductible
Standard fertility preservation for iatrogenic infertility, such as:	50% of our allowance	50% of our allowance	50% of our allowance after the deductible
Retrieval of sperm and eggs			
<ul> <li>Cryopreservation</li> </ul>			
• Storage for preserved specimen for 1 year after a covered preservation procedure even if your enrollment ends			
Not covered: These exclusions apply to fertile as well as infertile individuals or couples:	All charges	All charges	All charges
<ul> <li>Assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures, such as:</li> </ul>			
- In vitro fertilization (IVF)			
- Embryo transfer, gamete intra-fallopian transfer (GIFT) and zygote intra-fallopian transfer (ZIFT)			
Services and supplies related to excluded ART procedures			
<ul> <li>Any charges associated with donor eggs or donor sperm</li> </ul>			
Any charges associated with cryopreservation, unless listed as covered above for iatrogenic infertility			
<ul> <li>Any charges associated with thawing and storage of frozen sperm and eggs, unless listed as covered above for iatrogenic infertility</li> </ul>			
Allergy care	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Testing and treatment	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing	\$15 per primary care office visit
Note: See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.		for children through age 17)	\$40 per specialty care office visit
an office visit.		\$35 per specialty care office visit	
Allergy injections	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Allergy Serum			
Not covered: any testing or treatment that does not meet Plan protocols	All charges	All charges	All charges

Benefit Description		You pay	
Treatment therapies	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Chemotherapy and radiation therapy  Note: High dose chemotherapy in association with autologous bone marrow transplants are	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care for individual office visit (nothing for children through age	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care
limited to those transplants listed under Organ/ Tissue Transplants Section 5(b).		17) \$35 per specialty care	office visit
Respiratory and inhalation therapy		office visit	
<ul> <li>Cardiac rehabilitation following qualifying event/condition</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Dialysis – hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Infusion therapy in a medical office or outpatient hospital facility</li> </ul>			
• Ultraviolet light treatments			
Notes:			
• See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.			
• See Section 5(f), Prescription drugs for coverage of growth hormone therapy drugs.			
• See Section 5(e), Professional services, for coverage of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).			
Infusion therapy at home: Professional services of physicians and other healthcare professionals, equipment and supplies	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Infusion therapy at home: Medication	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Amino acid modified products for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism, such as phenylketonuria (PKU)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
• Enteral supplements and formula when it is the sole or an essential source of nutrition	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance
Note: See Section 5(a), Durable medical equipment (DME) for coverage of equipment and supplies.			
• Parenteral supplements and formula when it is the sole source or essential source of nutrition	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Note: See Section 5(a), Durable medical equipment (DME) for coverage of equipment and supplies.			
Not covered: over-the-counter formulas	All charges	All charges	All charges

Benefit Description		You pay	
Physical and occupational therapies	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Up to 60 combined visits for rehabilitative or habilitative care per condition per calendar year for physical, occupational, massage, pulmonary, and speech therapy. Services must be provided by qualified physical, occupational, speech, pulmonary or massage therapists.  This visit limit does not apply to rehabilitative or habilitative care for the treatment of mental health conditions, including neurodevelopmental therapy.	\$25 per individual office visit \$12 per group office visit See Section 5(c) for Hospital charges	\$25 per primary care individual and \$12 per primary care group office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  \$35 per specialty care individual and \$17 per specialty care group office visit  See Section 5(c) for Hospital charges	\$15 per primary care individual and \$7 per primary care group office visit  \$40 per specialty care individual and \$20 per specialty care group office visit  See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.  See Section 5(c) for Hospital charges
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Long-term rehabilitative therapy			
Exercise programs			
Speech therapy	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Up to 60 combined visits for rehabilitative or habilitative care per condition per calendar year for physical, occupational and speech therapy. Services must be provided by qualified physical, occupational, speech or massage therapists.  This visit limit does not apply to rehabilitative or habilitative care for the treatment of mental health conditions, including neurodevelopmental therapy.	\$25 per individual office visit \$12 per group office visit See Section 5(c) for Hospital charges	\$25 per primary care individual and \$12 per primary care group office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  \$35 per specialty care individual and \$17 per specialty care group office visit  See Section 5(c) for Hospital charges	\$15 per primary care individual and \$7 per primary care group office visit  \$40 per specialty care individual and \$20 per specialty care group office visit  See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.  See Section 5(c) for hospital charges
Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
For treatment related to illness or injury, including evaluation and diagnostic hearing	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through	\$15 per primary care office visit

Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies) - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Hearing services (testing, treatment, and supplies) (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Notes: For coverage of hearing screenings, see Section 5(a), <i>Preventive care, children</i> , and, for any other hearing testing, see Section 5(a), <i>Diagnostic and treatment services</i> .	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  \$35 per specialty care office visit	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit
<ul> <li>Hearing aids</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>For coverage of bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA), see Section 5(a), Orthopedic and prosthetic devices.</li> <li>For audible prescription reading and speech generating devices, see Section 5(a), Durable medical equipment.</li> <li>Covered hearing aids include bone conduction hearing devices but does not include over-the-counter hearing aids.</li> <li>Coverage for minors under the age of 18 is available after they have received medical clearance within the last six (6) months from either an otolaryngologist for an initial evaluation of hearing loss or from a licensed physician when it is determined there has not been a significant change in clinical status after the initial evaluation by an otolaryngologist.</li> </ul>	All charges in excess of \$3,000 for one hearing aid per ear every 36 months	All charges in excess of \$3,000 for one hearing aid per ear every 36 months	All charges in excess of \$3,000 for one hearing aid per ear every 36 months
Not covered: Over-the-counter hearing aids	All charges	All charges	All charges
Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
When dispensed through a Plan facility, contact lenses or eyeglasses are covered when medically necessary for eye pathology, including following cataract surgery.  Note: Replacement lenses for eye pathology, including following cataract surgery will be provided only when needed due to change in your medical condition and will be replaced only one time within any 12 month period.  • Eye exam to determine the need for vision correction  • Annual eye exams or refractions  Notes:  • See Section 5(a), <i>Preventive care, children</i> for eye exams for children.	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17) \$35 per specialty care office visit	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit

Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies) - continued on next page

Benefit Description	You pay		
Vision services (testing, treatment, and supplies) (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
See Section 5(a), <i>Diagnostic and treatment services</i> , Procedures received during an office visit.	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  \$35 per specialty care office visit	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Eyeglasses except as provided above			
<ul> <li>Contacts lenses and related supplies including examinations and fittings for them, except as provided above</li> </ul>			
Eye exercises and orthoptics			
Evaluations and surgical procedures to correct refractions which are not related to eye pathology including complications			
Foot care	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Routine foot care when you are under active treatment for a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease, such as diabetes  Notes:	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17)	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit
<ul> <li>See Orthopedic and prosthetic devices for information on podiatric shoe inserts</li> </ul>		\$35 per specialty care office visit	
• See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
• Cutting, trimming or removal of corns, calluses, or the free edge of toenails, and similar routine treatment of conditions of the foot, except as stated above			
• Treatment of weak, strained or flat feet or bunions or spurs; and of any instability, imbalance or subluxation of the foot (unless the treatment is by open cutting surgery)			
Orthopedic and prosthetic devices	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Artificial limbs and eyes	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance
Prosthetic sleeve or sock			after the deductible
<ul> <li>Externally worn breast prostheses and surgical bras, including necessary replacements, following a mastectomy</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Ostomy supplies necessary for the removal of bodily secretions or waste through an artificial opening</li> </ul>			

Orthopedic and prosthetic devices - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Orthopedic and prosthetic devices (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Auditory osseointegrated implants/bone anchored health assistance (BAHA) and cochlear implants	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance after the deductible
Intraocular lenses			
Occlusal splints (including fittings) for non- dental treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) pain dysfunction syndrome			
• Therapeutic shoe inserts for severe diabetic foot disease			
<ul> <li>Braces, such as back, knee, and leg braces, but not dental braces</li> </ul>			
• Internal prosthetic devices, such as artificial joints, pacemakers, and surgically implanted breast implant following mastectomy.			
Note: We pay internal prosthetic devices as hospital benefits; see Section 5(c) for payment information. See Section 5(b) for coverage of the surgery to insert the device.			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
<ul> <li>orthopedic and corrective shoes, arch supports, foot orthotics, heel pads and heel cups</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>lumbosacral supports</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>corsets, trusses, elastic stockings, support hose, and other supportive devices</li> </ul>			
• cost of artificial or mechanical hearts			
<ul> <li>orthopedic and prosthetic replacements provided except when medically necessary</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>replacement of devices, equipment and supplies due to loss, theft, breakage or damage</li> </ul>			
Durable medical equipment (DME)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
We cover rental or purchase of durable medical equipment, at our option, including repair and adjustment. Covered items include:	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance after the deductible
Hospital beds			
Standard wheelchairs			
• Crutches			
• Walkers			
<ul> <li>Speech generating devices</li> </ul>			
• Canes			
<ul><li>Oxygen and oxygen equipment for home use</li><li>Nasal CPAP device</li></ul>			

Durable medical equipment (DME) - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Durable medical equipment (DME) (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Blood glucose monitors</li> <li>External insulin pumps</li> <li>Medically necessary replacement of supplies</li> </ul>	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance	20% of our allowance after the deductible
<ul><li>Peak flow meter</li><li>Glucometer</li></ul>	20% our allowance	20% our allowance	20% our allowance
One breastfeeding pump and supplies per delivery, including equipment that is required for pump functionality	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
Note: Equipment and supplies to support dyads with breastfeeding difficulties are also covered.			
Ultraviolet light treatment equipment			
Not covered:  • Motorized wheelchairs except when approved by the medical director as medically necessary	All charges	All charges	All charges
Replacement of devices, equipment and supplies due to loss, theft, breakage or damage			
Wigs/hair prosthesis			
Home health services	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
• Home healthcare ordered by a Plan physician and provided by a registered nurse (R.N.), physical therapist, occupational therapist or speech therapist. Home health services require the skill of one of the listed providers based on the complexity of the service and the condition of the patient.	Nothing 20% for oxygen therapy	Nothing 20% for oxygen therapy	Nothing 20% for oxygen therapy after the deductible
<ul> <li>Services may include oxygen therapy, intravenous therapy or services provided by a Social Worker, licensed practical nurse (L. P.N.), licensed vocational nurse (L.V.N.), or home health aide, when provided in connection with the skilled services described above</li> </ul>			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
• Nursing care requested by, or for the convenience of the patient or the patient's family			
Home care primarily for personal assistance, custodial care or maintenance care that is not diagnostic, therapeutic, or rehabilitative			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Chiropractic	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Up to 20 treatments per calendar year for manipulation of spine and extremities  Note: See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per office visit (nothing for children through age 17)	\$15 per primary care office visit  \$40 per specialty care office visit
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Maintenance therapy			
Care given on a non-acute asymptomatic basis			
Services provided for the convenience of the member			
Alternative treatments	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Acupuncture services – Self referral to a licensed or certified acupuncture practitioner for up to 8 visits per medical diagnosis per calendar year. Additional visits must meet Plan protocols and be authorized in advance by your Plan.  • anesthesia • pain relief • substance use disorder - unlimited • dry needling  Naturopathic services – Self referral to a Plan provider for up to 3 visits per medical diagnosis per calendar year. Additional visits must meet Plan protocols and be authorized in advance by your Plan.  Note: See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17) \$35 per specialty care office visit	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit
<ul> <li>Not covered:</li> <li>Maintenance therapy</li> <li>Vitamins</li> <li>Food supplements</li> <li>Care given on a non-acute asymptomatic basics</li> <li>Services provided for the convenience of the member</li> <li>Hypnotherapy</li> <li>Biofeedback</li> <li>Botanical and herbal medicines</li> </ul>	All charges	All charges	All charges

Benefit Description	You pay		
Educational classes and programs	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Tobacco cessation programs, including individual, group and phone counseling, prescribed over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco cessation.</li> <li>See Section 5(f), Prescription Drug Benefits, for important information about coverage of</li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
tobacco cessation and other drugs.			
Diabetes self-management	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care	\$15 per primary care
<ul> <li>Routine nutritional counseling</li> </ul>		office visit (nothing for children through	office visit
Note: See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and		age 17)	\$40 per specialty care office visit
treatment services, Procedures received during an office visit.		\$35 per specialty care office visit	

## Section 5(b). Surgical and Anesthesia Services Provided by Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals

#### Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.
- We have no calendar year deductible for High Option and Standard Option.
- The calendar year deductible for Prosper is \$250 per person (\$500 per family). The calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We added "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your Cost for Covered Services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.
- The cost-sharing listed below applies to services billed by a physician or other healthcare professional for your surgical care. See Section 5(a) for cost-sharing you pay for services performed during an office visit or 5(c) for cost-sharing you pay for services in an inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center facility
- YOUR PROVIDER MUST GET PRIOR APPROVAL FOR SOME SURGICAL PROCEDURES. Please refer to the precertification information shown in Section 3 to be sure which services require precertification and identify which surgeries require precertification.

