


**Benefit Summary
ASO Choice Plus**

 Highland County Board of DD Medical Plan
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The Benefit Summary is intended only to highlight your Benefits and should not be relied upon to fully determine your coverage. If this Benefit Summary conflicts in any way with the Summary Plan Description (SPD), the SPD shall prevail. It is recommended that you review your SPD for an exact description of the services and supplies that are covered, those which are excluded or limited, and other terms and conditions of coverage.

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Types of Coverage	Network Benefits	Non-Network Benefits
Annual Deductible –		
Individual Deductible	\$1,000 per year	\$5,000 per year
Family Deductible	\$2,000 per year	\$10,000 per year
• Member copayments do not accumulate towards the deductible • All individual deductible amounts will count towards meeting the family deductible, but an individual will not have to pay more than the individual deductible amount.		
Out-of-Pocket Maximum – Combined Medical and Pharmacy		
Individual Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$7,150 per year	10,000 per year
Family Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$14,300 per year	\$20,000 per year
• The Out-of-Pocket Maximum includes the Annual Deductible co-insurance and copayments. • All individual out of pocket amounts will count towards meeting the family out of pocket, but an individual will not have to pay more than the individual out of pocket amount.		
Benefit Plan Coinsurance – The Amount the Plan Pays		
	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met
Lifetime Maximum Benefit		
There is no dollar limit to the amount the Plan will pay for essential Benefits during the entire period you are enrolled in this Plan.	No Lifetime Maximum Benefit	No Lifetime Maximum Benefit
Prescription Drug Benefits		
• Prescription drug benefits are shown under separate cover. Benefits are not payable for Prescriptions until the Deductible above has been met.		
Information of Pre-service Notification		
*Prior Authorization is required for certain services.		
**Prior Authorization is required for Equipment in excess of \$1,000.		
Information on Benefit Limits		
• The Annual Deductible, Out-of-Pocket Maximum and Benefit limits are calculated on a calendar year basis. • All Benefits are reimbursed based on Eligible Expenses. For a definition of Eligible Expenses, please refer to your Summary Plan Description. • When Benefit limits apply, the limit refers to any combination of Network and Non-Network Benefits unless specifically stated in the Benefit category.		

BENEFITS

Types of Coverage	Network Benefits	Non-Network Benefits
Ambulance Services – Emergency and Non-Emergency		
	* 80% after Deductible has been met	* 80% after Network Deductible has been met
Dental Services – Accident Only		
	* 80% after Deductible has been met	* 80% after Network Deductible has been met
Durable Medical Equipment (DME) ¹		
Limited to a single purchase of a type of DME or orthotic every 3 years.	80% after Deductible has been met	**50% after Deductible has been met
Repair and/or replacement of DME or orthotics would apply to this limit in the same manner as a purchase. This limit does not apply to wound vacuums.		
Emergency Health Services - Outpatient		
	\$300 copayment per visit, 80% coinsurance, Deductible applies	\$300 copayment per visit, 80% coinsurance, Deductible applies
Hearing Care		
Limited to a single purchase (including repair/replacement) per hearing impaired ear every	100% Deductible does not apply	**50% after Deductible has been met

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three years. Hearing Testing is unlimited.		
Home Health Care		
Limited to 60 visits per year. One visit equals up to four hours of skilled care services. This visit limit does not include any service which is billed only for the administration of intravenous infusion.	80% after Deductible has been met	* 50% after Deductible has been met

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Hospice Care		
	80% after Deductible has been met	* 50% after Deductible has been met
Hospital – Inpatient Stay		
	80% after Deductible has been met	* 50% after Deductible has been met
Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics - Outpatient		
For Preventive Lab, X-Ray and Diagnostics, refer to the Preventive Care Services category.	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met Prior Authorization is required for sleep studies
Lab, X-Ray and Major Diagnostics – CT, PET, MRI, MRA and Nuclear Medicine - Outpatient		
	You pay a \$500 per occurrence deductible per service prior to and in addition to paying any Annual Deductible and any coinsurance amount 80%*	You pay a \$500 per occurrence deductible per service prior to and in addition to paying any Annual Deductible and any coinsurance amount 50%* Prior Authorization is required
Mental Health Services		
	Inpatient: 80% after Deductible has been met Outpatient: \$15 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	* 50% after Deductible has been met
Neurobiological Disorders - Mental Health Services for Autism Spectrum Disorders		
	Inpatient: 80% after Deductible has been met Outpatient: \$15 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	* 50% after Deductible has been met
Pharmaceutical Products - Outpatient		
This includes medications administered in an outpatient setting, in the Physician's Office or in a Covered Person's home.	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met
Physician Fees for Surgical and Medical Services		
	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met
Physician's Office Services – Sickness and Injury		
Primary Physician Office Visit	Members 20 years and older: \$15 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply Members 19 years and younger: 100%, Deductible or Copay do not apply	50% after Deductible has been met
Specialist Physician Office Visit	\$100 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	50% after Deductible has been met
Pregnancy – Maternity Services		
	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each covered Health Service category in this Benefit Summary.	
		Prior Authorization is required if Inpatient Stay exceeds 48 hours following a normal vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section delivery.
Preventive Care Services		
Covered Health Services include but are not limited to:		

