

Health Net of California, Inc. (Health Net)



# Disclosure Form

Salud HMO y Más

## Small Business Group

*Refer to the Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) document to determine your share of costs for services and supplies that are covered by this plan.*



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# Delivering Choices

When it comes to your health care, the best decisions are made with the best choices. Health Net provides you with ways to help you receive the care you deserve. The *Disclosure Form* answers basic questions about this Salud con Health Net (Salud y Mas) plan.

**The coverage described in this *Disclosure Form* shall be consistent with the Essential Health Benefits coverage requirements in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The Essential Health Benefits are not subject to any annual dollar limits.**

**The benefits described under this *Disclosure Form* do not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, or religion, and are not subject to any pre-existing condition or exclusion period.**

This Salud con Health Net Plan is specifically designed for employer groups located in the Health Net Salud service area to provide covered services to members who live in California or Mexico. Providers in the Health Net Salud Network (Salud Network) have been selected to provide services to members of this plan who live in California. A network of physicians contracting with Sistemas Medicos Nacionales S.A. de C.V. (referred to as SIMNSA) has been selected to provide services to enrolled dependents who reside in Mexico.

*If you have further questions, contact us:*



By phone at 1-800-522-0088

For members who reside in Mexico, please contact SIMNSA at (011-52-664) 683-29-02 or (011-52-664) 683-30-05.



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This *Disclosure Form* (including any applicable *Disclosure Form Rider*) and the *Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC)* document provide a summary of your health plan. The plan's *Evidence of Coverage (EOC)*, which you will receive after you enroll, contains the exact terms and conditions of your Health Net coverage. You have the right to view the *EOC* prior to enrollment. To obtain a copy of the *EOC*, contact the Customer Contact Center at 1-800-522-0088. You should also consult the *Group Hospital and Professional Service Agreement* (issued to your employer) to determine governing contractual provisions. It is important for you to carefully read this *Disclosure Form*, the *SBC* and, once received, the plan's *EOC*, especially those sections that apply to those with special health care needs. This *Disclosure Form* includes a matrix of benefits in the section titled "Benefit Matrix." The *SBC*, which is issued in conjunction with this *Disclosure Form*, describes what your plan covers and what you pay for covered services and supplies.

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## How the Plan Works

Please read the following information so you will know from whom health care may be obtained, or what physician group to use.

This Salud con Health Net plan is specifically designed for employer groups located in the Health Net Salud service area to provide covered services to members who live in California or Mexico.

- **If the subscriber and his or her family members live in California**, they may receive covered services from:
  - o Their selected Salud Network physician group in California; or
  - o They may self-refer at any time to a SIMNSA provider in Mexico.

California members must live in the Health Net Salud service area where they have adequate access to medical care from Salud Network providers.

- **If your family members live in Mexico**, they may only receive covered services from a SIMNSA provider, except in the case of emergency or urgently needed care. Family members must live or work within the approved Health Net Salud service area in Mexico.

Please refer to the "Health Net Salud Plan Service Area" section below for more information on the approved areas of California where this Salud con Health Net plan is available.

## SELECTION OF PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN GROUPS

- Health Net requires the designation of a primary care physician. A primary care physician provides and coordinates your medical care. You have the right to designate any primary care physician who participates in our network and who is available to accept you or your family members, subject to the requirements of the physician group. For children, a pediatrician may be designated as the primary care physician. Until you make this designation, Health Net designates one for you. For information on how to select a primary care physician and for a list of the participating primary care physicians, refer to the provider directory.
- Whenever you or a covered family member needs health care, your Salud Network primary care physician (PCP) or SIMNSA provider will provide the medically necessary treatment. Specialist care is also available through your plan, when authorized in advance through your Salud Network PCP, the contracting physician group or SIMNSA provider.
- If residing in California, you must select at the time of enrollment a Salud Network physician group close enough to your residence or place of work to allow reasonable access to medical care. You do not have to choose the same physician group location or PCP for all members of your family. Physician group locations, along with names of physicians and specialists are listed in the Provider Directory.
- Members residing in Mexico may go to any contracting provider in the SIMNSA network and will not be required to select a particular SIMNSA physician group or facility for services. All covered services must be received through the selected SIMNSA providers.

## HOW TO CHOOSE A PHYSICIAN

Choosing a PCP is important to the quality of care you receive. To be comfortable with your choice, we suggest the following:

- Discuss any important health issues with your selected physician group;
- Do the same with the Health Net Coordinator at the physician group or the SIMNSA and ask for referral specialist policies and hospitals used by the Salud Network physician group or SIMNSA; and
- Ensure that you and your family members have adequate access to medical care, by selecting a physician located within reasonable access from your place of employment or residence.

## SPECIALISTS AND REFERRAL CARE

If you are a California member and need medical care that your Salud Network PCP cannot provide, your PCP may refer you to a specialist or other health care provider for that care. Refer to the "Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders" section below for information about receiving care for mental health and substance use disorders.

Members in California and Mexico may self-refer to any provider in the SIMNSA Network in Mexico without prior authorization. You must receive authorization from SIMNSA to receive care from providers outside the SIMNSA Network.

You do not need prior authorization from Health Net or from any other person (including a primary care physician) in order to obtain access to obstetrical, gynecological, reproductive or sexual health care from an in-network health care professional who specializes in obstetrics, gynecology or reproductive and sexual health. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics, gynecology or reproductive and sexual health, refer to the provider directory. The provider directory is also available on the Health Net website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com).

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Health Net contracts with MHN Services, an affiliate behavioral health administrative services company (the Behavioral Health Administrator), which administers behavioral health services for mental health and substance use disorders. For more information about how to receive care and the Behavioral Health Administrator's prior authorization requirements, please refer to the "Behavioral Health Services" section of this *Disclosure Form*.

## CVS MINUTE CLINIC SERVICES

The CVS MinuteClinic is a health care facility, generally inside CVS/pharmacy stores, which is designed to offer an alternative to a physician's office visit for the unscheduled treatment of non-emergency illnesses or injuries such as strep throat, pink eye or seasonal allergies. Visits to a CVS MinuteClinic are covered as shown in the *SBC*.



You do not need prior authorization or a referral from your primary care physician or contracting physician group in order to obtain access to CVS MinuteClinic services. However, a referral from the contracting physician group or primary care physician is required for any specialist consultations. For more detailed information about CVS MinuteClinics, please refer to the plan's *EOC* or contact Health Net at the telephone number shown on the back cover.

## HEALTH NET SALUD PLAN SERVICE AREA IN CALIFORNIA

You are eligible to enroll as a subscriber or dependent in this Salud con Health Net Plan if you live or work in the areas described below, provided that you meet any additional eligibility requirements of the group.

**Los Angeles County:** You must live or work in Los Angeles County.

**Exception:** This Salud con Health Net Plan is not available in the following Zip Codes:

90090, 91310, 91321, 91322, 91350, 91351, 91354, 91355, 91380, 91381, 91382, 91383, 91384, 91385, 91386, 91387, 91390, 93510, 93532, 93534, 93535, 93536, 93539, 93543, 93544, 93550, 93551, 93552, 93553, 93563, 93584, 93586, 93590, 93591, 93599

**San Diego County:** You must live or work in San Diego County.

**Exception:** This Salud con Health Net Plan is not available in the following Zip Codes:

91905, 91906, 91934, 91962, 91963, 91980, 92004, 92036, 92066, 92086

**Orange County:** You must live or work in Orange County.

**San Bernardino County:** You must live or work in the following zip codes:

91701, 91708, 91709, 91710, 91729, 91730, 91737, 91739, 91743, 91758, 91759, 91761, 91762, 91763, 91764, 91784, 91786, 92313, 92316, 92317, 92318, 92321, 92322, 92324, 92325, 92331, 92334, 92335, 92336, 92337, 92344, 92345, 92346, 92350, 92352, 92354, 92357, 92358, 92359, 92369, 92373, 92374, 92375, 92376, 92377, 92378, 92382, 92385, 92391, 92399, 92401, 92402, 92403, 92404, 92405, 92406, 92407, 92408, 92410, 92411, 92413, 92415, 92418, 92423, 92427

**Riverside County:** You must live or work in the following zip codes:

91752, 92320, 92501, 92502, 92503, 92504, 92505, 92506, 92507, 92508, 92509, 92513, 92514, 92516, 92517, 92518, 92519, 92521, 92522, 92551, 92552, 92553, 92554, 92555, 92556, 92557, 92570, 92571, 92599, 92860, 92877, 92878, 92879, 92880, 92882, 92883, 92881

**Kern County:** You must live or work in the following zip codes:

93263, 93301, 93302, 93303, 93304, 93305, 93306, 93307, 93308, 93309, 93311, 93312, 93313, 93314

## HEALTH NET SALUD PLAN SERVICE AREA IN MEXICO

You are eligible to enroll as a dependent in this Salud con Health Net plan if you live or work in the approved area in Mexico which extends 50 miles into Baja California from the California - Mexico border.

## HOW TO ENROLL

Complete the enrollment form found in the enrollment packet and return the form to your employer. If a form is not included, your employer may require you to use an electronic enrollment form or an interactive voice response enrollment system. Please contact your employer for more information.

**Some hospitals and other providers do not provide one or more of the following services that may be covered under the plan's *Evidence of Coverage* and that you or your family member might need:**

- Family planning
- Contraceptive services; including emergency contraception
- Sterilization, including tubal ligation at the time of labor and delivery
- Infertility treatments
- Abortion

**You should obtain more information before you enroll. Call your prospective doctor, medical group, independent practice association or clinic, or call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover to ensure that you can obtain the health care services that you need.**

# Benefits Matrix

*The matrix below lists examples of services that are provided under this plan. Refer to the SBC, which is issued in conjunction with this Disclosure Form, for the amount you will pay for covered services and supplies.*

THIS MATRIX IS INTENDED TO BE USED TO HELP YOU COMPARE COVERAGE BENEFITS AND IS A SUMMARY ONLY. THE EVIDENCE OF COVERAGE (EOC) SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGE BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS.