Benefit Description

You pay

Note: The Prosper calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We say "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.

Surgical procedures	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
A comprehensive range of services, such as:  • Operative procedures	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
• Treatment of fractures, including casting			
<ul> <li>Normal pre- and post-operative care by the surgeon</li> </ul>			
• Correction of amblyopia and strabismus			
<ul> <li>Endoscopy procedures</li> </ul>			
Biopsy procedures			
<ul> <li>Removal of tumors and cysts</li> </ul>			
• Correction of congenital anomalies (see <i>Reconstructive surgery</i> )			
• Insertion of internal prosthetic devices. See Section 5(a) – "Orthopedic and prosthetic devices" for device coverage information			
<ul> <li>Voluntary sterilization (e.g., tubal ligation, vasectomy)</li> </ul>			
• Treatment of burns			
Non-routine Circumcision			

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Benefit Description		You pay	
Surgical procedures (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Note: Generally, we pay for internal prostheses (devices) according to where the procedure is done. For example, we pay Hospital benefits for a pacemaker and Surgery benefits for insertion of the pacemaker.	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Surgical treatment of severe obesity (bariatric surgery).			
Note: Visit <a href="https://www.kp.org/feds">www.kp.org/feds</a> to get a list of criteria you must meet to qualify for bariatric surgery. You must meet these qualifications before your Plan provider will refer you to our bariatric surgery program. This program may refer you to other Plan providers to determine if you meet the additional criteria necessary for bariatric surgery, including nutritional, psychological, medical and social readiness for surgery. Final approval for surgical treatment will be required from the Kaiser Permanente clinical review physician.			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Reversal of voluntary sterilization			
• Routine treatment of conditions of the foot; see Foot care			
Devices related to sexual dysfunction			
Services for the promotion, prevention or other treatment of hair loss or hair growth			
<ul> <li>Cosmetic surgery, any surgery procedure (or any portion of the procedure) performed primarily to improve physical appearance through change in bodily form</li> </ul>			
Cost of an artificial or mechanical heart			
Weight loss programs			
Adjustable gastric banding, Laparoscopic or Open			
Bilio-pancreatic bypass			
Distal gastric bypass			
• Duodenal Switch			
Mini-gastric bypass			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Reconstructive surgery	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
	High Option Nothing		Prosper  Nothing after the deductible
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.			
Gender Affirming Surgery			
Not covered: Cosmetic surgery – any surgical procedure (or any portion of a procedure) performed primarily to improve physical appearance through change in bodily form, except repair of accidental injury	All charges	All charges	All charges
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Oral surgical procedures, limited to:</li> <li>Reduction of fractures of the jaws or facial bones</li> <li>Surgical correction of cleft lip, cleft palate or severe functional malocclusion</li> <li>Removal of stones from salivary ducts</li> <li>Excision of malignancies</li> <li>Excision of non-dental cysts and incision of non-dental abscesses when done as independent procedures;</li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible

Oral and maxillofacial surgery - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Oral and maxillofacial surgery (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Medical and surgical treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorder (non-dental); and	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Other surgical procedures that do not involve the teeth or their supporting structures			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Oral implants including preparation for implants and transplants			
Procedures that involve the teeth or their supporting structures (such as the periodontal membrane, gingiva, and alveolar bone)			
Correction of any malocclusion not listed above			
Organ/tissue transplants	High Option	<b>Standard Option</b>	Prosper
These <b>solid organ transplants</b> are subject to medical necessity and experimental/investigational review by the Plan. Refer to Section 3, <i>How you get care</i> , for authorization procedures. Solid organ tissue transplants are limited to:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Autologous pancreas islet cell transplant (as an adjunct to total or near total pancreatectomy) only for patients with chronic pancreatitis			
• Cornea			
• Heart			
Heart-lung			
Intestinal transplants			
- Isolated small intestine			
- Small intestine with the liver			
- Small intestine with multiple organs, such as the liver, stomach, and pancreas			
• Kidney			
Kidney-pancreas			
• Liver			
Lung: Single/bilateral/lobar			
• Pancreas			
These tandem blood or marrow stem cell transplants for covered transplants are subject to medical necessity review by the Plan. Refer to Section 3 for prior authorization procedures.	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Autologous tandem transplants for:			

Organ/tissue transplants - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
- AL Amyloidosis	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the
- Multiple myeloma (de novo and treated)			deductible
- Recurrent germ cell tumors (including testicular cancer)			
Blood or marrow stem cell transplants The Plan extends coverage for the diagnoses as indicated below.	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Allogeneic transplants for:			
- Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic (i.e., myelogenous [myeloid]) leukemia			
- Hodgkin's lymphoma (relapsed)			
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (relapsed)			
- Advanced neuroblastoma			
- Chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)			
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT)			
- Hemoglobinopathies (e.g., thalassemias, Sickle cell disease)			
- Infantile malignant osteopetrosis			
- Kostmann's syndrome			
- Leukocyte adhesion deficiencies			
- Marrow Failure and Related Disorders (i.e., Fanconi's, Pure Red Cell Aplasia)			
- Mucolipidosis (e.g., Gaucher's disease, metachromatic leukodystrophy, adrenoleukodystrophy)			
- Mucopolysaccharidosis (e.g., Hunter's syndrome, Hurler's syndrome, Sanfilippo's syndrome, Maroteaux Lamy syndrome variants)			
- Myelodysplasia/Myelodysplastic syndromes			
- Myeloproliferative disorders			
- Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria			
- Severe combined immunodeficiency			
- Severe Aplastic Anemia			
- Sickle cell anemia			
- X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome			
Autologous transplants for:			
- Hodgkin's lymphoma (relapsed)			
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (relapsed)			
- Amyloidosis			
- Ewing sarcoma			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
- Hematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT)	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
- Immune deficiency diseases other than SCID (e.g., Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, Kostmann's Syndrome, Leukocyte Adhesion Deficiencies) not amenable to more conservative treatments			
- Medulloblastoma			
- Multiple myeloma			
- Neuroblastoma			
- Phagocytic/Hemophagocytic deficiency diseases			
- Pineoblastoma			
<ul> <li>Testicular, mediastinal, retroperitoneal, and ovarian germ cell tumors</li> </ul>			
- Waldenstrom's macroglobulin			
Limited benefits The following autologous blood or bone marrow stem cell transplants may be provided in a National Cancer Institute (NCI) or National Institutes of Health (NIH)-approved clinical trial at a Plan-designated Center of Excellence. These limited benefits are not subject to medical necessity.	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
• Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic (i.e., myelogenous) leukemia			
Beta Thalassemia Major			
Breast cancer			
<ul> <li>Childhood rhabdomyosarcoma</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)</li> </ul>			
Chronic lymphocytic leukemia			
<ul> <li>Chronic lymphocytic lymphoma/small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL) relapsed/refractory disease</li> </ul>			
Chronic myelogenous leukemia			
• Early stage (indolent or non-advanced) small cell lymphocytic lymphoma			
<ul> <li>Epithelial ovarian cancer</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>High-grade (Aggressive) non-Hodgkin's lymphomas (Mantle Cell lymphoma, adult T- cell leukemia/lymphoma, peripheral T-cell lymphomas and aggressive Dendritic Cell neoplasms)</li> </ul>			
High-risk Ewing sarcoma			
<ul> <li>High risk childhood kidney cancers</li> </ul>			
Hodgkin's lymphoma			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul><li> Multiple myeloma</li><li> Multiple sclerosis</li></ul>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Myeloproliferative Disorders			
Myelodysplasia/Myelodysplastic Syndromes			
Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma			
Sarcomas			
Sickle Cell			
Systemic lupus erythematosus			
Systemic sclerosis			
Scleroderma			
• Scleroderma-SSc (severe, progressive)			
Mini-transplants performed in a Clinical Trial Setting (non-myeloblative, reduced intensity conditioning).	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
• Allogeneic transplants for:			
- Acute lymphocytic or non-lymphocytic (i.e., myelogenous) leukemia			
- Acute myeloid leukemia			
<ul> <li>Advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma with recurrence (relapsed)</li> </ul>			
- Advanced non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with recurrence (relapsed)			
<ul> <li>Advanced Myeloproliferative Disorders (MPDs)</li> </ul>			
- Amyloidosis			
<ul> <li>Chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma (CLL/SLL)</li> </ul>			
- Hemoglobinopathy			
<ul> <li>Marrow Failure and Related Disorders (i.e. Fanconi's, Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria, Pure Red Cell Aplasia)</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Myelodysplasia/Myelodysplastic syndromes</li> </ul>			
- Paroxysmal Nocturnal Hemoglobinuria			
- Severe combined immunodeficiency			
- Severe or very severe aplastic anemia			
• Autologous transplants for:			
- Acute lymphocytic or nonlymphocytic (i.e., myelogenous) leukemia			
<ul> <li>Advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma with recurrence (relapsed)</li> </ul>			
- Advanced non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with recurrence (relapsed)			

Benefit Description	You pay		
Organ/tissue transplants (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
- Amyloidosis - Neuroblastoma	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Notes:	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit	Applies to this benefit
<ul> <li>We cover related medical and hospital expenses of the donor when we cover the recipient. We cover donor testing for the actual solid organ donor or up to four bone marrow/stem cell transplant donors in addition to the testing of family members.</li> </ul>			
• We cover medically necessary routine dental services in preparation for chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and transplants. Covered services may include a routine oral examination, cleaning (prophylaxis), extractions, and X-rays. You pay costsharing listed in Section 5(a) for services performed during an office visit.			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Donor screening tests and donor search expenses, except as shown above			
• Implants of artificial organs			
Transplants not listed as covered			
Anesthesia	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Professional services provided in –	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after
Hospital (inpatient)			the deductible
<ul> <li>Skilled nursing facility</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Hospital outpatient department</li> </ul>			
Ambulatory surgical center			
• Provider's office			

# Section 5(c). Services Provided by a Hospital or Other Facility, and Ambulance Services

## Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.

Benefit Description

- We have no calendar year deductible for High Option and Standard Option.
- The calendar year deductible for Prosper is \$250 per person (\$500 per family). The calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We added "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your Cost for Covered Services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.
- 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 in Sections 5(a) or (b).
- YOUR PROVIDER MUST GET PRIOR APPROVAL FOR HOSPITAL STAYS. Please refer to Section 3 to be sure which services require precertification.