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Primary Physician Office Visit	100% Deductible does not apply.	50% after Deductible has been met
Specialist Physician Office Visit	100% Deductible does not apply.	50% after Deductible has been met
Lab, X-Ray or other preventive tests	100% Deductible does not apply.	50% after Deductible has been met
Prosthetic Devices ¹		
Limited to a single purchase of each type of prosthetic device every 3 years.	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met
Repair and/or replacement of a prosthetic device would apply to this limit in the same manner as a purchase		
Reconstructive Procedures		
	Depending upon where the Covered Health Service is provided, Benefits will be the same as those stated under each Covered Health Service category in this Benefit Summary. Prior Authorization is required.	
Rehabilitation Services – Outpatient Therapy and Manipulative Treatment		
60 visits combined of cognitive rehabilitation, manipulative treatments, occupational, physical, Speech, orthoptic, and post-cochlear implant aural therapy per year. Unlimited visits pulmonary rehabilitation therapy per year. Unlimited visits cardiac rehabilitation therapy per year.	The first three visits for any combination of physical therapy and Manipulative Treatment for new low back pain are not subject to any co-payment, co-insurance or deductible and subject to the annual visit limit. For all other visits, please see the payment information listed below. \$15 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	* 50% after Deductible has been met
Scopic Procedures – Outpatient Diagnostic and Therapeutic		
Diagnostic scopic procedures include, but are not limited to: Colonoscopy; Sigmoidoscopy; Endoscopy For Preventive Scopic Procedures, refer to the Preventive Care Services category.	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met
Skilled Nursing Facility / Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Services		
Benefits are limited as follows: Inpatient Rehab limited to 120 day per calendar year. Skilled Facility limited to 300 days per incident.	80% after Deductible has been met	* 50% after Deductible has been met
Substance Use Disorder Services		
	Inpatient: 80% after Deductible has been met Outpatient: \$15 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	* 50% after Deductible has been met

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Surgery – Outpatient		
	80% after Deductible has been met	50% after Deductible has been met
Transplantation Services		
	* The amount you pay is based on where the covered health care service is provided. <i>For Network Benefits, services must be received at a Designated Facility.</i>	Not Covered
Urgent Care Center Services		
	\$25 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	50% after Deductible has been met
Vision Examinations		
1 Exam Per Year, Covered In-Network Only	\$100 copayment per visit, 100% coinsurance, Deductible does not apply	Not Covered

¹This benefit category contains services/devices that may be Essential or non-Essential Health Benefits as defined by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act depending upon the service or device delivered. A benefit review will take place once the dollar limit is exceeded. If the service/device is determined to be rehabilitative or habitative in nature, it is an Essential Health Benefit and will be paid. If the benefit/device is determined to be non-essential, the maximum will have been met and the claim will not be paid.

MEDICAL EXCLUSIONS	
It is recommended that you review your SPD for an exact description of the services and supplies that are covered, those which are excluded or limited, and other terms and conditions of coverage.	
Alternative Treatments	
Acupressure; aromatherapy; hypnosis; massage therapy; rolfing (holistic tissue massage); art, music, dance, horseback therapy; and other forms of alternative treatment as defined by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health. This exclusion does not apply to Manipulative Treatment and non-manipulative osteopathic care for which Benefits are provided as described in the SPD.	
Dental	
Dental care (which includes dental X-rays, supplies and appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalizations and anesthesia). This exclusion does not apply to dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of	

oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition for which Benefits are available under the Plan as described in the SPD. Dental care that is required to treat the effects of a medical condition, but that is not necessary to directly treat the medical condition, is excluded. Examples include treatment of dental caries resulting from dry mouth after radiation treatment or as a result of medication. Endodontics, periodontal surgery and restorative treatment are excluded. Diagnosis or treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones or gums. Examples include: extraction (including wisdom teeth), restoration, and replacement of teeth; medical or surgical treatment of dental conditions; and services to improve dental clinical outcomes. This exclusion does not apply to accidental-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under Dental Services – Accidental Only in the SPD. Dental implants, bone grafts and other implant-related procedures. This exclusion does not apply to accident-related dental services for which Benefits are provided as described under Dental Services – Accident Only in the SPD. Dental braces (orthodontics). Congenital Anomaly such as cleft lip or cleft palate.
Devices, Appliances and Prosthetics
Devices used specifically as safety items or to affect performance in sports-related activities. Orthotic appliances that straighten or re-shape a body part as described under Durable Medical Equipment (DME) in the SPD. Examples include foot orthotics, cranial banding, or any orthotic braces available over-the-counter. The following items are excluded: blood pressure cuff/monitor; enuresis alarm; non-wearable external defibrillator; trusses; and ultrasonic nebulizers. Devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for speech generating devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices for which Benefits are provided as described under Durable Medical Equipment. Oral appliances for snoring. Repair and replacement prosthetic devices when damaged due to misuse, malicious damage or gross neglect. Prosthetic devices. This exclusion does not apply to breast prosthesis, mastectomy bras and lymphedema stockings for which Benefits are provided as described under Reconstructive Procedures in the SPD.
Drugs
The exclusions listed below apply to the medical portion of the Plan only. Prescription Drug coverage is excluded under the medical plan because it is a separate benefit. Coverage may be available under the Prescription Drug portion of the Plan. See the SPD for coverage details and exclusions. Prescription drugs for outpatient use that are filled by a prescription order or refill. Self-injectable medications. This exclusion does not apply to medications which, due to their characteristics (as determined by United HealthCare Services, Inc.), must typically be administered or directly supervised by a qualified provider or licensed/certified health professional in an outpatient setting. Non-injectable medications given in a Physician's office. This exclusion does not apply to non-injectable medications that are required in an Emergency and consumed in the Physician's office. Over-the-counter drugs and treatments. Growth hormone therapy.
Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services
Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services, unless the Plan has agreed to cover them as defined in the SPD. This exclusion applies even if Experimental or Investigational Services or Unproven Services, treatments, devices or pharmacological regimens are the only available treatment options for your condition. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a clinical trial for which Benefits are provided as described under Clinical Trials in the SPD.
Foot Care
Routine foot care. Examples include the cutting or removal of corns and calluses. This exclusion does not apply to preventive foot care for Covered Persons with diabetes for which Benefits are provided as described under Diabetes Services in the SPD or when needed for severe systemic disease. Cutting or removal of corns and calluses. Nail trimming, cutting, or debriding. Hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care; and other services that are performed when there is not a localized Sickness, Injury or symptom involving the foot. Examples include: cleaning and soaking the feet; applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone. This exclusion does not apply to preventive foot care for Covered Persons who are at risk of neurological or vascular disease arising from diseases such as diabetes. Treatment of flat feet. Shoes (standard or custom), lifts and wedges; shoe orthotics; shoe inserts and arch supports.
Medical Supplies and Equipment
Prescribed or non-prescribed medical supplies and disposable supplies. Examples include: compression stockings, ace bandages, diabetic strips, and syringes; urinary catheters. This exclusion does not apply to: • Disposable supplies necessary for the effective use of Durable Medical Equipment for which Benefits are provided as described under Durable Medical Equipment in the SPD. • Diabetic supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under Diabetes Services in the SPD. • Ostomy bags and related supplies for which Benefits are provided as described under Ostomy Supplies in the SPD. Tubings, nasal cannulas, connectors and masks, except when used with Durable Medical Equipment as described under Durable Medical Equipment as described in the SPD. The repair and replacement of Durable Medical Equipment when damaged due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect and deodorants, filters, lubricants, tape, appliance clears, adhesive, adhesive remover or other items that are not specifically identified in the SPD.
Mental Health / Substance Use Disorder