Principal Benefits	What You Pay
Deductible .....	The SBC shows if your plan has a deductible that has to be met before we begin to pay the benefits.
Lifetime maximums.....	This plan does not have a lifetime maximum.
Professional services.....	Refer to the SBC under “If you visit a health care provider’s office or clinic.”
Outpatient services.....	Refer to the SBC under “If you have outpatient surgery.”
Hospitalization services .....	Refer to the SBC under “If you have a hospital stay.”
Emergency health coverage.....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need immediate medical attention.”
Ambulance services .....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need immediate medical attention.”
Prescription drug coverage .....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need drugs to treat your illness or condition.”
Durable medical equipment .....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need help recovering or have other special health needs.”
Mental health services.....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services.”
Substance use disorder services .....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need mental health, behavioral health, or substance abuse services.”
Home health services.....	Refer to the SBC under “If you need help recovering or have other special health needs.”
Other services .....	Refer to the SBC under “If you have a test” and “If you need help recovering or have other special health needs.”
Pediatric vision care .....	Pediatric vision benefits are administered by Envolve Vision, Inc. Refer to the “Pediatric Vision Care Program” section later in this <i>Disclosure Form</i> for the benefit information which includes the eyewear schedule.
Pediatric dental services .....	Pediatric dental benefits are offered and administered by Dental Benefit Providers of California, Inc. (DBP). DBP is not affiliated with Health Net. Refer to the “Pediatric Dental Program” section later in this <i>Disclosure Form</i> for the benefit information. See the EOC for additional details.

# Limits of Coverage

## WHAT'S NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS)

- Ambulance and paramedic services that do not result in transportation or that do not meet the criteria for emergency care, unless such services are medically necessary and prior authorization has been obtained;
- Biofeedback therapy is limited to medically necessary treatment of certain physical disorders (such as incontinence and chronic pain) and mental health and substance use disorders;
- Care for mental health care as a condition of parole or probation, or court-ordered testing for mental health and substance use disorders, except when such services are medically necessary;
- Chiropractic services, unless shown as covered on your plan's *SBC*;
- Corrective footwear is limited to medically necessary footwear that is custom made for the member and permanently attached to a medically necessary orthotic device that is also a covered benefit under this plan, or is a podiatric device to prevent or treat diabetes-related complications. Other corrective footwear is not covered unless specifically described in your plan's *EOC*;
- Cosmetic services and supplies;
- Custodial or live-in care;
- Dental services in Mexico and for members age 19 and over in California. However, medically necessary dental or orthodontic services that are an integral part of reconstructive surgery for cleft palate procedures are covered. Cleft palate includes cleft palate, cleft lip or other craniofacial anomalies associated with cleft palate;
- Disposable supplies for home use except certain disposable ostomy or urological supplies;
- Experimental or investigational procedures, except as set out under the "Clinical Trials" and "If You Have a Disagreement with Our Plan" sections of this *Disclosure Form*;
- Fertility preservation coverage does not include the following: follow-up assisted reproductive technologies (ART) to achieve future pregnancy such as artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization and/or embryo transfer; pre-implantation genetic diagnosis; donor eggs, sperm or embryos; or gestational carriers (surrogates);
- Genetic testing is not covered except when determined by Health Net to be medically necessary. The prescribing physician must request prior authorization for coverage;
- Hearing aids;
- Immunizations and injections for foreign travel/occupational purposes;
- Infertility services and supplies, unless shown as covered on your plan's *SBC*;
- Marriage counseling, except when rendered in connection with services provided for a treatable mental health or substance use disorder;

- Noneligible institutions. This plan only covers medically necessary services or supplies provided by a licensed hospital, hospice, Medicare-approved skilled nursing facility, residential treatment center or other properly licensed medical facility as specified in the plan's *EOC*. Any institution that is not licensed to provide medical services and supplies, regardless of how it is designated, is not an eligible institution;
- Orthoptics (eye exercises);
- Orthotics (such as bracing, supports and casts) that are not custom made to fit the member's body. Refer to the "corrective footwear" bullet above for additional foot orthotic limitations;
- Outpatient prescription drugs (except as noted under "Prescription Drug Program");
- Personal or comfort items;
- Physician self-treatment;
- Physician treating immediate family members;
- Private rooms when hospitalized, unless medically necessary;
- Private-duty nursing;
- Refractive eye surgery unless medically necessary, recommended by the member's treating physician and authorized by Health Net;
- Reversal of surgical sterilization;
- Routine foot care for treatment of corns, calluses and cutting of nails, unless prescribed for the treatment of diabetes;
- Routine physical examinations (including psychological examinations or drug screening) for insurance, licensing, employment, school, camp or other nonpreventive purposes;
- Services and supplies not authorized by Health Net, the Behavioral Health Administrator or the physician group according to Health Net's procedures;
- Services for a surrogate pregnancy are covered when the surrogate is a Health Net member. However, when compensation is obtained for the surrogacy, Health Net shall have a lien on such compensation to recover its medical expense;
- Services received before effective date or after termination of coverage, except as specifically stated in the "Extension of Benefits" section of the plan's *EOC*;
- Services related to education or training, including for employment or professional purposes, except for behavioral health treatment for pervasive developmental disorder or autism;
- State hospital treatment, except as the result of an emergency or urgently needed care;
- Stress, except when rendered in connection with services provided for a treatable mental health or substance use disorder;
- Telehealth consultations through a select telehealth services provider do not cover specialist services; and prescriptions for substances controlled by the DEA, non-therapeutic drugs or certain other drugs which may be harmful because of potential for abuse;
- Treatment of jaw joint disorders or surgical procedures to reduce or realign the jaw, unless medically necessary; and

- Treatment of obesity, weight reduction or weight management, except for treatment of morbid obesity. Certain services may be covered as preventive care services as described in the plan's EOC.

The above is a partial list of the principal exclusions and limitations applicable to the medical portion of your Health Net plan. The EOC, which you will receive if you enroll in this plan, will contain the full list.

## Benefits and Coverage

### MEDICALLY NECESSARY CARE

All services that are medically necessary will be covered by your Health Net plan (unless specifically excluded under the plan). All covered services or supplies are listed in the plan's EOC; any other services or supplies are not covered.

### EMERGENCIES

Health Net covers emergency and urgently needed care throughout the world. If you need emergency or urgently needed care, seek care where it is immediately available. Depending on your circumstances, you may seek this care by going to your physician group (medical) or the Behavioral Health Administrator (mental health and substance use disorders) or to the nearest emergency facility or by calling **911** (the 911 emergency response system is not available in Mexico).

You are encouraged to use appropriately the **911** emergency response system, in areas where the system is established and operating, when you have an emergency medical condition (including mental health and substance use disorders) that requires an emergency response. Under the Salud Network, all air and ground ambulance and ambulance transport services provided as a result of a **911** call will be covered, if the request is made for an emergency medical condition (including mental health and substance use disorders). Under the SIMNSA Network, only ground ambulance is covered.

All follow-up care (including mental health and substance use disorders) after the urgency has passed and your condition is stable, must be provided or authorized by your physician group (medical) or the Behavioral Health Administrator (mental health and substance use disorders); otherwise, it will not be covered by Health Net.



**Emergency care** includes medical screening, examination and evaluation by a physician (or other personnel to the extent permitted by applicable law and within the scope of his or her license and privileges) to determine if an emergency medical condition or active labor exists and, if it does, the care, treatment, and surgery, if within the scope of that person's license, necessary to relieve or eliminate the emergency medical condition, within the capability of the facility. "Active labor" means labor at the time that either of the following could reasonably be expected to occur: (1) There is inadequate time to effect safe transfer to another hospital prior to delivery; or (2) A transfer poses a threat to the health and safety of the member or unborn child. Emergency care will also include additional screening, examination and evaluation by a

*physician (or other personnel to the extent permitted by applicable law and within the scope of his or her license and privileges) to determine if a psychiatric emergency medical condition exists, and the care and treatment necessary to relieve or eliminate the psychiatric emergency medical condition, either within the capability of the facility or by transferring the member to a psychiatric unit within a general acute hospital or to an acute psychiatric hospital as medically necessary.*

*All air and ground ambulance and ambulance transport services provided as a result of a 911 call will be covered, if the request is made for an emergency medical condition (including mental health and substance use disorders).*

**Emergency medical condition** *is a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in any of the following: (1) Placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy, (2) Serious impairment to bodily functions, or (3) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.*

**Psychiatric emergency medical condition** *means a mental health or substance use disorder that manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity that it renders the patient as being either of the following: (1) An immediate danger to himself or herself or to others, or (2) Immediately unable to provide for, or utilize, food, shelter, or clothing, due to the mental health or substance use disorder.*

**Urgently needed care** *includes otherwise covered medical service a person would seek for treatment of an injury, unexpected illness or complication of an existing condition, including pregnancy, to prevent the serious deterioration of his or her health, but which does not qualify as emergency care, as defined in this section. This may include services for which a person should have known an emergency did not exist.*

## NOTICE OF REQUIRED COVERAGE

Benefits of this plan provide coverage required by the federal Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996 and Women's Health and Cancer Right Act of 1998.

The Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996 sets requirements for a minimum hospital length of stay following delivery. Specifically, group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

The Women's Health and Cancer Right Act of 1998 applies to medically necessary mastectomies and requires coverage for prosthetic devices and reconstructive surgery on either breast provided to restore and achieve symmetry.

## TIMELY ACCESS TO CARE

The California Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) has issued regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 28, Section 1300.67.2.2) with requirements for timely access to non-emergency health care services.

You may contact Health Net at the number shown on the back cover, 7 days per week, 24 hours per day to access triage or screening services. Health Net provides access to covered health care services in a timely manner. For further information, please refer to the plan's *EOC* or contact the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

Please see the "Notice of Language Services" section for information regarding the availability of no cost interpreter services.

## CLINICAL TRIALS

Routine patient care costs for patients diagnosed with cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition who are accepted into phase I, II, III, or IV clinical trials are covered when medically necessary, recommended by the member's treating physician and authorized by Health Net. The physician must determine that participation has a meaningful potential benefit to the member and the trial has therapeutic intent. For further information, please refer to the plan's *EOC*.

## SECOND OPINIONS

You have the right to request a second opinion when:

- Your PCP or a referral physician gives a diagnosis or recommends a treatment plan that you are not satisfied with;
- You are not satisfied with the result of treatment you have received;
- You are diagnosed with, or a treatment plan is recommended for, a condition that threatens loss of life, limb, or bodily function, or a substantial impairment, including but not limited to a serious chronic condition; or
- Your PCP or a referral physician is unable to diagnose your condition, or test results are conflicting.

When you request a second opinion, you will be responsible for any applicable copayments. To obtain a copy of Health Net's second opinion policy, call the Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

## COVERAGE FOR NEWBORNS

Children born after your date of enrollment are automatically covered for 31 days (including the date of birth). To continue coverage, the child must be enrolled through your employer before the 60th day of the child's life. If the child is not enrolled within 60 days (including the date of birth):

- Coverage will end after 31 days (including the date of birth); and
- You will have to pay your physician group for all medical care provided after 31 days (including the date of birth).