Note: The Prosper calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We say "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.			
Inpatient hospital	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Room and board, such as:	\$350 per admission	\$750 per admission	\$350 per day up to
Semiprivate room accommodations			\$1,050 per admission after the deductible
<ul> <li>Special care units such as intensive care or cardiac units</li> </ul>			after the deductible
General nursing care			
Meals and special diets			
Note: If you want a private room when it is not medically necessary, you pay the additional charge above the semiprivate room rate.			
Other hospital services and supplies, such as:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the
<ul> <li>Operating, recovery, maternity, and other treatment rooms</li> </ul>			deductible
<ul> <li>Prescribed drugs and medications</li> </ul>			
Diagnostic laboratory tests and X-rays			
Administration of blood and blood products			
<ul> <li>Blood and blood derivatives</li> </ul>			
Donor human milk provided through a milk bank			
<ul> <li>Dressing, splints, casts, and sterile tray services</li> </ul>			
Medical supplies and equipment, including oxygen			

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Benefit Description	You pay		
Inpatient hospital (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Anesthetics, including nurse anesthetist services	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
<ul> <li>Take-home items</li> <li>Medical supplies, appliances, medical equipment, and any covered items billed by a hospital for use at home</li> </ul>	According to the benefit of the specific item you take home, i.e., hospital bed, pharmacy items, etc.	According to the benefit of the specific item you take home, i.e., hospital bed, pharmacy items, etc.	According to the benefit of the specific item you take home, i.e., hospital bed, pharmacy items, etc.
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
<ul> <li>Custodial care, rest cures, domiciliary or convalescent care</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Non-covered facilities, such as nursing home, schools</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Personal comfort items, such as phone, television, barber services, guest meals and beds</li> </ul>			
• Private nursing care, except when medically necessary			
Outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical center	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Operating, recovery, and other treatment rooms	\$75 per day	\$150 per day	\$250 per day after the deductible
<ul> <li>Prescribed drugs and medications administered at the facility</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Diagnostic laboratory tests, X-rays, and pathology services</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Administration of blood, blood plasma, and other biologicals</li> </ul>			
Blood and blood derivatives			
Pre-surgical testing			
• Dressings, casts, and sterile tray services			
<ul> <li>Medical supplies, including oxygen</li> </ul>			
Anesthetics and anesthesia service			
Note: We cover hospital services and supplies related to dental procedures when necessitated by a non-dental physical impairment. We do not cover the dental procedures.			

Benefit Description		You pay	
Rehabilitative facility	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Up to 2 months of physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy – per condition per calendar year	\$350 per inpatient hospitalization per person	\$750 per inpatient hospitalization per person	\$350 per inpatient hospitalization per person per day up to \$1,050 after the deductible
Not covered: Long-term rehabilitative therapy	All charges	All charges	All charges
Skilled nursing care facility benefits	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Skilled nursing facility (SNF) benefit: When full-time skilled nursing care is necessary and confinement in a skilled nursing facility is medically appropriate as determined by a Plan doctor and authorized by the Plan, you will receive up to 100 days per calendar year.	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Custodial care			
• Rest cures			
<ul> <li>Domiciliary or convalescent care</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Personal comfort items such as phone or television</li> </ul>			
Hospice care	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Supportive and palliative care for a terminally ill member is covered in the home or a hospice facility. Services could include:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing after the deductible
Inpatient and outpatient care			
• Drugs			
<ul> <li>Biologicals</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Medical appliances and supplies that are used primarily for the relief of pain and symptom management</li> </ul>			
Family counseling			
These services are provided under the direction of a Plan doctor who certifies that the patient is in the terminal stages of illness, with a life expectancy of approximately 6 months or less.			
Not covered: Independent nursing, homemaker services	All charges	All charges	All charges

Benefit Description		You pay	
Ambulance	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Local licensed ambulance services when medically necessary.	20% of our allowance	\$100 per trip	20% of our allowance
Note: See Section 3, You need prior Plan approval for certain services and Section 5(d), Emergency services/Accidents			
Not covered: Transportation by car, taxi, bus, gurney van, wheelchair van, and any other type of transportation (other than a licensed ambulance), even if it is the only way to travel to a Plan provider	All charges	All charges	All charges

## Section 5(d). Emergency Services/Accidents

#### Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.
- We have no calendar year deductible for High Option and Standard Option.
- The calendar year deductible for Prosper is \$250 per person (\$500 per family). The calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We added "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your Cost for Covered Services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.

#### What is a medical emergency?

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

#### What to do in case of emergency:

**Emergencies within our service area:** If you are in an emergency situation, go to the nearest hospital emergency room. In extreme emergencies, contact the local emergency system (e.g., the 911 phone system) or go to the nearest hospital emergency room. Remember, it is your responsibility to notify the Plan.

If you need to be hospitalized in a non-Plan facility, the Plan must be notified within 48 hours by calling the Plan notification line at 888-457-9516, unless it was not reasonably possible to do so. If you are hospitalized in a non-Plan facility and a Plan doctor believes that better care can be provided in a Plan hospital, you will be transferred when medically feasible with ambulance charges covered in full. If you have questions about acute illnesses other than emergencies, you should call your primary care provider.

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

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

If you are admitted to an in-Plan hospital or designated facility directly from the emergency room, we will waive the Emergency Room copayment. An observation bed is an extension of the emergency room and is not considered an inpatient admission.

**Emergencies outside our service area:** Benefits are available for any medically necessary health service that is immediately required because of injury or unforeseen illness.

If you need to be hospitalized, the Plan must be notified within 48 hours or on the first working day following your admission, unless it was not reasonably possible to do so. If you are hospitalized in a non-Plan facility and a Plan doctor believes that better care can be provided in a Plan hospital, you will be transferred when medically feasible with ambulance charges covered in full.

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

Benefit Description		You pay	
Emergency within our service area	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Emergency or urgent care at a Plan doctor's office</li> <li>Emergency or urgent care at a Plan urgent care center</li> <li>Note: See Section 5(a), <i>Diagnostic and treatment services</i> for procedures received during an office visit</li> </ul>	\$25 per office visit	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17) \$35 per specialty care office visit	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit
<ul> <li>Emergency care at a Plan or Plan designated emergency department</li> <li>Emergency care at a non-Plan facility, including doctors' services</li> <li>Notes:</li> <li>If you receive emergency care and then are transferred to an observation bed or status, you pay the emergency services cost-sharing.</li> <li>If you are admitted as an inpatient, we will waive your emergency room copayment and you will pay your cost-sharing related to your inpatient hospital stay.</li> </ul>	\$100 per member per visit	\$150 per member per visit	\$200 per member per visit after the deductible
Not covered: Elective care or non-emergency care	All charges	All charges	All charges
Emergency outside our service area	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Emergency or urgent care at a doctor's office</li> <li>Emergency or urgent care at an urgent care center</li> <li>Note: See Section 5(a), <i>Diagnostic and treatment services</i> for procedures received during an office visit</li> </ul>	\$25 per member per visit	\$25 per primary care services office visit (nothing for children through age 17) \$35 per specialty care services office visit	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit
Emergency care at a hospital, including doctors' services  Note: If you receive emergency care and then are transferred to an observation bed or status, you pay the emergency services cost-sharing. If you are admitted as an inpatient, we will waive your emergency room copayment and you will pay your cost-sharing related to your inpatient hospital stay.	\$100 per member per visit	\$150 per member per visit	\$200 per member per visit after the deductible
<ul> <li>Not covered:</li> <li>Elective care or non-emergency care</li> <li>Emergency care provided outside the service area if the need for care could have been foreseen before leaving the service area</li> </ul>	All charges	All charges	All charges

Emergency outside our service area - continued on next page

Benefit Description	You pay		
Emergency outside our service area (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Medical and hospital costs resulting from a normal full-term delivery of a baby outside the service area	All charges	All charges	All charges
Ambulance	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Licensed ambulance service when medically necessary	20% of charges	\$100 per trip	20% of charges
<ul> <li>Notes:</li> <li>See Section 5(c) for nonemergency service.</li> <li>Trip means any time an ambulance is summoned on your behalf.</li> </ul>			
Not covered:  • Transportation by car, taxi, bus, gurney van, wheelchair van, and any other type of transportation (other than a licensed ambulance), even if it is the only way to travel to a Plan provider  • Air and sea ambulance when not medically necessary	All charges	All charges	All charges

You pay

## Section 5(e). Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Benefits

#### Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:

- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Plan physicians must provide or arrange your care.

**Benefit Description** 

- We have no calendar year deductible for High Option and Standard Option.
- The calendar year deductible for Prosper is \$250 per person (\$500 per family). The calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We added "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your Cost for Covered Services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.
- We will provide medical review criteria or reasons for treatment plan denials to enrollees, members or providers upon request or as otherwise required.
- 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.

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Note: The Prosper calendar year deductible applies to some benefits in this Section. We say "after the deductible" when the calendar year deductible applies.				
High Option	Standard Option	Prosper		
Your cost-sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions.	Your cost-sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions.	Your cost-sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or condition		
\$25 per individual therapy office visit  Nothing per group therapy office visit  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage	\$25 per individual therapy office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  Nothing per group therapy office visit  Nothing for diagnostic tests  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage.	\$15 per individual therapy office visit  Nothing per group therapy office visit  See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services for procedures received during an office visit  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage		
	Your cost-sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions.  \$25 per individual therapy office visit  Nothing per group therapy office visit  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug	Your cost-sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions.  \$25 per individual therapy office visit Nothing per group therapy office visit See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage  Your cost-sharing responsibilities are no greater than for other illnesses or conditions.  \$25 per individual therapy office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  Nothing per group therapy office visit Nothing for diagnostic tests  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug		

Benefit Description		You pay	
Professional Services (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy for the treatment of autism spectrum disorder or a developmental disability</li> <li>Electroconvulsive therapy</li> <li>Crisis intervention and stabilization for acute episodes</li> </ul>	\$25 per individual therapy office visit  Nothing per group therapy office visit  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage	\$25 per individual therapy office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  Nothing per group therapy office visit  Nothing for diagnostic tests  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage.	\$15 per individual therapy office visit  Nothing per group therapy office visit  See Section 5(a), Diagnostic and treatment services for procedures received during an office visit  See Section 5(f) for mental health prescription drug coverage
Diagnostics	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Outpatient diagnostic tests provided and billed by a licensed mental health and substance use disorder practitioner</li> <li>Outpatient diagnostic tests provided and billed by a laboratory, hospital or other covered facility</li> <li>Inpatient diagnostic tests provided and billed by a hospital or other covered facility</li> </ul>	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing for lab \$50 per visit for X-ray and imaging \$150 per visit for MRI/CT/PET Scan
Inpatient hospital or other covered facility	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Inpatient services provided and billed by a hospital or other covered facility  • Room and board, such as semiprivate or intensive accommodations, general nursing care, meals and special diets, and other hospital services  • Hospitalization (including inpatient professional services)  • Detoxification  • Diagnostic tests  • Diagnostic evaluation  • Consultation services  • Residential treatment	\$350 per person per hospitalization	\$750 per person per hospitalization	\$350 per day up to \$1,050 after the deductible

Benefit Description	You pay		
Outpatient hospital or other covered facility	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Outpatient services provided and billed by a hospital or other covered facility  • Services in approved treatment programs, such as partial hospitalization	\$25 per office visit.  \$25 per day for partial hospitalization; no day limit.	\$25 per primary care office visit (nothing for children through age 17)  \$35 per specialty care office visit.  \$25 per day for partial hospitalization; no day limit. (nothing for children through age 17)	\$15 per primary care office visit \$40 per specialty care office visit \$15 per day for partial hospitalization
Not Covered	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>Mental health inpatient and outpatient treatment that the Plan excludes are:</li> <li>Psychiatric evaluation or therapy that is court ordered as a condition of parole or probation unless determined by a Plan provider to be necessary and appropriate</li> <li>Psychological testing that is not medically necessary</li> <li>Services that are custodial in nature</li> <li>Assessment and treatment services that are primarily vocational and academic in nature (i.e., educational testing)</li> <li>Services provided under a Federal, state, or local government</li> <li>Services rendered or billed by a school or a member of its staff</li> <li>Treatment not authorized by a Plan provider, provided by the Plan, or specifically contracted for by the Plan</li> </ul>	All charges	All charges	All charge

## **Section 5(f) Prescription Drug Benefits**

## Important things you should keep in mind about these benefits:

- We cover prescribed drugs and medications, as described in the chart beginning on the next page.
- Please remember that all benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions in this brochure and are payable only when we determine they are medically necessary.
- Your prescribers must obtain prior approval/authorizations for certain prescription drugs and supplies before coverage applies. Prior approval/authorization must be renewed periodically.
- Federal law prevents the pharmacy from accepting unused medications.
- We have no calendar year pharmacy deductible.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your Cost for Covered Services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.