Services performed in connection with conditions not classified in the current edition of the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association</i> . Services or supplies for the diagnosis or treatment of Mental Illness, alcoholism or substance use disorders that, in the reasonable judgment of the Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator, are any of the following: not consistent with generally accepted standards of medical practice for the treatment of such conditions; not consistent with services backed by credible research soundly demonstrating that the services or supplies will have a measurable and beneficial health outcome, and therefore considered experimental; not consistent with the Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Administrator's level of care guidelines or best practices as modified from time to time; or not clinically appropriate, and considered ineffective for the patient's Mental Illness, substance use disorder or condition based on generally accepted standards of medical practice and benchmarks. Mental Health Services as treatments for V-code conditions as listed within the current edition of the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association</i> . Mental Health Services as treatment for a primary diagnosis of insomnia and other sleep disorders, sexual dysfunction disorders, feeding disorders, neurological disorders and other disorders with a known physical basis. Treatments for the primary diagnoses of learning disabilities, conduct and impulse control disorders, personality disorders, paraphilias (sexual behavior that is considered deviant or abnormal) Educational/behavioral services that are focused on primarily building skills and capabilities in communication, social interaction and learning; tuition for or services that are school-based for children and adolescents under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Learning, motor skills and primary communication disorders as defined in the current edition of the <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association</i> . Mental retardation as a primary diagnosis defined in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association. Methadone treatment as maintenance, L.A.A.M. (1-Alpha-Acetyl-Methadol), Cyclozine, or their equivalents for drug addiction. Intensive behavioral therapies such as applied behavioral analysis for Autism Spectrum Disorders. Any treatments or other specialized services designed for Autism Spectrum Disorder that are not backed by credible research demonstrating that the services or supplies have a measurable and beneficial health outcome and therefore considered Experimental or Investigational or Unproven Services.
Nutrition
Nutritional or cosmetic therapy using high dose or mega quantities of vitamins, minerals or elements, and other nutrition based therapy. Nutritional counseling for either individuals or groups except as defined under Diabetes Services in the SPD. Food of any kind. Foods that are not covered include: enteral feedings and other nutritional and electrolyte formulas, including infant formula and donor breast milk unless they are the only source of nutrition or unless they are specifically created to treat inborn errors of metabolism such as phenylketonuria (PKU) – infant formula available over the counter is always excluded; foods to control weight, treat obesity (including liquid diets), lower cholesterol or control diabetes; oral vitamins and minerals; meals you can order from a menu, for an additional charge, during an Inpatient Stay, and other dietary and electrolyte supplements; and health education classes unless offered by United HealthCare Services, Inc. or its affiliates, including but not limited to asthma, smoking cessation, and weight control classes.
Personal Care, Comfort or Convenience
Television; telephone; beauty/barber service; guest service. Supplies, equipment and similar incidental services and supplies for personal comfort. Examples include: air conditioners, air purifiers and filters, dehumidifiers and humidifiers; batteries and battery chargers; breast pumps; car seats; chairs, bath chairs, feeding chairs, toddler chairs, chair lifts, recliners; electric scooters; exercise equipment and treadmills; home modifications to accommodate a health need such as ramps, swimming pools, elevators, handrails and stair glides; hot tubs; Jacuzzi's, saunas and whirlpools; ergonomically correct chairs, non-Hospital beds, comfort beds, mattresses; medical alert systems; motorized beds; music devices; personal computers, pillows; power-operated vehicles; radios; saunas; strollers; safety equipment; vehicle modifications such as van lifts; and video players.
Physical Appearance
Cosmetic Procedures. See the definition in the SPD. Examples include: pharmacological regimens, nutritional procedures or treatments; Scar or tattoo removal or revision procedures (such as salabrasion, chemosurgery and other such skin abrasion procedures); Skin abrasion procedures performed as a treatment for acne; treatment of hair loss; varicose vein treatment of the lower extremities, when it is considered cosmetic; Liposuction or removal of fat deposits considered undesirable, including fat accumulation under the male breast and nipple; Treatment for skin wrinkles or any treatment to improve the appearance of the skin; Treatment for spider veins; Hair removal or replacement by any means. Replacement of an existing intact breast implant if the earlier breast implant was performed as a Cosmetic Procedure. Treatment of benign gynecomastia (abnormal breast enlargement in males). Physical conditioning programs such as athletic training, body-building, exercise, fitness, flexibility, health club memberships and programs, spa treatments and diversion or general motivation. Weight loss programs whether or not they are under medical supervision. Weight loss programs for medical reasons are also excluded, even if for morbid obesity. Wigs regardless of the reason for the hair loss, except for temporary loss of hair resulting from treatment of a malignancy.