## SPECIAL ENROLLMENT RIGHTS UNDER CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009 (CHIPRA)

The Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) creates a special enrollment period in which individuals and their dependent(s) are eligible to request enrollment in this plan within 60 days of becoming ineligible and losing coverage from a Medi-Cal plan.

## EXTENSION OF BENEFITS

If you or a covered family member is totally disabled when your employer ends its group services agreement with Health Net, we may cover the treatment for the disability until one of the following occurs:

- A maximum of 12 consecutive months elapses from the termination date;
- Available benefits are exhausted;
- The disability ends; or
- The member becomes enrolled in another plan that covers the disability.

Your application for an extension of benefits for disability must be made to Health Net within 90 days after your employer ends its agreement with us. We will require medical proof of the total disability at specified intervals.

## CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF MEMBER INFORMATION

Health Net knows that personal information in your medical records is private. Therefore, we protect your personal health information in all settings (including oral, written and electronic information). The only time we would release your confidential information without your authorization is for payment, treatment, health care operations (including, but not limited to utilization management, quality improvement, disease or case management programs) or when permitted or required to do so by law, such as for court order or subpoena. We will not release your confidential claims details to your employer or their agent. Often Health Net is required to comply with aggregated measurement and data reporting requirements. In those cases, we protect your privacy by not releasing any information that identifies our members.

## PRIVACY PRACTICES

Once you become a Health Net member, Health Net uses and discloses a member's protected health information and nonpublic personal financial information\* for purposes of treatment, payment, health care operations, and where permitted or required by law. Health Net provides members with a Notice of Privacy Practices that describes how it uses and discloses protected health information; the individual's rights to access, to request amendments, restrictions, and an accounting of disclosures of protected health information; and the procedures for filing complaints. Health Net will provide you the opportunity to approve or refuse the release of your information for non-routine releases such as marketing. Health Net provides access to members to inspect or obtain a copy of the member's protected health information in designated record sets maintained by Health Net. Health Net protects

oral, written and electronic information across the organization by using reasonable and appropriate security safeguards. These safeguards include limiting access to an individual's protected health information to only those who have a need to know in order to perform payment, treatment, health care operations or where permitted or required by law. Health Net releases protected health information to plan sponsors for administration of self-funded plans but does not release protected health information to plan sponsors/employers for insured products unless the plan sponsor is performing a payment or health care operation function for the plan. Health Net's entire Notice of Privacy Practices can be found in the plan's EOC, at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) under "Legal Notices" or you may call the Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover of this booklet to obtain a copy.

\* *Nonpublic personal financial information includes personally identifiable financial information that you provided to us to obtain health plan coverage or we obtained in providing benefits to you. Examples include Social Security numbers, account balances and payment history. We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as permitted by law.*

## Utilization Management

Utilization management is an important component of health care management. Through the processes of pre-authorization, concurrent and retrospective review and care management, we evaluate the services provided to our members to be sure they are medically necessary and appropriate for the setting and time. These processes help to maintain Health Net's high quality medical management standards.

### PRE-AUTHORIZATION

Certain proposed services may require an assessment prior to approval. Evidence-based criteria are used to evaluate whether or not the procedure is medically necessary and planned for the appropriate setting (that is, inpatient, ambulatory surgery, etc.).

### CONCURRENT REVIEW

This process continues to authorize inpatient and certain outpatient conditions on a concurrent basis while following a member's progress, such as during inpatient hospitalization or while receiving outpatient home care services.

### DISCHARGE PLANNING

This component of the concurrent review process ensures that planning is done for a member's safe discharge in conjunction with the physician's discharge orders and to authorize post-hospital services when needed.

## RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW

This medical management process assesses the appropriateness of medical services on a case-by-case basis after the services have been provided. It is usually performed on cases where pre-authorization was required but not obtained.

## CARE OR CASE MANAGEMENT

Nurse care managers provide assistance, education and guidance to members (and their families) through major acute and/or chronic long-term health problems. The care managers work closely with members, their physicians and community resources.

If you would like additional information regarding Health Net's utilization management process, please call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

# Payment of Fees and Charges

## YOUR COPAYMENT AND DEDUCTIBLES

The *SBC* explains your coverage and payment for services. Please take a moment to look it over.

## PREPAYMENT FEES

Your employer will pay Health Net your monthly subscription charges for you and all enrolled family members. Check with your employer regarding any share that you may be required to pay. If your share ever increases, your employer will inform you in advance.

## OTHER CHARGES

You are responsible for payment of your share of the cost of services covered by this plan. Amounts paid by you are called copayments, which are described in the *SBC*. Beyond these charges, the remainder of the cost of covered services will be paid by Health Net.

When the total amount of copayments you pay equals the out-of-pocket maximum shown in the *SBC*, you will not have to pay additional copayments for the rest of the year for most services provided or authorized by your physician group.



*Payment for services not covered by this plan will not count toward the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum. Additionally, certain deductibles and copayments will not count toward the out-of-pocket maximum as shown in the *SBC*. For further information, please refer to the plan's EOC.*

## LIABILITY OF SUBSCRIBER OR ENROLLEE FOR PAYMENT

If you receive health care services without the required referral or authorization from your Salud Network PCP or physician group or SIMNSA provider (medical), or the Behavioral Health Administrator (mental health and substance use disorders), you are responsible for the cost of these services.



*Remember, this plan only covers services that are provided or authorized by a PCP or physician group, SIMNSA Provider or the Behavioral Health Administrator, except for emergency or out-of-area urgent care. Consult the Salud Network or SIMNSA HMO Directory for a full listing of Health Net-contracted physicians.*

## REIMBURSEMENT PROVISIONS

Payments that are owed by Health Net for services provided by or through your physician group (medical), or the Behavioral Health Administrator (mental health and substance use disorders) will never be your responsibility.

If you have out-of-pocket expenses for covered services, call the Health Net Customer Contact Center for a claim form and instructions. You will be reimbursed for these expenses less any required copayment or deductible. (Remember, you do not need to submit claims for medical services provided by your PCP or physician group.)

If you receive emergency services not provided or directed by your physician group or SIMNSA provider (medical), or the Behavioral Health Administrator (mental health and substance use disorders), you may have to pay at the time you receive service. To be reimbursed for these charges, you should get a complete statement of the services received and, if possible, a copy of the emergency room report.

Please call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover to obtain claim forms, and to find out whether you should send the completed form to your physician group or SIMNSA provider (medical) or the Behavioral Health Administrator (mental health and substance use disorders) or directly to Health Net. Medical claims must be received by Health Net within one year of the date of service to be eligible for reimbursement.

### How to File a Claim

**For medical services**, please send a completed claim form within one year of the date of service to:

Health Net Commercial Claims  
P.O. Box 9040  
Farmington, MO 63640-9040

Please call Health Net's Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover of this booklet or visit our website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) to obtain the claim form.

**For outpatient prescription drugs**, please send a completed prescription drug claim form to:

Health Net  
C/O Caremark  
P.O. Box 52136  
Phoenix, AZ 85072

Please call Health Net's Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover of this booklet or visit our website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) to obtain a prescription drug claim form.

**For mental health or substance use disorders emergency services or for services authorized by MHN Services**, you must use the CMS (HCFA) - 1500 form. Please send the claim to MHN Claims within one year of the date of service at the address listed on the claim form or to MHN Claims at:

MHN Claims  
P.O. Box 14621  
Lexington, KY 40512-4621

Please call MHN Claims at 1-800-444-4281 to obtain a claim form.



*Claims for covered expenses filed more than one year from the date of service will not be paid unless you can show that it was not reasonably possible to file your claim within that time limit and that you have filed as soon as was reasonably possible.*

## PROVIDER REFERRAL AND REIMBURSEMENT DISCLOSURE

If you are considering enrolling in our plan, you are entitled to ask if the plan has special financial arrangements with our physicians that can affect the use of referrals and other services you may need. Health Net uses financial incentives and various risk sharing arrangements when paying providers. To get this information, call the Health Net or SIMNSA Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover. You can also contact your physician group or your SIMNSA provider to find out about our physician payment arrangements.

## Facilities

Health care services for you and eligible members of your family will be provided as shown below:

- For members residing in California: The facilities of the Salud Network physician group you selected at enrollment or a SIMNSA provider. If you require hospitalization, you may receive care at a nearby Salud Network or SIMNSA participating facility.
- For members residing in Mexico: The facilities of a SIMNSA provider, and a nearby SIMNSA participating facility if hospitalization is required.

Many Salud Network physician groups have either a physician on call 24 hours a day or an urgent care center available to offer access to care at all times.

The Salud Network physician group or SIMNSA provider you choose will also have a contractual relationship with local hospitals (for acute, subacute and transitional care) and skilled nursing facilities. These are listed in your Salud Network or SIMNSA HMO Directory.

## PHYSICIAN GROUP TRANSFERS

You may switch doctors within the same physician group at any time. You may also transfer to another physician group monthly within the Salud Network when such transfer is appropriate (e.g. if you move). Simply contact Health Net or SIMNSA to have your transfer effective by the 1st of the following month. Transfer requests to another Salud Network facility will generally be honored by Health Net. Members who move to California from Mexico can also request to transfer enrollment from a SIMNSA provider to a provider in the Salud Network. Please contact the Health Net Customer Contact Center. Members in Mexico, please call SIMNSA for additional information.

## CONTINUITY OF CARE

### Transition of Care for New Enrollees

You may request continued care from a provider who does not contract with Health Net or SIMNSA if at the time of your enrollment with Health Net you were receiving care for the conditions listed in the “Continuity of Care upon Termination of Provider Contract” provision immediately below.

Health Net may provide coverage for completion of services from a non-participating provider, subject to applicable copayments and any exclusions and limitations of your plan. You must request the coverage within 60 days of your group's effective date unless you can show that it was not reasonably possible to make the request within 60 days of the group's effective date and you make the request as soon as reasonably possible. The non-participating provider must be willing to accept the same contract terms applicable to providers currently contracted with Health Net, who are not capitated and who practice in the same or similar geographic region. If the provider does not accept such terms, Health Net is not obligated to provide coverage with that provider.

### Continuity of Care upon Termination of Provider Contract

If Health Net's contract with a physician group or other provider ends, Health Net will transfer any affected members to another contracted physician group or provider to ensure that care continues. Health Net will provide a written notice to affected members at least 60-days prior to termination of a contract with a physician group or an acute care hospital to which members are assigned for services. For all other hospitals that end their contract with Health Net, a written notice will be provided to affected members within five days after the effective date of the contract termination.