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

- Who can write your prescription. A licensed physician or dentist, and in states allowing it, licensed/certified providers with prescriptive authority prescribing within their scope of practice.
- Where you can obtain them. You must fill the prescription at a Plan pharmacy.
- We use a managed formulary. Prescriptions written by Plan physicians are dispensed in accordance with the Plan's drug formulary. A drug formulary is a list of preferred pharmaceutical products that our pharmacists and physicians have developed to assure that you receive quality prescription drugs at a reasonable price. We describe any additional coverage requirements and limits in our FEHB drug formulary. These may include step therapy, prior authorization, quantity limits, drugs that can only be obtained at certain specialty pharmacies, or other requirements and limits described in our formulary. Non-formulary drugs will be covered only if based on medical necessity and if prescribed by a Plan doctor. For information about specific formulary drugs, please call Member Services at 888-901-4636.
- · We classify MOST drugs into one of five "tier categories"
  - Tier 1 includes generic formulary drugs, including preventive generic drugs. Usually represents the lowest copays.
  - Tier 2 generally includes brand formulary and preferred brand drugs. Usually represents brand or middle-range copays.
  - Tier 3 may include all other covered drugs not on tiers 1 and 2 (i.e., non-formulary or non-preferred).
  - Tier 4 includes preferred specialty drugs.
  - Tier 5 includes non-preferred specialty drugs.
- A generic equivalent to a brand name drug will be dispensed if it is available. If your physician believes that a name brand product is medically necessary, or if there is no generic equivalent available, your physician may prescribe a name brand drug. You pay a higher copayment when a brand name drug is prescribed. If you elect to purchase a brand name drug instead of the generic equivalent (if available), you will be responsible for paying the difference in cost in addition to the prescription drug cost share.

- These are the dispensing limitations. Prescription drugs prescribed by Plan doctors and filled at Plan pharmacies will be dispensed for up to a 30-day supply. You will be required to pay a copayment for each 30-day supply. If your prescription is written for more than a 30-day supply, such as a 90-day supply, you are responsible for three copayments, one for each 30-day supply. For prescribed hormonal contraceptives, you may obtain up to a 12-month supply at a Plan pharmacy or through our mail-delivery program. You may obtain up to 120 condoms per 90-day period. We cover episodic drugs prescribed to treat sexual dysfunction disorder up to a maximum of 8 doses in any 30-day period or 24 in any 90-day period. If you have a new prescription for a chronic condition, you may request a coordination of medications so that medications for chronic conditions are refilled on the same schedule (synchronized). Cost-shares for the initial fill of the medication will be adjusted if the fill is less than the standard quantity. Plan members called to active military duty (or members in time of national emergency) who need to obtain prescribed medications should call Member Services at 888-901-4636. Most drugs can be mailed from our mail order pharmacy. Some drugs (for example, drugs that are extremely high cost, require special handling, have standard packaging or requested to be mailed outside of the state of Washington) may not be eligible for mailing and/or a mail order discount. The pharmacy may reduce the day supply dispensed if the pharmacy determines that the item is in limited supply in the market or for specific drugs (your Plan pharmacy can tell you if a drug you take is one of these drugs).
- Why use generic drugs? Generic drugs offer a safe and economic way to meet your prescription drug needs. The generic name of a drug is its chemical name; the name brand is the name under which the manufacturer advertises and sells that drug. They must contain the same active ingredients and must be equivalent in strength and dosage to the original brand-name product. Under Federal law, generic and name brand drugs must meet the same standards for safety, purity, strength, and effectiveness. Generic drugs cost you and your plan less money than a name-brand drug.

Benefit Description	You pay		
Covered medications and supplies	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
<ul> <li>We cover the following medications and supplies prescribed by a Plan physician and obtained from a Plan pharmacy:</li> <li>Drugs (including injectables) for which a prescription is required by Federal law</li> <li>Insulin</li> <li>Diabetic supplies limited to: <ul> <li>Disposable needles, syringes, lancets, urine and blood glucose testing reagents; a copayment charge applies per item per each 30-day supply</li> <li>Compound dermatological preparations</li> <li>Disposable needles and syringes for the administration of covered prescribed medications</li> <li>Drugs to treat gender dysphoria, including hormones and androgen blockers</li> </ul> </li> <li>Notes: <ul> <li>Intravenous fluids and medication for home use are covered under Section 5(a), <i>Treatment therapies</i></li> <li>Allergy serums are covered under Section 5 (a), <i>Allergy care</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	\$20 for generic formulary drugs or \$40 for brand name formulary drugs (including insulin and diabetic supplies), per prescription unit or refill for up to a 30-day supply or 100-unit supply, whichever is less; or one commercially prepared unit (i.e., one inhaler, one vial ophthalmic medication or insulin).  \$60 for non-formulary drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.  25% coinsurance up to \$200 per 30-day supply for preferred specialty drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.	\$5 for preventive generic formulary drugs, \$20 for all other generic formulary drugs, or \$40 for brand name formulary drugs (including insulin and diabetic supplies), per prescription unit or refill for up to a 30-day supply or 100-unit supply, whichever is less; or one commercially prepared unit (i.e., one inhaler, one vial ophthalmic medication or insulin).  \$60 for non-formulary drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.  25% coinsurance up to \$200 per 30-day supply for preferred specialty drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.	\$5 for preventive generic formulary drugs, \$20 for all other generic formulary drugs or \$60 for brand name formulary drugs (including insulin and diabetic supplies), per prescription unit or refill for up to a 30-day supply or 100-unit supply, whichever is less; or one commercially prepared unit (i.e., one inhaler, one vial ophthalmic medication or insulin).  \$100 for nonformulary drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.  35% coinsurance up to \$300 per 30-day supply for preferred specialty drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.

Covered medications and supplies - continued on next page

Benefit Description		You pay	
Covered medications and supplies (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
	50% coinsurance up to \$500 per 30-day supply for non- preferred specialty drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.	50% coinsurance up to \$500 per 30-day supply for non- preferred specialty drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.	50% coinsurance up to \$500 per 30-day supply for non- preferred specialty drugs when prescribed by a Plan doctor.
	Note: You pay no more than \$35 for up to a 30-day supply of insulin.	Note: You pay no more than \$35 for up to a 30-day supply of insulin.	Note: You pay no more than \$35 for up to a 30-day supply of insulin.
<ul> <li>Mail Order Drug Program</li> <li>Prescription medications mailed to your home by the Kaiser Permanente mail order pharmacy. (Mail order issues up to a 90-day supply)</li> </ul>	2 times the applicable prescription drug copayment for a supply of 90 days or less of each prescription or refill.	2 times the applicable prescription drug copayment for a supply of 90 days or less of each prescription or refill.	2 times the applicable prescription drug copayment for a supply of 90 days or less of each prescription or refill.
	Mail order not available for specialty drugs.	Mail order not available for specialty drugs.	Mail order not available for specialty drugs.
Contraceptive drugs and devices as listed in the ACA/HRSA site. Contraceptive coverage is available at no cost to FEHB members. The contraceptive benefit includes at least one option in all methods of contraception (as well as the screening, education, counseling, and follow-up care). Any contraceptive that is not already available without cost sharing on the formulary can be accessed through the contraceptive exceptions process described below.  • We cover contraceptive drugs and devices, including implanted contraceptive devices, diaphragms, hormonal contraceptive	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
methods, and prescribed FDA approved over-the-counter women's contraceptives and devices.			
<ul> <li>We cover non-preferred contraceptives if they would otherwise be covered, and a Plan provider receives an approved drug formulary exception.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>We cover prescribed FDA approved over- the-counter women's contraceptives and devices when prescribed by a Plan provider and obtained at a Plan pharmacy.</li> </ul>			
Limited benefits:  • Drugs to aid in tobacco cessation when prescribed and dispensed as part of our designated tobacco cessation program.	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing

Benefit Description		You pay	
Covered medications and supplies (cont.)	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
Sexual dysfunction drugs	50% coinsurance	50% coinsurance	50% coinsurance
Fertility drugs, including drugs for in vitro fertilization  Note: For in vitro fertilization only, we cover fertility drugs prescribed by non-Plan providers when obtained at a Plan pharmacy.	50% of our allowance (If it is medically necessary to administer medication during an office visit, the medication is included in the office visit copayment.)	50% of our allowance (If it is medically necessary to administer medication during an office visit, the medication is included in the office visit copayment.)	50% of our allowance after the deductible (If it is medically necessary to administer medication during an office visit, the medication is included in the office visit copayment.)
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
Drugs available without a prescription or for which there is an over-the-counter (nonprescription) equivalent available			
Drugs obtained at a non-Plan pharmacy except when due to an out-of-area emergency			
• Vitamins and nutritional substances not listed as a covered benefit even if a physician prescribes or administers them, including dietary formulas and special diets, except for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism; total parenteral; and enteral nutrition therapy			
Oral nutritional supplements			
<ul> <li>Medical supplies such as dressings, antiseptics, etc.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Experimental drugs, devices, and biological products</li> </ul>			
Drugs for cosmetic purposes			
Drugs to enhance athletic performance			
Replacement of lost or stolen drugs, medications, or devices			
Drugs related to non-covered services, except as stated above			
Note: Over-the-counter and prescription drugs approved by the FDA to treat tobacco dependence are covered under the Tobacco cessation benefit. (See Section 5(a))			

Benefit Description	You pay		
Preventive care medications	High Option	<b>Standard Option</b>	Prosper
The following are covered:	Nothing	Nothing	Nothing
<ul> <li>Aspirin to reduce the risk of heart attack</li> <li>Oral fluoride for children to reduce the risk of tooth decay</li> </ul>			
Folic acid for women to reduce the risk of birth defects			
Medications to reduce the risk of breast cancer			
Note: Preventive medications with a USPSTF recommendation of A or B are covered without cost-share when prescribed by a healthcare professional and filled by a Plan pharmacy. These may include some over-the-counter vitamins, nicotine replacement medications, and low dose aspirin for certain patients. For current recommendations go to <a href="https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/BrowseRec/Index/browse-recommendations">www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/BrowseRec/Index/browse-recommendations</a>			
Not covered:	All charges	All charges	All charges
• Prescriptions filled at a non-Plan pharmacy except for emergencies as described in Section 5(d), Emergency services/accidents			
Vitamins, nutritional, herbal supplements that can be purchased without a prescriptions, unless they are included in our drug formulary or listed as covered above or below			
<ul> <li>Over-the-counter, unless they are included in our drug formulary or listed as covered above</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Prescription drugs not on our drug formulary, unless approved through an exception process</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Any requested packaging of drugs other than the dispensing pharmacy's standard packaging</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Replacement of lost, stolen, damaged prescription, drugs, and accessories</li> </ul>			
Drugs related to non-covered services			

## Section 5(g). Dental benefits

## Important things you should 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.
- If you are enrolled in a Federal Employees Dental/Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) Dental Plan, your FEHB Plan will be First/Primary payor of any Benefit payment and your FEDVIP Plan is secondary to your FEHB Plan. See Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.
- We cover hospitalization for dental procedures only when a non-dental physical impairment exists which makes hospitalization necessary to safeguard the health of the patient. See Section 5(c) for inpatient hospital benefits.
- Be sure to read Section 4, *Your Cost for Covered Services*, for valuable information about how cost-sharing works. Also read Section 9, *Coordinating benefits with Medicare and other coverage*.