MEDICAL EXCLUSIONS
Procedures and Treatments
Procedure or surgery to remove fatty tissue such as panniculectomy, abdominoplasty, thighplasty, brachioplasty, or mastopexy. Excision or elimination of hanging skin on any part of the body. Examples include plastic surgery procedures called abdominoplasty or abdominal panniculectomy, and brachioplasty. Medical and surgical treatment of excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis). Medical and surgical treatment for snoring, except when provided as a part of treatment for documented obstructive sleep apnea. Rehabilitation services and Manipulative Treatment to improve general physical condition that are provided to reduce potential risk factors, where significant therapeutic improvement is not expected, including routine, long-term or maintenance/preventive treatment. Speech therapy except as required for treatment of a speech impediment or speech dysfunction that results from Injury, stroke, cancer, Congenital Anomaly, or autism spectrum disorders. Speech therapy to treat stuttering, stammering or other articulation disorders. Psychosurgery. Sex transformation operations and related services. Physiological modalities and procedures that result in similar or redundant therapeutic effects when performed on the same body region during the same visit or office encounter. Biofeedback. Manipulative treatment to treat a condition unrelated to spinal manipulation and ancillary physiologic treatment rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function, such as asthma or allergies. Manipulative treatment (the therapeutic application of chiropractic and osteopathic manipulative treatment with or without ancillary physiologic treatment and/or rehabilitative methods rendered to restore/improve motion, reduce pain and improve function). Services for the evaluation and treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ), whether the services are considered to be dental in nature, the following services for the diagnosis and treatment of TMJ: surface electromyography; Doppler analysis; vibration analysis; computerized mandibular scan or jaw tracking; cranosacral therapy; orthodontics; occlusal adjustment; dental restorations. Upper and lower jawbone surgery, orthognathic surgery and jaw alignment. This exclusion does not apply to reconstructive jaw surgery required for Covered Persons because of a Congenital Anomaly, acute traumatic Injury, dislocation, tumors, cancer or obstructive sleep apnea. Orthognathic surgery (procedure to correct underbite or overbite) and jaw alignment. Breast reduction except surgery as coverage is required by the Women's Health and Cancer Right's Act of 1998 for which Benefits are described under Reconstructive Procedures in the SPD. Non-surgical treatment of obesity even if for morbid obesity. Surgical treatment of obesity unless there is a diagnosis of morbid obesity as described under Obesity Surgery in the SPD. Stand-alone multi-disciplinary smoking cessation programs. These are programs that usually include health care providers specializing in smoking cessation and may include a psychologist, social worker or other licensed or certified professional. The programs usually include intensive psychological support, behavior modification techniques and medications to control cravings. Chelation therapy, except to treat heavy metal poisoning.
Providers
Services performed by a provider who is a family member by birth or marriage. Examples include a spouse, brother, sister, parent or child. This includes any service the provider may perform on himself or herself. Services performed by a provider with your same legal residence. Services ordered or delivered by a Christian Science practitioner. Services performed by an unlicensed provider or a provider who is operating outside of the scope of his/her license. Services provided at a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility without an order written by a Physician or other provider. Services which are self-directed to a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility. Services ordered by a Physician or other provider who is an employee or representative of a free-standing or Hospital-based diagnostic facility, when that Physician or other provider has not been actively involved in your medical care prior to ordering the service, or is not actively involved in your medical care after the service is received. This exclusion does not apply to mammography.
Reproduction
Health services and associated expenses for infertility treatments, including assisted reproductive technology, regardless of the reason for the treatment. This exclusion does not apply to services required to treat or correct underlying causes of infertility. The following infertility treatment-related services: cryo-preservation and other forms of preservation of reproductive materials, long-term storage of reproductive materials such as sperm, eggs, embryos, ovarian tissue, and testicular tissue, donor services. Surrogate parenting, donor eggs, donor sperm and host uterus. Storage and retrieval of all reproductive materials. Examples include eggs, sperm, testicular tissue and ovarian tissue. The reversal of voluntary sterilization. Health services and associated expenses for elective surgical, non-surgical, or drug-induced Pregnancy termination. This exclusion does not apply to treatment of a molar Pregnancy, ectopic Pregnancy, or missed abortion (commonly known as a miscarriage). Services provided by a doula (labor aide); and parenting, prenatal or birthing classes. Artificial reproduction treatments done for genetic or eugenic.