Health Net may provide coverage for completion of services from a provider whose contract has ended, subject to applicable copayments and any other exclusions and limitations of your plan and if such provider is willing to accept the same contract terms applicable to the provider prior to the provider's contract termination. You must request continued care within 30 days of the provider's date of termination, unless you can show that it was not reasonably possible to make the request within 30 days of the provider's date of termination and you make the request as soon as it is reasonably possible.

You may request continued care from a provider whose contract is terminated if at the time of termination the member was receiving care from such a provider for the conditions listed below.

The following conditions are eligible for continuation of care:

- an acute condition;
- a serious chronic condition not to exceed twelve months;
- a pregnancy (including the duration of the pregnancy and immediate postpartum care);
- maternal mental health, not to exceed 12 months from the diagnosis or from the end of pregnancy, whichever occurs later;
- a newborn (up to 36 months of age, not to exceed twelve months);
- a terminal illness (through the duration of the terminal illness);
- a surgery or other procedure that has been authorized by Health Net (or by the member's prior health plan for a new enrollee) as part of a documented course of treatment.

In addition, you may request continued care from a provider, including a hospital, if you have been enrolled in another Health Net Salud y Mas plan that included a larger network than this plan, Health Net will offer the same scope of continuity of care for completion of services, regardless of whether you had the opportunity to retain your current provider by selecting either:

- a Health Net product with an out of network benefit;
- a different Health Net Salud y Mas network product that included your current provider; or
- another health plan or carrier product.

To request continued care, you will need to complete a Continuity of Care Request Form. If you would like more information on how to request continued care or to request a copy of the Continuity of Care Request Form or of Health Net's continuity of care policy, please call the Health Net Customer Contact Center. Members in Mexico, please call SIMNSA at the phone number on the back cover.

## Renewing, Continuing or Ending Coverage

### RENEWAL PROVISIONS

The contract between Health Net and your employer is usually renewed annually. If your contract is amended or terminated, your employer will notify you in writing.

### INDIVIDUAL CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS



*Please examine your options carefully before declining coverage.*

If your employment with your current employer ends, you and your covered family members may qualify for continued group coverage under:

- **COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985):** For most groups with 20 or more employees, COBRA applies to employees and their eligible dependents, even if they live outside of California. Please check with your group to determine if you and your covered dependents are eligible.
- **Small Employer Cal-COBRA Continuation Coverage:** For employers with fewer than 20 employees who were eligible to enroll in the employer's health plan on 50% of the employer's business days in the preceding year, Health Net is required by state law to offer continuation coverage. More information regarding eligibility for this coverage is provided in your *EOC*.
- **Cal-COBRA Continuation Coverage:** If you have exhausted COBRA and you live in the Health Net service area, you may be eligible for additional continuation coverage under state Cal-COBRA law. This coverage may be available if you have exhausted federal COBRA coverage, have had less than 36 months of COBRA coverage, and you are not entitled to Medicare. If you are eligible, you have the opportunity to continue group coverage under this plan through Cal-COBRA for up to 36 months from the date that federal COBRA coverage began.
- **USERRA Coverage:** Under a federal law known as the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), employers are required to provide employees who are absent from employment to serve in the uniformed services and their dependents who would lose their group health coverage the opportunity to elect continuation coverage for a period of up to 24 months. Please check with your group to determine if you are eligible.

Also, you may be eligible for continued coverage for a disabling condition (for up to 12 months) if your employer terminates its agreement with Health Net. Please refer to the "Extension of Benefits" section of this *Disclosure Form* for more information.

## TERMINATION OF BENEFITS

The following information describes circumstances when your coverage in this plan may be terminated. For a more complete description of termination of benefits, please see the plan's *EOC*.

### Termination for Nonpayment of Subscription Charges

Your coverage under this plan ends when the agreement between the employer and Health Net terminates due to nonpayment of the subscription charges by the employer. Health Net will provide your employer a 30-day grace period to submit the delinquent subscription charges. If your employer fails to pay the required subscription charges by the end of the 30-day grace period, the agreement between Health Net and your employer will be cancelled and Health Net will terminate your coverage at the end of the grace period.

### Termination for Loss of Eligibility

Your coverage under this plan ends on the date you become ineligible. Some reasons that you may lose eligibility in this plan include, but are not limited to, the following situations:

- The agreement between the employer covered under this plan and Health Net ends;



- You cease to either live or work within Health Net's service area; or
- You no longer work for the employer covered under this plan.

## Termination for Cause

Coverage under this Health Net plan may be terminated for good cause with a 30-day written notice for a member who commits any act or practice, which constitutes fraud, or for any intentional misrepresentation of material fact under the terms of the agreement, including:

- Misrepresenting eligibility information about yourself or a dependent;
- Presenting an invalid prescription or physician order;
- Misusing a Health Net member ID card (or letting someone else use it); or
- Failing to notify us of changes in family status that may affect your eligibility or benefits.

We may report criminal fraud and other illegal acts to the authorities for prosecution.

## How to Appeal Your Termination

You have a right to file a complaint if you believe that your coverage is improperly terminated or not renewed. A complaint is also called a grievance or an appeal. Refer to the "If You Have a Disagreement with Our Plan" section for information about how to appeal Health Net's decision to terminate your coverage.

If your coverage is terminated based on any reason other than for nonpayment of subscription charges and your coverage is still in effect when you submit your complaint, Health Net will continue your coverage until the review process is completed, subject to Health Net's receipt of the applicable subscription charges. You must also continue to pay any applicable deductible and copayments for any services and supplies received while your coverage is continued during the review process.

If your coverage has already ended when you submit your request for review, Health Net is not required to continue coverage. However, you may still request a review of Health Net's decision to terminate your coverage by following the complaint process described in the "If You Have a Disagreement with Our Plan" section.



*If the person involved in any of the above activities is the enrolled employee, coverage under this plan will end as well for any covered dependents.*

## If You Have a Disagreement with Our Plan

The provisions referenced under this title as described below are applicable to services and supplies covered under this *Disclosure Form*. The California Department of Managed Health Care is responsible for regulating health care service plans.

If you have a grievance against Health Net or SIMNSA, you should first telephone Health Net or SIMNSA at the phone number on the back cover and use the plan's

grievance process before contacting the Department. Utilizing this grievance procedure does not prohibit any potential legal rights or remedies that may be available to you. If you need help with a grievance involving an emergency, or a grievance that has not been satisfactorily resolved by Health Net, or a grievance that has remained unresolved for more than 30 days, you may call the Department for assistance. You may also be eligible for an Independent Medical Review (IMR). If you are eligible for IMR, the IMR process will provide an impartial review of medical decisions made by a health plan related to the medical necessity of a proposed service or treatment, coverage decisions for treatments that are experimental or investigational in nature and payment disputes for emergency or urgent medical services. The Department also has a toll-free telephone number **(1-888-466-2219)** and a **TDD line (1-877-688-9891)** for the hearing and speech impaired. The Department's internet website <http://www.dmhca.ca.gov> has complaint forms, IMR application forms and instructions online.

## MEMBER GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS PROCESS

Members who obtain care through SIMNSA in Mexico have certain grievance rights, as described below, but do not have access to the same legal rights and remedies regarding grievance processing as those members who obtain care through the Salud Network in California. The differences are noted below.

If you are dissatisfied with the quality of care that you have received or feel that you have been incorrectly denied a service or claim, you may file a grievance or appeal.

### How to file a grievance or appeal

You may call the Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover or submit a Member Grievance Form through the Health Net website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com).

You may also write to:

Health Net of California  
P.O. Box 10348  
Van Nuys, CA 91410-0348

Please include all the information from your Health Net identification card as well as details of your concern or problem.

Health Net will acknowledge your grievance or appeal within five calendar days, review the information and tell you of our decision in writing within 30 days of receiving the grievance. For conditions where there is an immediate and serious threat to your health, including severe pain or the potential loss of life, limb or major bodily function, Health Net will notify you of the status of your grievance no later than three days from the receipt of all the required information. For urgent grievances, Health Net will immediately notify you of the right to contact the Department of Managed

Health Care. There is no requirement that you participate in Health Net's grievance process prior to applying to the Department of Managed Health Care for review of an urgent grievance.



*In addition, you can request an independent medical review of disputed health care services from the Department of Managed Health Care if you believe that health care services eligible for coverage and payment under the plan was improperly denied, modified or delayed by Health Net or one of its contracting providers.*

*Also, if Health Net denies your appeal of a denial for lack of medical necessity, or denies or delays coverage for requested treatment involving experimental or investigational drugs, devices, procedures or therapies, you can request an independent medical review of Health Net's decision from the Department of Managed Health Care if you meet the eligibility criteria set out in the plan's EOC.*

Health Net has established and administers the Health Net member grievance procedure. This process includes a detailed description of the roles and responsibilities that Health Net, the contracting physician groups and SIMNSA have in resolving Health Net Member grievances. This includes a detailed description of any and all delegation and oversight that Health Net monitors with respect to the contracting physician groups or SIMNSA. Health Net does not delegate to SIMNSA any level of appeals or grievance resolution for any Health Net member seeking care through it in California.

SIMNSA, the contracting physician groups and Health Net shall establish and maintain grievance policies and procedures and shall make a written summary of such policies and procedures available to Health Net, to the contracting physician groups, to SIMNSA and to members. Such summary shall include the current address and telephone number for registering a complaint first through the contracting physician groups or SIMNSA's grievance procedures in accordance with the Health Net standards.

The contracting physician groups or SIMNSA shall report to Health Net all Health Net member appeals by type of appeal or grievance and timeliness of appeal or grievance resolution on a quarterly basis. Health Net will periodically audit all delegated appeals and grievances to ensure that the appeals and grievances are being handled in a timely and appropriate manner.

In the event any complaint or grievance of a Health Net member cannot be settled through the appeal or grievance process, such matter shall be submitted to binding arbitration in accordance with the terms of the member's Benefits Disclosure and Evidence of Coverage. In that event, the parties hereto agree to cooperate and, at the request of a party, participate in any arbitration proceedings arising there from and, subject to either party's right to seek judicial review thereof in accordance with the terms of the Health Net Benefits Disclosure and EOC, to abide by all provisions of any final award rendered as a result of such proceedings.