Benefit Description	You pay		
Dental benefits	High Option	Standard Option	Prosper
We have no other dental benefits.	All charges	All charges	All charges

## Section 5(h). Wellness and Other Special Features

Feature	Description
Flexible benefits option	Under the flexible benefits option, we determine the most effective way to provide services.
	• We may identify medically appropriate alternatives to regular contract benefits as a less costly alternative. If we identify a less costly alternative, we will ask you to sign an alternative benefits agreement that will include all of the following terms in addition to other terms as necessary. Until you sign and return the agreement, regular contract benefits will continue.
	Alternative benefits will be made available for a limited time period and are subject to our ongoing review. You must cooperate with the review process.
	By approving an alternative benefit, we do not guarantee you will get it in the future.
	• The decision to offer an alternative benefit is solely ours, and except as expressly provided in the agreement, we may withdraw it at any time and resume regular contract benefits.
	• If you sign the agreement, we will provide the agreed-upon alternative benefits for the stated time period (unless circumstances change). You may request an extension of the time period, but regular contract benefits will resume if we do not approve your request.
	<ul> <li>Our decision to offer or withdraw alternative benefits is not subject to OPM review under the disputed claims process. However, if at the time we make a decision regarding alternative benefits, we also decide that regular contract benefits are not payable, then you may dispute our regular contract benefits decision under the OPM disputed claim process (see Section 8).</li> </ul>
High risk pregnancies	Early intervention is a hallmark of Kaiser Permanente's prenatal care program. Prenatal care screenings can help detect or prevent many adverse health outcomes and identify members with high-risk pregnancies. In Kaiser Permanente's patient-centered model of care, the care plan for patients with high-risk pregnancies is determined based on the patient's unique needs and condition. This may include ultrasounds, fetal monitoring, and/or additional in-person prenatal visits, and supportive touchpoints with nurses or other care coordinators.
Services for deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired	We provide a TTY/text phone number at: 711. Sign language services are also available.
Services from other Kaiser Permanente regions	When you visit a different Kaiser Foundation Health Plan service area, you can receive visiting member services from designated providers in that area. Visiting member services are subject to the terms, conditions, and cost-sharing described in this FEHB brochure. Certain services are not covered as a visiting member. Visiting member services are described in our visiting member brochure. For more information about receiving visiting member services, including provider and facility locations in other Kaiser Permanente services areas, please call our Washington Visiting Member Services at 800-466-4296 or visit wa.kaiserpermanente.org/html/public/services/traveling.
Travel benefit	Kaiser Permanente's travel benefits for Federal employees provide you with outpatient follow-up and/or continuing medical and mental health and substance use disorder care when you are temporarily (for example, on a temporary work assignment or attending school) outside your home service area by more than 100 miles and outside of any other Kaiser Permanente service area. These benefits are in addition to your emergency services/accident benefits and include:

- Outpatient follow-up care necessary to complete a course of treatment after a covered emergency. Services include removal of stitches, a catheter, or a cast.
- Outpatient continuing care for covered services for conditions diagnosed and treated within the previous 12 months by a Kaiser Permanente healthcare provider or affiliated Plan provider. Services include dialysis and prescription drug monitoring.

You pay the applicable copayment for each follow-up and/or continuing care office visit. This amount will be deducted from the reimbursement we make to you or to the provider. We limit our payment for this travel benefit to no more than \$2,000 each calendar year. For more information about this benefit, call our Member Services Call Center at 888-901-4636 (TTY: 711). File claims as shown in Section 7.

The following are a few examples of services not included in your travel benefits coverage:

- · Nonemergency hospitalization
- · Infertility treatments
- Medical and hospital costs resulting from a normal full-term delivery of a baby outside the service area
- Durable medical equipment (DME)
- · Prescription drugs
- Home health services

## **Non-FEHB Benefits Available to Plan Members**

The benefits on this page are not part of the FEHB contract or premium, and you cannot file a FEHB disputed claim about them. The fees you pay for these services do not count toward FEHB deductibles or catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximums. These programs and materials are the responsibility of the Plan, and all appeals must follow their guidelines. For additional information contact the plan at 877-KP4-FEDS (877-574-3337) (TTY: 711).

#### Eyewear Discount - www.kp.org/wa/eyecare

**Vision hardware discount** members get discounts on vision hardware including eyeglasses, prescription sunglasses and contact lenses once per year. Call Member Services at 888-901-4636, or go online to <a href="www.kp.org/wa/eyecare">www.kp.org/wa/eyecare</a> for more information.

#### Health classes and programs - www.kp.org/classes

As a Kaiser Permanente member, you can sign up for in-person, over-the-phone, and online wellness programs and classesdesigned to help you achieve your health goals. All sessions are taught by your team of experts who walk you through how to make actionable lifestyle changes.

## Fitness deals - www.kp.org/exercise

As a Kaiser Permanente member, you can stay fit with a variety of reduced rates on studios, gyms, fitness gear, and online classes.

- ClassPass makes it easier for you to work out from anywhere. ClassPass partners with 40,000 gyms and studios around the world and offers a range of classes including yoga, dance, cardio, boxing, Pilates, boot camp, and more. You can get unlimited on-demand video workouts at no cost and reduced rates on membership plans to book in-person fitness classes and reserve gym time.
- 'Active&Fit' Direct<sup>®</sup>. As a Kaiser Permanente member, you get access to more than 11,600 gyms with one membership when you sign up for an 'Active&Fit' Direct "standard network" membership., You can visit any of the participating fitness centers in the nationwide 'Active&Fit' Direct network. Additional "premium network" gyms may be available for additional costs.
- ChooseHealthy® provides you with reduced rates on a variety of fitness, health, and wellness products. This includes activity trackers, online tools to help manage your health, workout apparel, and exercise equipment.

#### Emotional Wellness or Coaching Apps - www.kp.org/selfcareapps

Kaiser Permanente members get access to wellness apps that can help you navigate life's challenges and receive support for emotional wellness. Get help with anxiety, stress, sleep, relationships, and more, anytime you need it.

- Calm is an app for meditation and sleep designed to lower stress, reduce anxiety, and more. You can choose from more than 100 programs and activities, including guided meditations, sleep stories, and mindful movement videos.
- myStrength allows you to build a personalized plan. You can set mental health goals, learn coping skills, track your progress over time, and make positive changes.
- ginger allows you to text one-on-one with an emotional support coach anytime, anywhere, for up to 90 days each year. You can discuss goals, share challenges, and create an action plan with your coach.

## Section 6. General Exclusions - Services, Drugs and Supplies We Do Not Cover

The exclusions in this section apply to all benefits. There may be other exclusions and limitations listed in Section 5 of this brochure. Although we may list a specific service as a benefit, we will not cover it unless it is medically necessary to prevent, diagnose, or treat your illness, disease, injury, or condition. For information on obtaining prior approval for specific services, such as transplants, see Section 3, You need prior Plan approval for certain services.

We do not cover the following:

- When a service is not covered, all services, drugs, or supplies related to the non-covered service are excluded from
  coverage, except when specifically stated as covered in this brochure or for services we would otherwise cover to treat
  complications of the non-covered service or services from other Kaiser Permanente plans (see Emergency services/
  accidents and special features).
- Fees associated with non-payment (including interest), missed appointments and special billing arrangements.
- Care by non-Plan providers except for authorized referrals or emergencies (see Emergency services/accidents).
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive while you are not enrolled in this Plan.
- Services, drugs, or supplies 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 (see specifics regarding transplants).
- Services, drugs, or supplies related to abortions, except you pay nothing 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 you receive from a provider or facility barred from the FEHB Program.
- Services, drugs, or supplies you receive without charge while in active military service.
- Services or supplies we are prohibited from covering under the Federal Law.

## Section 7. Filing a Claim for Covered Services

This section primarily deals with post-service claims (claims for services, drugs, or supplies you have already received). See Section 3 for information on pre-service claims procedures (services, drugs, or supplies requiring prior Plan approval), including urgent care claim procedures. When you see Plan providers, receive services at Plan hospitals and facilities, or fill your prescription drugs at Plan pharmacies, you will not have to file claims. Just present your identification card and pay your applicable cost-shares.

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 and hospital benefits

In most cases, providers and facilities file claims for you. Providers must file on the form CMS-1500, Health Insurance Claim Form. Facilities will file on the UB-04 form. For claims questions and assistance, contact us at 888-901-4636 or at our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/wa.">www.kp.org/wa</a>.

When you must file a claim – such as for services you received outside of the Plan's service area – submit it on the CMS-1500 or a claim form that includes the information shown below. Bills and receipts should be itemized and show:

- Covered member's name, date of birth, address, phone number and ID number
- Name and address of the provider 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 payor such as the Medicare Summary Notice (MSN)
- · Receipts, if you paid for your services.

Note: Canceled checks, cash register receipts or balance due statements are not acceptable substitutes for itemized bills.

**Submit your claims to:** Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Claims Administration, P.O. Box 30766, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0766

Phone: 888-901-4636

#### Prescription drugs

Outpatient drugs and medicines obtained at non-Plan pharmacies are not covered; except when due to an out of area emergency.

**Submit your claims to:** Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Claims Administration, P.O. Box 30766, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0766

Phone: 888-901-4636

#### Other supplies or services

**Submit your claims to:** Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Claims Administration, P.O. Box 30766, Salt Lake City, UT 84130-0766

Phone: 888-901-4636

## 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.

## Post-service claims procedures

We will notify you of our decision within 30 days after we receive your post-service claim. If matters beyond our control require an extension of time, we may take up to an additional 15 days for review and we will notify you before the expiration of the original 30-day period. Our notice will include the circumstances underlying the request for the extension and the date when a decision is expected.

If we need an extension because we have not received necessary information from you, our notice will describe the specific information required and we will allow you up to 60 days from the receipt of the notice to provide the information.

If you do not agree with our initial decision, you may ask us to review it by following the disputed claims process detailed in Section 8 of this brochure.

#### Authorized Representative

You may designate an authorized representative to act on your behalf for filing a claim or to appeal claims decisions to us. For urgent care claims, we will permit a healthcare professional with knowledge of your medical condition to act as your authorized representative without your express consent. For the purposes of this section, we are also referring to your authorized representative when we refer to you.