Services Provided under Another Plan
Health services for which other coverage is available under another plan, except for Eligible Expenses payable as described in the SPD. Examples include coverage required by workers' compensation, no-fault auto insurance, or similar legislation. If coverage under workers' compensation, no-fault automobile coverage or similar legislation is optional for you because you could elect it, or could have it elected for you. Health services for treatment of military service-related disabilities, when you are legally entitled to other coverage and facilities are reasonably available to you. Health services while on active military duty.
Transplants
Health services for organ and tissue transplants, except as identified under Transplantation Services in the SPD unless United HealthCare Services, Inc. determines the transplant to be appropriate according to United HealthCare Services, Inc.'s transplant guidelines. Mechanical or animal organ transplants, except services related to the implant or removal of a circulatory assist device (a device that supports the heart while the patient waits for a suitable donor heart to become available); and donor costs for organ or tissue transplantation to another person (these costs may be payable through the recipient's benefit plan).
Travel
Health services provided in a foreign country, unless required as Emergency Health Services. Travel or transportation expenses, even if ordered by a Physician, except as identified under Travel and Lodging in the SPD. Additional travel expenses related to Covered Health Services received from a Designated Facility or Designated Physician may be reimbursed at the Plan's discretion. This exclusion does not apply to ambulance transportation for which Benefits are provided as described in the SPD.
Types of Care
Multi-disciplinary pain management programs provided on an inpatient basis for acute pain or for exacerbation of chronic pain. Custodial care; domiciliary care. Private Duty Nursing. Respite care. This exclusion does not apply to respite care that is part of an integrated hospice care program of services provided to a terminally ill person by a licensed hospice care agency for which Benefits are described under Hospice Care in the SPD. Rest cures; services of personal care attendants. Work hardening (individualized treatment programs designed to return a person to work or to prepare a person for specific work).
Vision and Hearing
Purchase cost and associated fitting charge for eye glasses and contact lenses. Implantable lenses used only to correct a refractive error (such as Intacs corneal implants). Eye exercise or vision therapy. Surgery and other related treatment that is intended to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness, presbyopia and astigmatism including, but not limited to, procedures such as laser and other refractive eye surgery and radial keratotomy.
All Other Exclusions
Health services and supplies that do not meet the definition of a Covered Health Service – see the definition of Covered Health Services in the Glossary in the SPD. Physical, psychiatric or psychological exams, testing, vaccinations, immunizations or treatments when: required solely for purposes of education, school, sports or camp, travel, career or employment, insurance, marriage or adoption; or as a result of incarceration; related to judicial or administrative proceedings or orders; conducted for purposes of medical research; required to obtain or maintain a license of any type. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Health Services provided during a clinical trial for which Benefits are provided as described in the SPD. Health services received as a result of war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared or caused during service in the armed forces of any country. This exclusion does not apply to Covered Persons who are civilians injured or otherwise affected by war, any act of war or terrorism in a non-war zone. Health services received after the date your coverage under the Plan ends. This applies to all health services, even if the health service is required to treat a medical condition that arose before the date your coverage under the Plan ended. Health services for which you have no legal responsibility to pay, or for which a charge would not ordinarily be made in the absence of coverage under the Plan. Charges that exceed Eligible Expenses or any specified limitation in the SPD. Foreign language and sign language services. Health services related to a non-Covered Health Service: When a service is not a Covered Health Service, all services related to that non-Covered Health Service are also excluded. This exclusion does not apply to services the Plan would otherwise determine to be Covered Health Services if they are to treat complications that arise from the non-Covered Health Service. For the purpose of this exclusion, a "complication" is an unexpected or unanticipated condition that is superimposed on an existing disease and that affects or modifies the prognosis of the original disease or condition. Examples of a "complication" are bleeding or infections, following a Cosmetic Procedure, that require hospitalization. Health services when a provider waives the Copay, Annual Deductible or Coinsurance amounts. Autopsies and other coroner services and transportation services for a corpse. Charges for: missed appointments; room or facility reservations; completion of claim forms; or record processing. Charges prohibited by federal anti-kickback or self-referral status. Diagnostic tests that are: delivered in other than a Physician's office or health care facility; and self-administered home diagnostic tests, including but not limited to HIV and pregnancy tests. Vision therapy when rendered in connection with behavioral health disorders, including but not limited to: learning and reading disabilities; attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; TBI; or dyslexia.