## ARBITRATION

If you are not satisfied with the result of the grievance hearing and appeals process, you may submit the problem to binding arbitration. Health Net uses binding arbitration to settle disputes, including

medical malpractice. When you enroll in Health Net, you agree to submit any disputes to arbitration, in lieu of a jury or court trial.

## Additional Plan Benefit Information

The following plan benefits show benefits available with your plan. For a more complete description of copayments, and exclusions and limitations of service, please see the plan's *EOC*.

## Behavioral Health Services

### CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS

Health Net contracts with MHN Services, an affiliate behavioral health administrative services company (the Behavioral Health Administrator) which administers behavioral health services through a personalized, confidential and affordable mental health and substance use disorder care program.

Contact the Behavioral Health Administrator by calling the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover. The Behavioral Health Administrator will help you identify a participating mental health professional, a participating independent physician or a sub-contracted provider association within the network, close to where you live or work, with whom you can make an appointment.

Certain services and supplies for mental health and substance use disorders may require prior authorization by the Behavioral Health Administrator in order to be covered.

Please refer to the plan's *EOC* for a more complete description of mental health and substance use disorder services and supplies, including those that require prior authorization by the Behavioral Health Administrator.

### MEXICO RESIDENTS

SIMNSA contracts with behavioral health providers practicing in the enrollment service area in Mexico. For information on these providers, please contact SIMNSA at the phone number on the back cover.

### TRANSITION OF CARE FOR NEW ENROLLEES

If you are receiving ongoing care for an acute, serious, or chronic mental health or substance use disorder from a provider not affiliated with the Behavioral Health Administrator when you enroll with Health Net, we may temporarily cover services provided by that provider, subject to applicable copayments and any other exclusions and limitations of this plan.

Your non-participating mental health professional must be willing to accept the Behavioral Health Administrator's standard mental health provider contract terms and conditions and be located in the plan's service area.

To request continued care, you will need to complete a Continuity of Care Request Form. If you would like more information on how to request continued care, or to request a copy of the Continuity of Care Request Form or of our continuity of care policy, please call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Mental health and substance use disorders means a mental health condition or substance use disorder that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental and behavioral disorders chapter of the most recent edition of the International Classification of Diseases or that is listed in the most recent version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. Changes in terminology, organization, or classification of mental health and substance use disorders in future versions of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders or the World Health Organization's International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems shall not affect the conditions covered by this definition as long as a condition is commonly understood to be a mental health or substance use disorder by health care providers practicing in relevant clinical specialties.

## CONTINUATION OF TREATMENT

If you are in treatment for a mental health or substance use disorder, call the telephone number shown on your Health Net ID card to receive assistance in transferring your care to a network provider.

## WHAT'S COVERED

Please refer to the *SBC* for the explanation of covered services and copayments.

## WHAT'S NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS)

Services or supplies for the treatment of mental health and substance use disorders are subject to the plan's general exclusions and limitations. Please refer to the "Limits of Coverage" section of this *Disclosure Form* for a list of what's not covered under this plan.

**This is only a summary. Consult the plan's *EOC* to determine the exact terms and conditions of your coverage.**

## Prescription Drug Program

Health Net and SIMNSA are contracted with many major pharmacies within California and Mexico. Within California, participating pharmacies are in the Advanced Choice Pharmacy Network. For a complete and up-to-date list of participating pharmacies in California, visit our website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) or call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover. Members residing in Mexico, please contact SIMNSA for a complete list of participating pharmacies at the phone number on the back cover.

## SIMNSA PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM (AVAILABLE ONLY IN MEXICO)

Prescription drugs are covered when dispensed by a SIMNSA Participating Pharmacy and prescribed by a SIMNSA Physician or an emergent or urgent care physician. To obtain prescription drugs in Mexico, the prescription drug order must be written by a Provider in Mexico.

## HEALTH NET PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM (AVAILABLE ONLY IN THE UNITED STATES)

### The Health Net Essential Rx Drug List

This plan uses the Essential Rx Drug List. The Health Net Essential Rx Drug List (or Formulary or the List) is the approved list of medications covered for illnesses and conditions. It was developed to identify the safest and most effective medications for Health Net members while attempting to maintain affordable pharmacy benefits.

We specifically suggest to all Health Net contracting PCPs and specialists that they refer to this Formulary when choosing drugs for patients who are Health Net members. When your physician prescribes medications listed in the Formulary, it ensures that you are receiving a high quality prescription medication that is also of high value.

The Essential Rx Drug List is updated regularly, based on input from the Health Net Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee. The Committee members are actively practicing physicians of various medical specialties and clinical pharmacists. Voting members are recruited from contracting physician groups throughout California based on their experience, knowledge and expertise. In addition, the P&T Committee frequently consults with other medical experts to provide additional input to the Committee. Updates to the Essential Rx Drug List and drug usage guidelines are made as new clinical information and new drugs become available. In order to keep the Formulary current, the P&T Committee evaluates clinical effectiveness, safety and overall value through:

- Medical and scientific publications;
- Relevant utilization experience; and
- Physician recommendations.

To obtain a copy of Health Net's most current Essential Rx Drug List, please visit our website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) or call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

The Health Net Essential Rx Drug List is applicable to drugs (1) prescribed for members enrolled with Health Net who reside or work in California and (2) purchased at Health Net participating pharmacies.

## WHAT IS "PRIOR AUTHORIZATION"?

Some drugs require prior authorization. This means that your doctor must contact Health Net in advance to provide the medical reason for prescribing the medication. You may obtain a list of drugs

requiring prior authorization by visiting our website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) or call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

## How to Request Prior Authorization

Requests for prior authorization may be submitted electronically or by telephone or facsimile. Upon receiving your physician's request for prior authorization, Health Net will evaluate the information submitted and make a determination based on established clinical criteria for the particular medication. The criteria used for prior authorization are developed and based on input from the Health Net P&T Committee as well as physician specialist experts. Your physician may contact Health Net to obtain the usage guidelines for specific medications.

If authorization is denied by Health Net, you will receive written communication including the specific reason for denial. If you disagree with the decision, you may appeal the decision.

The appeal may be submitted in writing, by telephone or through e-mail. We must receive the appeal within 365 days of the date of the denial notice. Please refer to the plan's EOC for details regarding your right to appeal.

To submit an appeal:

- Call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover;
- Visit [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) for information on e-mailing the Customer Contact Center; or
- Write to:

Health Net Customer Contact Center  
P.O. Box 10348  
Van Nuys, CA 91410-0348

## PRESCRIPTIONS BY MAIL PROGRAM

If your prescription is for a maintenance medication (a drug that you will be taking for an extended period), you may fill it through our convenient prescriptions by mail program. This program allows you to receive up to a 90-consecutive-calendar-day supply of maintenance drugs from our network mail-order pharmacy. For complete information, visit [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com) or call the Health Net Customer Contact Center at the phone number on the back cover.

The mail order prescription drug coverage is limited to members residing or working in California. Drugs dispensed through the Mail Drug Program are not covered for members residing in Mexico.



*Tier 4 (specialty drugs) and Schedule II narcotic drugs (which are drugs that have a high abuse risk as classified by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration) are not covered through mail order.*

## WHAT'S COVERED

*Please refer to the SBC for the explanation of covered services and copayments.*



## Members who Access Benefits in Mexico

- Outpatient prescription drugs dispensed by a SIMNSA participating pharmacy.

## Members who Access Benefits in California

Outpatient prescription drugs:

- Tier 1 drugs - Drugs listed as Tier 1 on the Essential Rx Drug List that are not excluded from coverage (include most generic drugs and some low-cost preferred brand name drugs when listed on the Essential Rx Drug List)
- Tier 2 drugs - Drugs listed as Tier 2 on the Essential Rx Drug List that are not excluded from coverage (include non-preferred generic drugs, preferred brand name drugs, peak flow meters, inhaler spacers, insulin and diabetic supplies when listed in the Essential Rx Drug List and certain brand name drugs with a generic equivalent when listed in the Essential Rx Drug List)
- Tier 3 drugs - Drugs listed on the Essential Rx Drug List as Tier 3 (include non-preferred brand name drugs, brand name drugs with a generic equivalent when medically necessary, drugs listed as Tier 3 Drugs, drugs indicated as “NF”, if approved, or drugs not listed in the Essential Rx Drug List)
- Tier 4 (specialty drugs) - may be provided through a specialty pharmacy vendor (include specialty, self-administered injectable drugs (excluding insulin); high-cost drugs used to treat complex or chronic conditions when listed in the Essential Rx Drug List); and specialty drugs that are not listed on the Essential Rx Drug List and that are covered as an exception)
- Preventive drugs and women’s contraceptives

## MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DRUGS THAT WE COVER

- Prescription drug covered expenses are the lesser of Health Net’s contracted pharmacy rate or the pharmacy’s retail price for covered prescription drugs.
- If a prescription drug deductible (per member each calendar year) applies, you must pay this amount for prescription drug covered expenses before Health Net begins to pay. Diabetic supplies, preventive drugs and women’s contraceptives are not subject to the deductible. After the deductible is met, the copayment amounts will apply.
- Prescription drug refills are covered, up to a 30-consecutive-day supply per prescription at a Health Net contracted pharmacy for one copayment. A copayment is required for each prescription. In some cases, a 30-consecutive-calendar-day supply of medication may not be an appropriate drug treatment plan according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or Health Net’s usage guidelines. If this is the case, the amount of medication dispensed may be less than a 30-consecutive-calendar-day supply.
- Percentage copayments will be based on Health Net’s contracted pharmacy rate.
- Mail order drugs are covered up to a 90-consecutive-calendar-day supply. When the retail pharmacy copayment is a percentage, the mail order copayment is the same percentage of the cost to Health Net as the retail pharmacy copayment. Mail prescription drug coverage is limited to members residing or working in California. Drugs dispensed through the mail order program are not covered for members residing in Mexico.