#### **Notice Requirements**

If you live in a county where at least 10% of the population is literate only in a non-English language (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services), we will provide language assistance in that non-English language. You can request a copy of your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement, related correspondence, oral language services (such as phone customer assistance), and help with filing claims and appeals (including external reviews) in the applicable non-English language. The English versions of your EOBs and related correspondence will include information in the non-English language about how to access language services in that non-English language.

Any notice of an adverse benefit determination or correspondence from us confirming an adverse benefit determination will include information sufficient to identify the claim involved (including the date of service, the healthcare provider, and the claim amount, if applicable), and a statement describing the availability, upon request, of the diagnosis and procedure codes

### **Section 8. The Disputed Claims Process**

You may appeal directly to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) if we do not follow required claims processes. For more information or to make an inquiry about situations in which you are entitled to immediate appeal to OPM, including, including additional requirement not listed in Sections 3, 7, and 8 of this brochure please call your plan's customer service representative at the phone number found on your enrollment card, plan brochure, or plan website.

Please follow this Federal Employees Health Benefits Program disputed claims process if you disagree with our decision on your post-service claim (a claim where services, drugs or supplies have already been provided). In Section 3 *If you disagree with our pre-service claim decision*, we describe the process you need to follow if you have a claim for services, referrals, drugs or supplies that must have prior Plan approval, such as inpatient hospital admissions.

To help you prepare your appeal, you may arrange with us to review and copy, free of charge, all relevant materials and Plan documents under our control relating to your claim, including those that involve any expert review(s) of your claim. To make your request, please contact our Member Services Department by writing to P.O. Box 34593, Seattle, WA 98124-1593 or calling 866-458-5479.

Our reconsideration will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by you relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

When our initial decision is based (in whole or in part) on a medical judgment (i.e., medical necessity, experimental/investigational), we will consult with a healthcare professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment and who was not involved in making the initial decision.

Our reconsideration will not take into account the initial decision. The review will not be conducted by the same person, or their subordinate, who made the initial decision.

We will not make our decisions regarding hiring, compensation, termination, promotion, or other similar matters with respect to any individual (such as a claims adjudicator or medical expert) based upon the likelihood that the individual will support the denial of benefits.

**Step Description** 

- 1 Ask us in writing to reconsider our initial decision. You must:
  - a) Write to us within 6 months from the date of our decision; and
  - b) Send your request to us at: Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington, Member Appeal Department, P.
  - O. Box 34593, Seattle, WA 98124-1593, 866-458-5479; and
  - c) Include a statement about why you believe our initial decision was wrong, based on specific benefit provisions in this brochure; and
  - d) Include copies of documents that support your claim, such as physicians' letters, operative reports, bills, medical records, and explanation of benefits (EOB) forms.
  - e) Include your email address (optional for member), if you would like to receive our decision via email. Please note that by giving us your email, we may be able to provide our decision more quickly.

We will provide you, free of charge and in a timely manner, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by us or at our direction in connection with your claim and any new rationale for our claim decision. We will provide you with this information sufficiently in advance of the date that we are required to provide you with our reconsideration decision to allow you a reasonable opportunity to respond to us before that date. However, our failure to provide you with new evidence or rationale in sufficient time to allow you to timely respond shall not invalidate our decision on reconsideration. You may respond to that new evidence or rationale at the OPM review stage described in step 4.

- 2 In the case of a post-service claim, we have 30 days from the date we receive your request to:
  - a) Pay the claim or
  - b) Write to you and maintain our denial or
  - c) Ask you or your provider for more information

You or your provider must send the information so that we receive it within 60 days of our request. We will then decide within 30 more days.

If we do not receive the information within 60 days we will decide within 30 days of the date the information was due. We will base our decision on the information we already have. We will write to you with our decision.

3 If you do not agree with our decision, you may ask OPM to review it.

You must write to OPM within:

- 90 days after the date of our letter upholding our initial decision; or
- 120 days after you first wrote to us -- if we did not answer that request in some way within 30 days; or
- 120 days after we asked for additional information.

Write to OPM at: United States Office of Personnel Management, Healthcare and Insurance, Federal Employee Insurance Operations, FEHB 3, 1900 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20415-3630.

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.
- Your email address, if you would like to receive OPM's decision via email. Please note that by providing your email address, you may receive OPM's decision more quickly.

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. However, for urgent care claims, a healthcare professional with knowledge of your medical condition may act as your authorized representative without your express consent.

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

4 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 or notifyyouof the statusofOPM'sreview 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 file a lawsuit, 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 file a lawsuit 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 you did not indicate that your claim was a claim for urgent care, then call us at 888-901-4636. We will expedite our review (if we have not yet responded to your claim); or we will inform OPM so they can quickly review your claim on appeal. You may call OPM's FEHB 3 at 202-606-0737 between 8am and 5pm Eastern Time.

Please remember that we do not make decisions about plan eligibility issues. For example, we do not determine whether you or a family member is covered under this plan. You must raise eligibility issues with your Agency personnel/payroll office if you are an employee, your retirement system if you are an annuitant or the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs if you are receiving Workers' Compensation benefits.

### Section 9. Coordinating Benefits with Medicare and Other Coverage

## When you have other health coverage

You must tell us if you or a covered family member has coverage under any other health plan or has automobile insurance that pays healthcare 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 payor and the other plan pays a reduced benefit as the secondary payor. We, like other insurers, determine which coverage is primary according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) guidelines. For more information on NAIC rules regarding the coordinating of benefits, visit our website at <a href="https://www.kp.org/wa">www.kp.org/wa</a>.

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

When we are the secondary payor, we will determine our allowance. After the primary plan processes the benefit, we will pay what is left of our allowance, up to our regular benefit, except you must pay cost sharing described in this FEHB brochure (See Sections 4 and 5. Members with Medicare should also see Section 9). We will not pay more than our allowance.

#### TRICARE and CHAMPVA

TRICARE is the healthcare 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 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 or employing 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 TRICARE or CHAMPVA.

#### • Workers' Compensation

Every job-related injury or illness should be reported as soon as possible to your supervisor. Injury also means any illness or disease that is caused or aggravated by the employment as well as damage to medical braces, artificial limbs and other prosthetic devices. If you are a federal or postal employee, ask your supervisor to authorize medical treatment by use of form CA-16 before you obtain treatment. If your medical treatment is accepted by the Dept. of Labor Office of Workers' Compensation (OWCP), the provider will be compensated by OWCP. If your treatment is determined not job-related, we will process your benefit according to the terms of this plan, including use of in-network providers. Take form CA-16 and form OWCP-1500/HCFA-1500 to your provider, or send it to your provider as soon as possible after treatment, to avoid complications about whether your treatment is covered by this plan or by OWCP.

We do not cover services that:

- You (or a covered family member) 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.

#### 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 or employing 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

Our right to pursue and receive subrogation and reimbursement recoveries is a condition of, and a limitation on, the nature of benefits or benefit payments and on the provision of benefits under our coverage.

If you have received benefits or benefit payments as a result of an injury or illness and you or your representatives, heirs, administrators, successors, or assignees receive payment from any party that may be liable, a third party's insurance policies, your own insurance policies, or a workers' compensation program or policy, you must reimburse us out of that payment. Our right of reimbursement extends to any payment received by settlement, judgment, or otherwise.

We are entitled to reimbursement to the extent of the benefits we have paid or provided in connection with your injury or illness. However, we will cover the cost of treatment that exceeds the amount of the payment you received.

Reimbursement to us out of the payment shall take first priority (before any of the rights of any other parties are honored) and is not impacted by how the judgment, settlement, or other recovery is characterized, designated, or apportioned. Our right of reimbursement is not subject to reduction based on attorney fees or costs under the "common fund" doctrine and is fully enforceable regardless of whether you are "made whole" or fully compensated for the full amount of damages claimed.

We may, at our option, choose to exercise our right of subrogation and pursue a recovery from any liable party as successor to your rights.

If you do pursue a claim or case related to your injury or illness, you must promptly notify us and cooperate with our reimbursement or subrogation efforts.

If you need more information, contact Member Services toll-free at 888-901-4636 for our subrogation procedures.

When you have Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Plan (FEDVIP) coverage Some FEHB plans already cover some dental and vision services. When you are covered by more than one vision/dental plan, coverage provided under your FEHB plan remains as your primary coverage. FEDVIP coverage pays secondary to that coverage. When you enroll in a dental and/or vision plan on <a href="https://www.BENEFEDS.com"><u>Www.BENEFEDS.com</u></a> or by phone at 877-888-3337, (TTY 877-889-5680), you will be asked to provide information on your FEHB plan so that your plans can coordinate benefits. Providing your FEHB information may reduce your out-of-pocket cost.

Clinical Trials

An approved clinical trial includes a phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and is either Federally funded; conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration; or is a drug trial that is exempt from the requirement of an investigational new drug application.

If you are a participant in a clinical trial, this health plan may provide related care as follows, if it is not provided by the clinical trial:

- Routine care costs costs for routine services such as doctor visits, lab tests, X-rays
  and scans, and hospitalizations related to treating the patient's condition, whether the
  patient is in a clinical trial or is receiving standard therapy. This plan does not cover
  these costs when provided as part of the clinical trial, except when Kaiser Foundation
  Health Plan of Washington's exception to clinical trial exclusion criteria are met.
- Extra care costs costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of the trial, but not as part of the patient's routine care. This plan does not cover these costs.
- Research costs costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as research
  physician and nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for
  research purposes. These costs are generally covered by the clinical trials. This plan
  does not cover these costs.

#### When you have Medicare

For more detailed information on "What is Medicare?" and "Should I Enroll in Medicare?" please contact Medicare at 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), (TTY: 877-486-2048) or at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>.

 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.

All physicians and other providers are required by law to file claims directly to Medicare for members with Medicare Part B, when Medicare is primary. This is true whether or not they accept Medicare.

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.

Claims process when you have the Original Medicare Plan – You will probably not need to file a claim form when you have both our Plan and the Original Medicare Plan.

When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first.

When Original Medicare is the primary payor, Medicare processes your claim first. In most cases, your claim will be coordinated automatically and we will then provide secondary benefits for covered charges. To find out if you need to do something to file your claim, call us at 888-901-4636.

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

- Tell us about your Medicare coverage
- You must tell us if you or a covered family member has Medicare coverage, and let us obtain information about services denied or paid under Medicare if we ask. You must also tell us about other coverage you or your covered family members may have, as this coverage may affect the primary/secondary status of this Plan and Medicare.
- Medicare Part B premium reimbursement

We offer two programs designed to help members with their Medicare Part B premium.

The first program is called, "Medicare Advantage 2." For each month you are enrolled in Medicare Advantage 2, have Medicare Parts A and B and are enrolled in Medicare Advantage for Federal Members, you will be reimbursed up to \$150 (up to \$1,800 per year) of your Medicare Part B monthly premium. Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage for Federal Members is a Medicare Advantage HMO plan approved by Medicare.

In addition to reimbursing you for the Part B monthly premium we will cover additional benefits, including lower copays for office visits and inpatient hospitalization.

You may enroll in the Medicare Advantage 2 program if:

- You enroll in the Plan's High Option or Standard Option
- · You live in our Medicare Advantage service area
- You have Medicare Parts A and B and you enroll in Medicare Advantage for Federal Members
- The FEHB subscriber completes an additional application for enrollment in Medicare Advantage 2

For Medicare Advantage 2, reimbursements will begin on the first of the month following receipt of your additional application for enrollment in Medicare Advantage 2. During a calendar year, you may enroll in Medicare Advantage 2 only once. If the FEHB subscriber enrolls in Medicare Advantage 2, each family member who enrolls in Medicare Advantage for Federal Members is required to participate in Medicare Advantage 2. If, for any reason, you do not meet the enrollment requirements for Medicare Advantage 2, you will no longer be eligible to participate in the program. Your reimbursements will end and your regular FEHB High Option or Standard Option benefits will resume. You may be required to repay any reimbursements paid to you in error.