- In the United States, prescription drugs for the treatment of asthma are covered as stated in the Essential Rx Drug List. In Mexico, prescription drugs for the treatment of asthma are covered. Inhaler spacers and peak flow meters are covered through the pharmacy benefit when medically necessary. Nebulizers (including face masks and tubing) are covered under “Durable Medical Equipment” and educational programs for the management of asthma are covered under “Patient Education” through the medical benefit.
- Preventive drugs, including smoking cessation drugs, are prescribed over-the-counter drugs or prescription drugs that are used for preventive health purposes per the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force A and B recommendations. No annual limits will be imposed on the number of days for the course of treatment for all FDA-approved smoking and tobacco cessation medications. Covered contraceptives are FDA-approved contraceptives for women that are either available over-the-counter or are only available with a prescription. Vaginal, oral, transdermal and emergency contraceptives are covered under this pharmacy benefit. IUD, implantable and injectable contraceptives are covered (when administered by a physician) under the medical benefit. Refer to the plan’s EOC for more information.
- Diabetic supplies (blood glucose testing strips, lancets, needles and syringes) are packaged in 50, 100 or 200 unit packages. Packages cannot be “broken” (that is, opened in order to dispense the product in quantities other than those packaged). When a prescription is dispensed, you will receive the size of package and/or number of packages required for you to test the number of times your physician has prescribed for up to a 30-day period.
- Self-injectable drugs (other than insulin), including drugs for the treatment of hemophilia, and needles and syringes used with these self-injectable drugs are included under Tier 4 (specialty drugs), which are subject to prior authorization and must be obtained through Health Net’s contracted specialty pharmacy vendor. Your PCP or treating physician will coordinate the authorization and upon approval the specialty pharmacy vendor will arrange for the dispensing of the drugs, needles and syringes. The specialty pharmacy vendor may contact you directly to coordinate the delivery of your medications.
- Tier 4 (specialty drugs) are identified in the Essential Rx Drug List with “SP”, and require prior authorization from Health Net. We may require you to obtain your Tier 4 (specialty drug) through the specialty pharmacy vendor. Tier 4 (specialty drugs) are not available through mail order. Please refer to the plan’s EOC for additional information.

## WHAT’S NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS)

*Services or supplies excluded under pharmacy services may be covered under the medical benefits portion of your plan. In addition to the exclusion and limitations listed below, prescription drug benefits are subject to the plan’s general exclusions and limitations. Consult the plan’s EOC for more information.*

- Allergy serum is covered as a medical benefit;
- Coverage for devices is limited to FDA-approved vaginal contraceptive devices, peak flow meters, inhaler spacers and diabetic supplies. No other devices are covered even if prescribed by a participating physician;

- Drugs prescribed for the treatment of obesity are covered, when medically necessary for the treatment of morbid obesity or when you meet Health Net prior authorization coverage requirements. In such cases, the drugs will be subject to prior authorization from Health Net;
- Drugs or medicines administered by a physician or physician's staff member;
- Drugs prescribed for routine dental treatment;
- Drugs prescribed to shorten the duration of the common cold;
- Drugs (including injectable medications) when medically necessary for treating sexual dysfunction are limited to a maximum of 8 doses in any 30 day period. Sexual dysfunction drugs are not available through the mail order program;
- Experimental drugs (those that are labeled "Caution - Limited by federal Law to investigational use only"). If you are denied coverage of a drug because the drug is investigational or experimental, you will have a right to independent medical review. See "If You Have a Disagreement with Our Plan" section of this *Disclosure Form* for additional information;
- Hypodermic needles or syringes, except for insulin needles, syringes and specific brands of pen devices;
- Immunizing agents, injections (except for insulin), agents for surgical implantation, biological sera, blood, blood derivatives or blood plasma obtained through a prescription;
- Individual doses of medication dispensed in plastic, unit dose or foil packages unless medically necessary or only available in that form;
- Limits on quantity, dosage and treatment duration may apply to some drugs. Medications taken on an "as-needed" basis may have a copayment based on a specific quantity, standard package, vial, ampoule, tube, or other standard unit. In such a case, the amount of medication dispensed may be less than a 30-consecutive-calendar-day supply. If medically necessary, your physician may request a larger quantity from Health Net;
- Mail order drug program in Mexico;
- Medical equipment and supplies (including insulin), that are available without a prescription are covered when prescribed by a physician for the management and treatment of diabetes, or for preventive purposes in accordance with the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force A and B recommendations or for female contraception as approved by the FDA. Any other nonprescription drug, medical equipment or supply that can be purchased without a prescription drug order is not covered even if a physician writes a prescription drug order for such drug, equipment or supply. However, if a higher dosage form of a prescription drug or over-the-counter (OTC) drug is only available by prescription, that higher dosage drug will be covered;
- Prescription drugs filled at pharmacies that are not in the Health Net or SIMNSA pharmacy network or are not in California except in emergency or urgent care situations;
- Prescription drugs prescribed by a physician who is not a member physician or an authorized specialist are not covered, except when the physician's services have been authorized, or because of a medical emergency condition, illness or injury, for urgently needed care or as specifically stated;

- Once you have taken possession of medications, replacement of lost, stolen or damaged medications is not covered;
- Supply amounts for prescriptions that exceed the FDA's or Health Net's indicated usage recommendation are not covered unless medically necessary and prior authorization is obtained from Health Net. Drugs that are not approved by the FDA are not covered, except as described in the plan's EOC; and
- Drugs prescribed for a condition or treatment not covered by this plan are not covered. However, the plan does cover drugs for medical conditions that result from nonroutine complications of a noncovered service.

**This is only a summary. Consult the plan's EOC to determine the exact terms and conditions of your coverage.**

## Acupuncture Care Program (in California only)

Acupuncture services, typically provided only for the treatment of nausea or as part of a comprehensive pain management program for the treatment of chronic pain, are provided by Health Net. Health Net has partnered with American Specialty Health Plans of California, Inc. (ASH Plans) to offer quality and affordable acupuncture coverage. Although you are always welcome to consult your PCP, you will not need a referral to see a contracted acupuncturist.

With this program, you are free to obtain care by self-referring to a contracted acupuncturist from the *ASH Plans Contracted Acupuncturist Directory*. All covered services require pre-approval by ASH Plans except for:

- A new patient examination by a contracted acupuncturist and the provision or commencement, in the new patient examination, of medically necessary services that are covered acupuncture services, to the extent consistent with professionally recognized standards of practice.

When ASH Plans approves a treatment plan, the approved services for the subsequent office visits covered by the treatment plan include not only the approved services but also a re-examination in each subsequent office visit, if deemed necessary by the contracted acupuncturist, without additional approval by ASH Plans.

## WHAT'S NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS)

*Services or supplies excluded under the acupuncture care program may be covered under the medical benefits portion of your plan. Consult the plan's EOC for more information.*

- Diagnostic scanning, MRI, CT scans or thermography;
- X-rays, laboratory tests, and x-ray second opinions;
- Hypnotherapy, behavioral training, sleep therapy, weight programs, educational programs, self-help items or services, or physical exercise training;

- Physical therapy services classified as experimental or investigational;
- Experimental or investigational acupuncture services. Only acupuncture services that are non-investigational, proven and meet professionally recognized standards of practice in the acupuncture provider community are covered. ASH Plans will determine what will be considered experimental or investigational;
- Charges for hospital confinement and related services;
- Charges for anesthesia;
- Treatment or services not authorized by ASH Plans or not delivered by a contracted acupuncturist when authorization is required; treatment not delivered by a contracted acupuncturist (except upon referral to a non-contracted acupuncturist approved by ASH Plans); and
- Only services that are within the scope of licensure of a licensed acupuncturist in California are covered.

**This is only a summary. Consult the plan's EOC to determine the exact terms and conditions of your coverage.**

## Pediatric Vision Care Program (in California only)

**The pediatric vision services benefits are provided by Health Net. Health Net contracts with Envision Vision, Inc., to administer the pediatric vision services benefits.**

Pediatric vision services are covered until the last day of the month in which the individual turns nineteen years of age.

### WHAT'S COVERED

The pediatric vision services and supplies, as shown below, must be provided by a participating vision provider in order to be covered. To find a participating eyewear dispenser, call the Health Net Vision Program at **1-866-392-6058** or visit our website at [www.healthnet.com](http://www.healthnet.com).

### Eyewear Schedule

Professional Services	What you pay
Routine eye examination with dilation, as medically necessary .....	\$0
Examination for contact lenses	
Standard contact lens fit and follow-up .....	\$0*
Premium contact lens fit and follow-up .....	\$0*

#### Limitation:

\* In accordance with professionally recognized standards of practice, this plan covers one complete vision examination once every 12 months.

Materials (including frames and lenses)	What you pay
Provider selected Frames (one every 12 months) .....	\$0
Standard Plastic Eyeglass Lenses (one pair every 12 months) .....	\$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single vision, bifocal, trifocal, lenticular</li> <li>• Glass or plastic</li> </ul>	
Optional Lenses and Treatments including: .....	\$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UV Treatment</li> <li>• Tint (Fashion &amp; Gradient &amp; Glass-Grey)</li> <li>• Standard Plastic Scratch Coating</li> <li>• Standard Polycarbonate</li> <li>• Photochromic / Transitions Plastic</li> <li>• Standard Anti-Reflective Coating</li> <li>• Polarized</li> <li>• Standard Progressive Lens</li> <li>• Hi-Index Lenses</li> <li>• Blended segment Lenses</li> <li>• Intermediate vision Lenses</li> <li>• Select or ultra-progressive lenses</li> </ul>	
Premium Progressive Lenses .....	\$0
Provider selected contact lenses (In lieu of eyeglass lenses) .....	\$0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended Wear Disposables: Up to 6 month supply of monthly or 2 week disposable, single vision spherical or toric contact lenses</li> <li>• Daily Wear/Disposables: Up to 3 month supply of daily disposables, single vision spherical contact lenses</li> <li>• Conventional: 1 pair from selection of provider designated contact lenses</li> <li>• Must be medically necessary</li> </ul>	

## Medically Necessary Contact Lenses

Coverage of medically necessary contact lenses is subject to medical necessity and all applicable exclusions and limitations. Contact lenses are defined as medically necessary if the individual is diagnosed with one of the following conditions:

- High Ametropia exceeding -10D or +10D in meridian powers
- Anisometropia of 3D in meridian powers
- Keratoconus when the member's vision is not correctable to 20/25 in either or both eyes using standard spectacle lenses
- Vision improvement for members whose vision can be corrected two lines of improvement on the visual acuity chart when compared to the best corrected standard spectacle lenses

## WHAT'S NOT COVERED (EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS)

Services or supplies excluded under the vision care program may be covered under the medical benefits portion of your plan. Consult the plan's *EOC* for more information.

In addition to the limitations described above, the plan does not cover the following:

- Services and supplies provided by a provider who is not a participating vision provider are not covered.
- Charges for services and materials that Health Net determines to be non-medically necessary are excluded. One routine eye exam with dilation is covered every calendar year and is not subject to medical necessity.
- Plano (non-prescription) lenses are excluded.
- Coverage for prescriptions for contact lenses is subject to medical necessity and all applicable exclusions and limitations. When covered, contact lenses are furnished at the same coverage interval as eyeglass lenses under this vision benefit. They are in lieu of all eyeglasses lenses and frames.
- Hospital and medical charges of any kind, vision services rendered in a hospital and medical or surgical treatment of the eyes, are not covered.
- A second pair of glasses in lieu of bifocals is excluded from the basic benefit. However, Health Net Participating Vision Providers offer discounts up to 40 percent off their normal fees for secondary purchases once the initial benefit has been exhausted.

## LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT

If you go to a care provider not affiliated with Health Net, you will be responsible for payment of your eye exam, glasses or contact lenses.

You may also have to pay additional fees when you use an affiliated provider if you choose lenses, frames or contact lenses that cost more than the covered expense. Health Net will seek reimbursement for vision and eyewear services that are covered under Workers' Compensation or required by occupational disease law.

**This is only a summary. Consult the plan's *EOC* to determine the exact terms and conditions of your coverage.**

## Pediatric Dental Services (in California Only)

**All of the following services must be provided by your selected Health Net Participating Primary Dental Provider in order to be covered. Refer to the "Pediatric Dental Care Program Exclusions and Limitations" later in this section for limitations on covered pediatric dental services.**

Pediatric dental services are covered until the last day of the month in which the individual turns nineteen years of age.

# HOW TO CHOOSE A PRIMARY DENTIST

Subscribers must select a single primary dentist from the *Participating Dentist Directory* for their area for themselves and their enrolled family members (i.e., enrolled family members must use the same primary dentist). Call the Customer Contact Center at the number on your Health Net ID card for a listing of participating dental providers. Each member’s primary dentist is responsible for the provision, direction and coordination of the member’s complete dental care. Members are required to select a primary dentist at the time of enrollment. If you do not make this selection and notify Health Net, Health Net will assign a primary dentist within close proximity to the subscriber’s primary residence. The assignment will be made within 31 days from the member’s commencement of coverage or 31 days after receiving complete enrollment information, whichever is later.

# WHAT’S COVERED

When you receive benefits from your selected primary dentist you only pay the applicable copayment amount noted below. You do not need to submit a claim. Health Net arranges for the provision of dental services by contracting with participating dentists to serve you in an organized and cost-effective manner.

If you have purchased a supplemental pediatric dental benefit plan, pediatric dental benefits covered under this plan will be paid first, with the supplemental pediatric dental benefit plan covering non-covered services and or cost sharing as described in your supplemental pediatric dental benefit plan coverage document.

**IMPORTANT:** If you opt to receive dental services that are not covered services under this plan, a participating dental provider may charge you his or her usual and customary rate for those services. Prior to providing a patient with dental services that are not a covered benefit, the dentist should provide to the patient a treatment plan that includes each anticipated service to be provided and the estimated cost of each service. If you would like more information about dental coverage options, you may call the Customer Contact Center at the telephone number on your Health Net dental ID card or your insurance broker. To fully understand your coverage, you may wish to carefully review the *EOC* document.

Administration of these pediatric dental plan designs comply with requirements of the pediatric dental EHB benchmark plan, including coverage of services in circumstances of medical necessity as defined in the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit for pediatric dental services.

# Summary of Pediatric Dental Benefits

**Copayments range by category of services. Refer to the *EOC* for a complete listing of covered pediatric dental services, copayments, benefit limitations and exclusion.**

Dental Benefit	What you pay
Diagnostic and Preventive Services .....	\$0
Includes services such as oral exam, preventive x-ray and cleaning, sealants per tooth, topical fluoride application and space maintainers	
Restorative Procedures.....	Copayments range from \$25 - \$310

Medically necessary dental services to repair or restore the natural teeth to healthy condition

Endodontics ..... Copayments range from \$20 - \$365

Medically necessary dental services that involve treatment of the tooth pulp, canals and roots

Periodontics ..... Copayments range from \$10 - \$350

Medically necessary dental services that involve the treatment of the gums and bone supporting the teeth and the management of gingivitis (gum inflammation) and periodontitis (gum disease)

Prosthodontics Services ..... Copayments range from \$20 - \$350

Removable prosthodontics (removal denture), fixed prosthodontics (fixed bridge), maxillofacial prosthetics, and implant services

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery ..... Copayments range from \$30 - \$350

Medically necessary dental services that involve the extraction of teeth and other surgical procedures

Adjunctive General Services ..... Copayments range from \$0 - \$210

Medically necessary Orthodontics..... \$1,000

## Orthodontic Benefits

This dental plan covers orthodontic benefits as described above. Extractions and initial diagnostic x-rays are not included in these fees. Orthodontic treatment must be provided by a participating dentist.

## Referrals to Specialists for Orthodontic Care

Each member's primary dentist is responsible for the direction and coordination of the member's complete dental care for benefits. If your primary dentist recommends orthodontic care and you wish to receive Benefits for such care under this dental plan, Health Net's Customer Contact Center will assist you in selecting a participating orthodontist from the Participating Orthodontist Directory.

## Medically Necessary Dental Services

Medically necessary dental services are dental benefits which are necessary and appropriate for treatment of a member's teeth, gums and supporting structures according to professionally recognized standards of practice and are:

- Necessary to treat decay, disease or injury of the teeth; or
- Essential for the care of the teeth and supporting tissues of the teeth

## Emergency Dental Services

Emergency dental services are dental procedures administered in a dentist's office, dental clinic, or other comparable facility, to evaluate and stabilize dental conditions of a recent onset and severity accompanied by excessive bleeding, severe pain, or acute infection that a person could reasonably expect that immediate dental care is needed.

All selected general dentists provide emergency dental services twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week and we encourage you to seek care from your selected general dentist. **If you require**



**emergency dental services, you may go to any dental provider, go to the closest emergency room, or call 911 for assistance, as necessary. Prior authorization for emergency dental services is not required.**

## PEDIATRIC DENTAL CARE PROGRAM EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

### Dental Procedures Limitations

The covered dental procedures are subject to the limits shown below. Refer to the *EOC* for a complete listing of covered pediatric dental services, copayments, benefit limitations and exclusion.

**Periodic oral evaluations:** Limited to 1 every 6 months.

**Prophylaxis services (cleanings):** Limited to 1 every 6 months.

**Fluoride treatment:** Covered once 1 every 6 months.

**Intraoral radiographic images:** Complete series of radiographic images are limited to once every 36 months. Occlusal radiographic image are limited to 2 every 6 months.

**Bitewing x-rays:** Bitewing x-rays that are provided in conjunction with periodic examinations are limited to one series of 4 films in any 6-month period. Isolated bitewing or periapical films are allowed on an emergency or episodic basis.

**Full mouth x-rays:** Full mouth x-rays that are provided in conjunction with periodic examinations are limited to once every 24 months.

**Panoramic film x-rays:** Limited to once every 36 months.

**Dental sealant treatments:** Limited to the first, second and third permanent molars that occupy the second molar position.

**Replacement of a restoration:** Covered only when it is defective, as evidenced by conditions such a recurrent caries or fracture, and replacement is medically necessary.

#### Crowns:

Prefabricated Crowns – primary teeth are covered once every 12 months.

Prefabricated Crowns – permanent teeth are covered once every 36 months.

Replacement prefabricated crowns necessary in primary teeth within the first 12 months and permanent teeth within the first 36 months are covered.

Only acrylic crowns and stainless crowns are benefit for children under 12 years of age. If other types of crowns are chosen, the member will pay the difference in cost for children under 12 years of age. The covered dental benefit level will be that of an acrylic crown.

**Gingivectomy or gingivoplasty and osseous surgery:** Limited to once per quadrant every 36 months.

**Periodontics (other than Maintenance):** Periodontal scaling and root planing, and subgingival curettage are limited to once per quadrant every 24 months.

**Periodontal maintenance:** Covered once every 12 months per quadrant.

## Dental Services Exclusions and Limitations

*Services or supplies excluded under pediatric dental services may be covered under the medical benefits portion of your plan. Consult the plan's EOC for more information.*

The following are the limitation of benefits, unless otherwise specifically listed as a covered benefit on this plan's schedule of benefits:

- Any procedure that in the professional opinion of the attending dentist: (a) has poor prognosis for a successful result and reasonable longevity based on the condition of the tooth or teeth and/or surrounding structures, or (b) is inconsistent with generally accepted standards for dentistry.
- Implant Services (D6000-D6199): Implant services are a benefit only when exceptional medical conditions are documented and shall be reviewed for medical necessity.
- Medically necessary orthodontia (D8000-D8999): Benefits for medically necessary comprehensive orthodontic treatment must be approved by Health Net dental consultants for a member who has one of the medical conditions handicapping malocclusion, cleft palate and facial growth management cases. Orthodontic care is covered when medically necessary to prevent disease and promote oral health, restore oral structures to health and function, and treat emergency conditions.
  - o Only those cases with permanent dentition shall be considered for medically necessary handicapping malocclusion, unless the patient is age 13 or older with primary teeth remaining. Cleft palate and craniofacial anomaly cases are a benefit for primary, mixed and permanent dentitions. Craniofacial anomalies are treated using facial growth management.
  - o All necessary procedures that may affect orthodontic treatment shall be completed before orthodontic treatment is considered.
  - o Orthodontic procedures are a benefit only when the diagnostic casts verify a minimum score of 26 points on the Handicapping Labio-Lingual Deviation (HLD) Index California Modification Score Sheet Form, DC016 (06/09) or one of the six automatic qualifying conditions below exist or when there is written documentation of a craniofacial anomaly from a credentialed specialist on their professional letterhead.

The automatic qualifying conditions are:

- cleft palate deformity. If the cleft palate is not visible on the diagnostic casts written documentation from a credentialed specialist shall be submitted, on their professional letterhead, with the prior authorization request,
- craniofacial anomaly. Written documentation from a credentialed specialist shall be submitted, on their professional letterhead, with the prior authorization request,
- a deep impinging overbite in which the lower incisors are destroying the soft tissue of the palate,
- a crossbite of individual anterior teeth causing destruction of soft tissue,
- an overjet greater than 9 mm or reverse overjet greater than 3.5 mm,

- a severe traumatic deviation (such as loss of a premaxilla segment by burns, accident or osteomyelitis or other gross pathology). Written documentation of the trauma or pathology shall be submitted with the prior authorization request.

If a member does not score 26 or above nor meets one of the six automatic qualifying conditions, he/she may be eligible under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment – Supplemental Services (EPSDT-SS) exception if medical necessity is documented.