The second program is called, "Medicare Choice for High Option." This program is for High Option members who reside outside Kaiser Permanente's Medicare Advantage service area. You will be reimbursed \$50 of your Medicare Part B monthly premium (up to \$600 per year). We will automatically enroll you in the Medicare Choice for High Option program if:

- You enroll in the Plan's High Option
- We can verify that you have Medicare Parts A and B and you are not enrolled in Medicare Advantage

We encourage you to contact us if you are a High Option member who is retired and have Medicare Parts A and B.

To start your monthly reimbursement, you must provide proof of the amount you pay for your Part B premium to our Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) vendor. The Part B reimbursement will begin the month after you provide proof. If we can independently verify your Medicare Part B enrollment, we may send you an annual reimbursement automatically after the plan year ends.

To learn more about our Medicare programs and how to enroll, call us at 855-366-9013, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 7 days a week, or visit our website at <a href="www.kp.org/feds/wa-core">www.kp.org/feds/wa-core</a>. For TTY for the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired, call 711.

 Medicare Advantage (Part C) If you are eligible for Medicare, you may choose to enroll in and get your Medicare benefits from a Medicare Advantage plan. These are private healthcare choices (like HMOs and regional PPOs) in some areas of the country. To learn more about Medicare Advantage plans, contact Medicare at 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), (TTY: 877-486-2048) or at <a href="https://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a>.

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

This Plan and our Medicare Advantage plan: We offer a Medicare Advantage plan known as Kaiser Permanente Federal Employees Health Benefits Medicare Advantage plan. The Federal Employees Medicare Advantage and Medicare Choice plans enhance your FEHB coverage by lowering cost shares for certain services and/or adding benefits. High and Standard Option members can choose between 2 Medicare Advantage plans: "Medicare Advantage 1" (richest benefits) and "Medicare Advantage 2" (some rich benefits and Part B premium reimbursement). If you live in our Medicare Advantage service area, are a Medicare-eligible retiree, and have Medicare Parts A and B, you can enroll in our Federal Employees Medicare Advantage plan. Enrolling in Medicare Advantage for Federal Members does not change your FEHB premium. Your enrollment in our Federal Employee Medicare Advantage plan is in addition to your FEHB High Option, Standard Option, or Prosper enrollment. If you are considering enrolling in the Federal Employees Medicare Advantage plan, please call us at 800-446-8882 (TTY: 711), 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Note: you must complete an election form to enroll in the Federal Employee Medicare Advantage plan.

With Kaiser Permanente Federal Employees Medicare Advantage and Medicare Choice for High Option, you'll get more coverage, such as lower cost-sharing and additional benefits. This 2024 benefit summary allows you to make a comparison of your choices:

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Deductible

High Option without Medicare You pay: None
High Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: None
High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: None
High Option Medicare Choice You pay: None
Standard Option without Medicare You pay: None

Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: None Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: None

Prosper without Medicare You pay: \$250 individual; \$500 family

Prosper Medicare Advantage You pay: None

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Primary care

High Option without Medicare You pay: \$25 High Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$0 High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$15 High Option Medicare Choice You pay: \$15

Standard Option without Medicare You pay: \$25, except \$0 for children through age 17 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$10, except \$0 for children through age 17 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$20, except \$0 for children through age 17

Prosper without Medicare You pay: \$15 Prosper Medicare Advantage You pay: \$10

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Specialty Care

High Option without Medicare You pay: \$25 High Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$0 High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$15 High Option Medicare Choice You pay: \$15 Standard Option without Medicare You pay: \$35 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$10 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$25

Prosper without Medicare You pay: \$40 Prosper Medicare Advantage You pay: \$35

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Outpatient surgery

High Option without Medicare You pay: \$75 High Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$0 High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$75 High Option Medicare Choice You pay: \$75 Standard Option without Medicare You pay: \$150 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$50 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$100 Prosper without Medicare You pay: \$250 (deductible applies)

Prosper Medicare Advantage You pay: \$200

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Inpatient hospital care

High Option without Medicare You pay: \$350 High Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$0 High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$100/admit

High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$100/admit High Option Medicare Choice You pay: \$100/admit Standard Option without Medicare You pay: \$750/admit Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$100/admit Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$250/admit

Prosper without Medicare You pay: \$350/day up to \$1,050 (deductible applies)

Prosper Medicare Advantage You pay: \$350/day up to \$1,050

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Additional benefits offered

High Option without Medicare: Not applicable

High Option Medicare Advantage 1: Eyewear allowance, hearing aid allowance, Silver&Fit

High Option Medicare Advantage 2: *Silver&Fit*High Option Medicare Choice: Not applicable
Standard Option without Medicare: Not applicable

Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1: Eyewear allowance, hearing aid allowance, Silver&Fit

Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2: Silver&Fit

Prosper without Medicare: Not applicable Prosper Medicare Advantage: Silver&Fit

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Out-of-pocket maximum

High Option without Medicare You pay: \$3,000 self only/\$6,000 family High Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$1,000 self only/\$2,000 family High Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$2,000 self only/\$4000 family High Option Medicare Choice You pay: \$2,000 self only/\$4,000 family Standard Option without Medicare You pay: \$5,000 self only or family

Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1 You pay: \$1,000 self only/\$2,000 family Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2 You pay: \$3,000 self only/\$6,000 family

Prosper without Medicare You pay: \$6,000 self only/\$12,000 family Prosper Medicare Advantage You pay: \$5,000 self only/\$10,000 family

#### 2024 Benefits and Services: Part B Premium reimbursement

High Option without Medicare: \$0 High Option Medicare Advantage 1: \$0 High Option Medicare Advantage 2: \$150 High Option Medicare Choice: \$50 Standard Option without Medicare: \$0 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 1: \$0 Standard Option Medicare Advantage 2: \$150

Prosper without Medicare: \$0 Prosper Medicare Advantage: \$0 This is a summary of the features of the Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage for Federal Members. As a Medicare Advantage member, you are still entitled to coverage under the FEHB Program. All benefits are subject to the definitions, limitations, and exclusions set forth in this FEHB brochure and the Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage for Federal Members Evidence of Coverage.

This Plan and another plan's Medicare Advantage plan: You may enroll in another plan's Medicare Advantage plan and also remain enrolled in our FEHB plan. We will still provide benefits when your Medicare Advantage plan is primary, even out of the Medicare Advantage plan's network and/or service area (if you use our Plan providers). However, we will not waive any of our copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles. If you enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, tell us. We will need to know whether you are in the Original Medicare Plan or in a Medicare Advantage plan so we can correctly coordinate benefits with Medicare.

Suspended FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan: If you are an annuitant or former spouse, you can suspend your FEHB coverage to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, eliminating your FEHB premium. (OPM does not contribute to your Medicare Advantage plan premium.) For information on suspending your FEHB enrollment, contact your retirement or employing 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 Advantage plan's service area.

 Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) When we are the primary payor, we process the claim first. If you enroll in Medicare Part D and we are the secondary payor, we will review claims for your prescription drug costs that are not covered by Medicare Part D and consider them for payment under the FEHB Plan.

Medicare always makes the final determination as to whether they are the primary payor. The following chart illustrates whether Medicare or this Plan should be the primary payor 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. (Having coverage under more than two health plans may change the order of benefits determined on this chart.)

Primary Payor Chart			
A. When you - or your covered spouse - are age 65 or over and have Medicare and you		The primary payor for the individual with Medicare is	
	Medicare	This Plan	
1) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an active employee		✓	
2) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an annuitant or through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓		
3) Have FEHB through your spouse who is an active employee		<b>✓</b>	
4) 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) and you are not covered unde FEHB through your spouse under #3 above	,		
5) 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			
<ul> <li>You have FEHB coverage on your own or through your spouse who is also an active employee</li> </ul>		✓	
You have FEHB coverage through your spouse who is an annuitant	✓		
6) 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) and you are not covered under FEHB through your spouse under #3 above	✓		
7) Are enrolled in Part B only, regardless of your employment status	for Part B services	for other services	
8) Are a Federal employee receiving Workers' Compensation		✓*	
9) Are a Federal employee receiving disability benefits for six months or more	✓		
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)		✓	
<ul> <li>It is beyond the 30-month coordination period and you or a family member are still entitled to Medicare due to ESRD</li> </ul>	✓		
2) Become eligible for Medicare due to ESRD while already a Medicare beneficiary and			
• This Plan was the primary payor before eligibility due to ESRD (for 30 month coordination period)		✓	
<ul> <li>Medicare was the primary payor before eligibility due to ESRD</li> </ul>	✓		
3) Have Temporary Continuation of Coverage (TCC) and			
Medicare based on age and disability	✓		
<ul> <li>Medicare based on ESRD (for the 30 month coordination period)</li> </ul>		✓	
<ul> <li>Medicare based on ESRD (after the 30 month coordination period)</li> </ul>	✓		
C. When either you or a covered family member are eligible for Medicare solely due to disability and you			
1) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an active employee or through a family member who is an active employee		✓	
2) Have FEHB coverage on your own as an annuitant or through a family member who is an annuitant	✓		
D. When you are covered under the FEHB Spouse Equity provision as a former spouse			

<sup>\*</sup>Workers' Compensation is primary for claims related to your condition under Workers' Compensation.

#### Section 10. Definitions of Terms We Use in This Brochure

#### Assignment

An authorization by you (the enrollee or covered family member) that is approved by us (the Carrier), for us to issue payment of benefits directly to the provider.

- We reserve the right to pay you directly for all covered services. Benefits payable under the contract are not assignable by you to any person without express written approval from us, and in the absence of such approval, any assignment shall be void.
- Your specific written consent for a designated authorized representative to act on your behalf to request reconsideration of a claim decision (or, for an urgent care claim, for a representative to act on your behalf without designation) does not constitute an Assignment.
- OPM's contract with us, based on federal statute and regulation, gives you a right to seek judicial review of OPM's final action on the denial of a health benefits claim but it does not provide you with authority to assign your right to file such a lawsuit to any other person or entity. Any agreement you enter into with another person or entity (such as a provider, or other individual or entity) authorizing that person or entity to bring a lawsuit against OPM, whether or not acting on your behalf, does not constitute an Assignment, is not a valid authorization under this contract, and is void.

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.

**Clinical Trials Cost** Categories

Custodial care

An approved clinical trial includes a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition and is either Federally funded; conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration; or is a drug trial that is exempt from the requirement of an investigational new drug application.

- Routine care costs costs for routine services such as doctor visits, lab tests, X-rays and scans, and hospitalizations related to treating the patient's condition whether the patient is in a clinical trial or is receiving standard therapy
- Extra care costs costs related to taking part in a clinical trial such as additional tests that a patient may need as part of the trial, but not as part of the patient's routine care
- Research costs costs related to conducting the clinical trial such as research physician and nurse time, analysis of results, and clinical tests performed only for research purposes. These costs are generally covered by the clinical trials. This plan does not cover these costs.

Coinsurance See Section 4, page 22.

Copayment See Section 4, page 22.

Cost-sharing See Section 4, page 22.

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

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

lasts 90 days or longer is sometimes known as long-term care.

Deductible See Section 4, page 22.

## **Experimental or** investigational service

We do not cover a service, supply, item or drug that we consider experimental, except for the limited coverage specified in Section 9, Clinical trials. We consider a service, supply, item or drug to be experimental when the service, supply, item or drug:

- 1. has not been approved by the FDA; or
- 2. is the subject of a new drug or new device application on file with the FDA; or
- 3. is part of a Phase I or Phase II clinical trial, as the experimental or research arm of a Phase III clinical trial; or is intended to evaluate the safety, toxicity, or efficacy of the service; or
- 4. is available as the result of a written protocol that evaluates the service's safety, toxicity, or efficacy; or
- 5. is subject to the approval or review of an Institutional Review Board; or
- 6. requires an informed consent that describes the service as experimental or investigational.

We carefully evaluate whether a particular therapy is safe and effective or offers a reasonable degree of promise with respect to improving health outcomes. The primary source of evidence about health outcomes of any intervention is peer-reviewed medical or dental literature.

#### Group health coverage

Healthcare 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. Healthcare coverage may be insured or indemnity coverage, self-insured or self-funded coverage, or coverage through health maintenance organizations or other managed care plans. Healthcare coverage purchased through membership in an organization is also "group health coverage".

#### Healthcare professional

A physician or other healthcare professional licensed, accredited, or certified to perform specified health services consistent with state law.

#### Hospice care

Hospice is a program for caring for the terminally ill patient that emphasizes supportive services, such as home care and pain and symptom control, rather than curative care. If you make a hospice election, you are not entitled to receive other healthcare services that are related to the terminal illness. If you have made a hospice election, you may revoke that election at any time, and your standard health benefits will be covered.

#### **Medical necessity**

Medical services or hospital services which are determined by the Plan Medical Director or designee to be:

- a) Rendered for the treatment or diagnosis of an injury or illness; and
- b) Appropriate for the symptoms, consistent with diagnosis, and otherwise in accordance with sufficient scientific evidence and professionally recognized standards; and
- c) Not furnished primarily for the convenience of the Member, the attending physician, or other provider of service.

Whether there is "sufficient scientific evidence" shall be determined by the Plan based on the following: peer-reviewed medical literature; publications, reports, evaluations, and regulations issued by state and federal government agencies; Medicare local carriers, and intermediaries; and such other authoritative medical sources as deemed necessary by the Plan.

## Never event/serious reportable event

Certain Hospital Acquired Conditions, as defined by Medicare, including things like wrong-site surgeries, transfusion with the wrong blood type, pressure ulcers (bedsores), falls or trauma, and nosocomial infections (hospital-acquired infections) associated with surgeries or catheters, that are directly related to the provision of an inpatient covered service at a Plan provider.

#### Observation care

Hospital outpatient services you get while your physician decides whether to admit you as an inpatient or discharge you. You can get observation services in the emergency department or another area of the hospital.

#### Plan allowance

Plan allowance is the amount we use to determine our payment and your coinsurance for covered services. Plans determine their allowances in different ways. We determine our allowance as follows: the charges are consistent with those normally charged to others by the provider or organization for the same services or supplies; and the charges are within the general range of charges made by other providers in the same geographical area for the same services or supplies.

You should also see Important notice about surprise billing – know your rights in Section 4 that describes your protections against surprise billing under the No Surprises Act.

#### Post-service claims

Any claims that are not pre-service claims. In other words, post-service claims are those claims where treatment has been performed and the claims have been sent to us in order to apply for benefits.

#### Pre-service claims

Those claims (1) that require precertification, prior approval, or a referral and (2) where failure to obtain precertification, prior approval, or a referral results in a reduction of benefits.

#### Reimbursement

A carrier's pursuit of a recovery if a covered individual has suffered an illness or injury and has received, in connection with that illness or injury, a payment from any party that may be liable, any applicable insurance policy, or a workers' compensation program or insurance policy, and the terms of the carrier's health benefits plan require the covered individual, as a result of such payment, to reimburse the carrier out of the payment to the extent of the benefits initially paid or provided. The right of reimbursement is cumulative with and not exclusive of the right of subrogation.

#### Subrogation

A carrier's pursuit of a recovery from any party that may be liable, any applicable insurance policy, or a workers' compensation program or insurance policy, as successor to the rights of a covered individual who suffered an illness or injury and has obtained benefits from that carrier's health benefits plan.

#### Surprise bill

An unexpected bill you receive for:

- emergency care when you have little or no say in the facility or provider from whom you receive care, or for
- non-emergency services furnished by non-Plan providers with respect to patient visits to Plan health care facilities, or for
- air ambulance services furnished by non-Plan providers of air ambulance services.

#### Urgent care claims

A claim for medical care or treatment is an urgent care claim if waiting for the regular time limit for non-urgent care claims could have one of the following impacts:

- Waiting could seriously jeopardize your life of health;
- · Waiting could seriously jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function; or
- In the opinion of a physician with knowledge of your medical condition, waiting would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is the subject of the claim.

Urgent care claims usually involve Pre-serve claims and not Post-service claims. We will determine whether or not a claim is an urgent care claim by applying the judgment of a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine.

If you believe your claim qualifies as an urgent care claim, please contact our Customer Service Department, 888-901-4636. You may also prove that your claim is an urgent care claim by providing evidence that a physician with knowledge of your medical condition has determined that your claim involves urgent care.

Us/We Us and we refer to Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington.

You You refers to the enrollee and each covered family member.

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## Summary of Benefits for High Option Kaiser Permanente - Washington Core 2024

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- 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.

<b>High Option Benefits</b>	You pay	Page
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	\$25 per primary care or specialist office visit	28
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic tests, lab and X-ray services	Nothing	29
Services provided by a hospital: Inpatient	\$350 per person per hospitalization	51
Services provided by a hospital: Outpatient	\$75 per procedure or visit	52
<b>Emergency benefits:</b>	\$100 per visit	55
Mental health and substance use disorder treatment:	Regular cost-sharing	58
Prescription drugs (pharmacy, for a 30-day supply per prescription unit or refill):	\$20 for generic prescription; \$40 for brand name prescription; \$60 for non-formulary prescription; 25% up to \$200 per 30-day supply for preferred specialty drugs; 50% up to \$500 per 30-day supply for non-preferred specialty drugs	62
Prescription drugs (mail order, for a 90-day supply or less per prescription unit or refill):	2 times the applicable prescription drug copayment; Mail order not available for specialty drugs	62
Dental care:	Not covered	66
Vision care: Routine eye exam and refractions for eyeglasses	\$25 per office visit.	37
Special features: Flexible benefits option; services for the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired; services from other Kaiser Permanente regions; and travel benefit	See Section 5(h) for more information.	67
Protection against catastrophic costs (out-of-pocket maximum):	Nothing after \$3,000 for Self Only or \$6,000 for Self and Family enrollment per year. Some costs do not count toward this protection	23

# Summary of Benefits for Standard Option Kaiser Permanente - Washington Core 2024

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- We only cover services provided or arranged by Plan physicians, except in emergencies.

Standard Option Benefits	You Pay	Page	
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	\$25 per primary care services (nothing for children through age 17) \$35 per specialty care services office visit		
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic lab and X-ray services	Nothing	29	
Services provided by a hospital: Inpatient	\$750 per person per hospitalization	51	
Services provided by a hospital: Outpatient	\$150 per procedure or visit.	52	
Emergency benefits:	\$150 copayment per visit	55	
Mental health and substance use disorder treatment:	Regular cost-sharing	58	
Prescription drugs (pharmacy, for a 30-day supply per prescription unit or refill):	\$5 for preventive generic drugs, \$20 for all other generic prescriptions; \$40 for brand name prescriptions; \$60 for non-formulary prescription; 25% up to \$200 per 30-day supply for preferred specialty drugs; 50% up to \$500 per 30-day supply for non-preferred specialty drugs		
Prescription drugs (mail order, for a 90-day supply or less per prescription unit or refill):	2 times the applicable prescription drug copayment; Mail order not available for specialty drugs	62	
Dental care:	Not covered	66	
Vision care: Routine eye exam and refractions for eyeglasses	\$25 for primary care services (nothing for children through age 17) \$35 for specialty care services per office visit	37	
Special features: Flexible benefits option; services for the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired; services from other Kaiser Permanente regions; and travel benefit	d of hearing, or s from other Kaiser		
Protection against catastrophic costs (out-of-pocket maximum):	Nothing after \$5,000 for Self Only or \$5,000 for Self and Family enrollment per year. Some costs do not count toward this protection.	23	

### Summary of Benefits for Prosper Kaiser Permanente - Washington Core 2024

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- 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.
- Below an asterisk (\*) means the item is subject to \$250 per person (\$500 per family) calendar year deductible.

Prosper Benefits	You Pay	Page
Calendar year deductible for covered services	\$250 per person \$500 per family	
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic and treatment services provided in the office	\$15 per primary care services \$40 per specialty care services office visit	28
Medical services provided by physicians: Diagnostic lab and X-ray services	Nothing for lab services. \$50 per visit for X-ray services.	29
Services provided by a hospital: Inpatient	\$350 per day up to \$1,500*	51
Services provided by a hospital: Outpatient	\$250 per procedure or visit*	52
Emergency benefits:	\$200 per member per visit*	55
Mental health and substance use disorder treatment:	Regular cost-sharing	58
Prescription drugs (pharmacy, for a 30-day supply per prescription unit or refill):	\$5 for preventive generic drugs, \$20 for all other generic prescriptions; \$60 for brand name prescriptions; \$100 for non-formulary prescription; 35% up to \$300 per 30-day supply for preferred specialty drugs; 50% up to \$500 per 30-day supply for non-preferred specialty drugs	62
Prescription drugs (mail order, for a 90-day supply or less per prescription unit or refill):	2 times the applicable prescription drugs copayment; Mail order not available for specialty drugs	62
Dental Care	Not Covered	66
Vision care: Routine eye exam and refractions for eyeglasses	\$15 for primary care services \$40 for specialty care services per office visit	37
<b>Special features:</b> Flexible benefits option; services for the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired; services from other Kaiser Permanente regions; and travel benefit	See Section 5(h) for more information.	67
Protection against catastrophic costs (out-of-pocket maximum):	Nothing after \$6,000 for Self Only or \$12,000 for Self and Family enrollment per year. Some costs do not count toward this protection.	23

## 2024 Rate Information for Kaiser Permanente - Washington Core

To compare your FEHB health plan options please go to www.opm.gov/fehbcompare.

To review premium rates for all FEHB health plan options please go to <a href="www.opm.gov/FEHBpremiums">www.opm.gov/FEHBpremiums</a> or <a href="www.opm.gov/Tribalpremium">www.opm.gov/Tribalpremium</a>.

Premiums for Tribal employees are shown under the Monthly Premium Rate column. The amount shown under employee pay is the maximum you will pay. Your Tribal employer may choose to contribute a higher portion of your premium. Please contact your Tribal Benefits Officer for exact rates.

		Premium Rate			
		Biweekly		Mor	nthly
Type of Enrollment	Enrollment Code	Gov't Share	Your Share	Gov't Share	Your Share
High Option Self Only	541	\$271.43	\$170.87	\$588.10	\$370.22
High Option Self Plus One	543	\$586.50	\$386.57	\$1,270.75	\$837.57
High Option Self and Family	542	\$646.18	\$326.89	\$1,400.06	\$708.26
Standard Option Self Only	544	\$246.30	\$82.10	\$533.65	\$177.88
Standard Option Self Plus One	546	\$566.50	\$188.83	\$1,227.41	\$409.14
Standard Option Self and Family	545	\$566.50	\$188.83	\$1,227.41	\$409.14
Prosper Self Only	PT4	\$137.71	\$45.90	\$298.37	\$99.45
Prosper Self Plus One	PT6	\$333.56	\$111.18	\$722.70	\$240.90
Prosper Self and Family	PT5	\$385.58	\$128.52	\$835.41	\$278.47