- Adjunctive Services (D9000-D9999); Adjunctive services including anesthesia, professional visits and consults, behavior management, post-surgical complications, and occlusal guards;
  - o Palliative treatment (relief of pain)
  - o Palliative (emergency) treatment, for treatment of dental pain, limited to once per day, per member.
  - o House/extended care facility calls, once per member per date of service.
  - o One hospital or ambulatory surgical center call per day per provider per member.
  - o Anesthesia for members under 19 years of age, deep sedation or general anesthesia services are covered on a case-by-case basis and when prior authorized, except for oral surgery services. For oral, surgery services, deep sedation or general anesthesia services do not require prior authorization.
  - o Occlusal guards when medically necessary and prior authorized, for members from 12 to 19 years of age when member has permanent dentition.
  - o Teledentistry benefits are limited to twice in a 12 month period. This plan does not cover Teledentistry beyond the two sessions in a 12 month period.
- The following services, if in the opinion of the attending dentist or Health Net are not medically necessary, will not be covered:
  - o Temporomandibular joint treatment (aka "TMJ").
  - o Elective dentistry and cosmetic dentistry.
  - o Oral surgery requiring the setting of fractures or dislocations, orthognathic surgery and extraction solely for orthodontic purposes (does not apply to fractured or dislocated (knocked out) teeth).
  - o Treatment of malignancies, cysts, neoplasms or congenital malformations.
  - o Prescription medications.
  - o Hospital charges of any kind.
  - o Loss or theft of full or partial dentures.
  - o Any procedure of implantation.
  - o Any experimental procedure.
  - o General anesthesia or intravenous/conscious sedation, except as specified in the medical benefits section.
  - o Services that cannot be performed because of the physical or behavioral limitations of the patient.

- o Fees incurred for broken or missed appointments (without 24 hours' notice) are the member's responsibility. However, the copayment for missed appointments may not apply if: (1) the member canceled at least 24 hours in advance; or (2) the member missed the appointment because of an emergency or circumstances beyond the control of the member.
- o Any procedure performed for the purpose of correcting contour, contact or occlusion.
- o Any procedure that is not specifically listed as a covered service.
- o Services that were provided without cost to the member by state government or an agency thereof, or any municipality, county or other subdivisions.
- o The cost of precious metals used in any form of dental benefits.
- o Services of a pedodontist/pediatric dentist, except when the member is unable to be treated by his or her panel provider, or treatment by a pedodontist/pediatric dentist is medically necessary, or his or her plan provider is a pedodontist/pediatric dentist. Pediatric dental services that are received in an emergency care setting for conditions that are not emergencies if the subscriber reasonable should have known that an emergency care situation did not exist.

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# Nondiscrimination Notice

In addition to the State of California nondiscrimination requirements (as described in benefit coverage documents), Health Net of California, Inc. and Health Net Life Insurance Company (Health Net) comply with applicable federal civil rights laws and do not discriminate, exclude people or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or sex.

## Health Net:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and information written in other languages.

If you need these services, contact Health Net's Customer Contact Center at:

**Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Members On Exchange/Covered California** 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711)

**Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Members Off Exchange** 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711)

**Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Applicants** 1-877-609-8711 (TTY: 711)

**Group Plans through Health Net** 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711)

If you believe that Health Net has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way based on one of the characteristics listed above, you can file a grievance by calling Health Net's Customer Contact Center at the number above and telling them you need help filing a grievance. Health Net's Customer Contact Center is available to help you file a grievance. You can also file a grievance by mail, fax or email at:

Health Net of California, Inc.  
Appeals & Grievances  
PO Box 10348, Van Nuys, CA 91410-0348

Fax: 1-877-831-6019

Email: [Member.Discrimination.Complaints@healthnet.com](mailto:Member.Discrimination.Complaints@healthnet.com) (Members) or  
[Non-Member.Discrimination.Complaints@healthnet.com](mailto:Non-Member.Discrimination.Complaints@healthnet.com) (Applicants)

If your health problem is urgent, if you already filed a complaint with Health Net of California, Inc. and are not satisfied with the decision or it has been more than 30 days since you filed a complaint with Health Net of California, Inc., you may submit an Independent Medical Review/Complaint Form with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC). You may submit a complaint form by calling the DMHC Help Desk at **1-888-466-2219 (TDD: 1-877-688-9891)** or online at [www.dmhc.ca.gov/FileaComplaint](http://www.dmhc.ca.gov/FileaComplaint).

If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), electronically through the OCR Complaint Portal, at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 509F, HHH Building, Washington, DC 20201, **1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1-800-537-7697)**.

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.



# Notice of Language Services

## English

No Cost Language Services. You can get an interpreter. You can get documents read to you and some sent to you in your language. For help, call the Customer Contact Center at the number on your ID card or call Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Off Exchange: 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711). For California marketplace, call IFP On Exchange 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) or Small Business 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711). For Group Plans through Health Net, call 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711).

## Arabic

خدمات لغوية مجانية. يمكننا أن نوفر لك مترجم فوري. يمكننا أن نقرأ لك الوثائق بلغتك. للحصول على المساعدة اللازمة، يرجى التواصل مع مركز خدمة العملاء عبر الرقم المبين على بطاقتك أو الاتصال بالرقم الفرعي لخطه الأفراد والعائلة: (TTY: 711) 1-800-839-2172. للتواصل في كاليفورنيا، يرجى الاتصال بالرقم الفرعي لخطه الأفراد والعائلة عبر الرقم: (TTY: 711) 1-888-926-4988 أو المشروعات الصغيرة (TTY: 711) 1-888-926-5133. لخطط المجموعة عبر Health Net، يرجى الاتصال بالرقم (TTY: 711) 1-800-522-0088.

## Armenian

Անվճար լեզվական ծառայություններ: Դուք կարող եք բանավոր թարգմանիչ ստանալ: Փաստաթղթերը կարող են կարդալ ձեր լեզվով: Օգնության համար զանգահարեք Հաճախորդների սպասարկման կենտրոն ձեր ID քարտի վրա նշված հեռախոսահամարով կամ զանգահարեք Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Off Exchange՝ 1-800-839-2172 հեռախոսահամարով (TTY՝ 711): Կալիֆոռնիայի համար զանգահարեք IFP On Exchange՝ 1-888-926-4988 հեռախոսահամարով (TTY՝ 711) կամ Փոքր բիզնեսի համար՝ 1-888-926-5133 հեռախոսահամարով (TTY՝ 711): Health Net-ի Խմբային ծրագրերի համար զանգահարեք 1-800-522-0088 հեռախոսահամարով (TTY՝ 711):

## Chinese

免費語言服務。您可使用口譯員服務。您可請人將文件唸給您聽並請我們將某些文件翻譯成您的語言寄給您。如需協助，請撥打您會員卡上的電話號碼與客戶聯絡中心聯絡或者撥打健康保險交易市場外的 Individual & Family Plan (IFP) 專線：1-800-839-2172（聽障專線：711）。如為加州保險交易市場，請撥打健康保險交易市場的 IFP 專線 1-888-926-4988（聽障專線：711），小型企業則請撥打 1-888-926-5133（聽障專線：711）。如為透過 Health Net 取得的團保計畫，請撥打 1-800-522-0088（聽障專線：711）。

## Hindi

बिना शुल्क भाषा सेवाएं। आप एक दुभाषिया प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। आप दस्तावेजों को अपनी भाषा में पढ़वा सकते हैं। मदद के लिए, अपने आईडी कार्ड में दिए गए नंबर पर ग्राहक सेवा केंद्र को कॉल करें या व्यक्तिगत और फैमिली प्लान (आईएफपी) ऑफ एक्सचेंज: 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें। कैलिफोर्निया बाजारों के लिए, आईएफपी ऑन एक्सचेंज 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) या स्मॉल बिजनेस 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें। हेल्थ नेट के माध्यम से ग्रुप प्लान के लिए 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।

## Hmong

Tsis Muaj Tus Nqi Pab Txhais Lus. Koj tuaj yeem tau txais ib tus kws pab txhais lus. Koj tuaj yeem muaj ib tus neeg nyeem cov ntaub ntawv rau koj ua koj hom lus hais. Txhawm rau pab, hu xovtooj rau Neeg Qhua Lub Chaw Tiv Toj ntawm tus npawb nyob ntawm koj daim npav ID lossis hu rau Tus Neeg thiab Tsev Neeg Qhov Kev Npaj (IFP) Ntawm Kev Sib Hloov Pauv: 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711). Rau California qhov chaw kiab khw, hu rau IFP Ntawm Qhov Sib Hloov Pauv 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) lossis Lag Luam Me 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711). Rau Cov Pab Pawg Chaw Npaj Kho Mob hla Health Net, hu rau 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711).



## Japanese

無料の言語サービスを提供しております。通訳者もご利用いただけます。日本語で文書をお読みすることも可能です。ヘルプが必要な場合は、IDカードに記載されている番号で顧客連絡センターまでお問い合わせいただくか、Individual & Family Plan (IFP) (個人・家族向けプラン) Off Exchange: 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711) までお電話ください。カリフォルニア州のマーケットプレイスについては、IFP On Exchange 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) または Small Business 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711) までお電話ください。Health Netによるグループプランについては、1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711) までお電話ください。

## Khmer

សេវាភាសាដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ។ លោកអ្នកអាចទទួលបានអ្នកបកប្រែផ្ទាល់មាត់។ លោកអ្នកអាចស្តាប់គេអានឯកសារឱ្យលោកអ្នកជាភាសាបស់លោកអ្នក។ សម្រាប់ជំនួយ សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទទៅកាន់មជ្ឈមណ្ឌលទំនាក់ទំនងអតិថិជនតាមលេខដែលមាននៅលើប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់ខ្លួនរបស់លោកអ្នក ឬហៅទូរស័ព្ទទៅកាន់កម្មវិធី Off Exchange របស់គម្រោងជាលក្ខណៈបុគ្គល និងក្រុមគ្រួសារ (IFP) តាមរយៈលេខ៖ 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711)។ សម្រាប់ទីផ្សាររដ្ឋ California សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទទៅកាន់កម្មវិធី On Exchange របស់គម្រោង IFP តាមរយៈលេខ 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) ឬក្រុមហ៊ុនអាជីវកម្មខ្នាតតូចតាមរយៈលេខ 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711)។ សម្រាប់គម្រោងជាក្រុមតាមរយៈ Health Net សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទទៅកាន់លេខ 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711)។

## Korean

무료 언어 서비스입니다. 통역 서비스를 받으실 수 있습니다. 문서 낭독 서비스를 받으실 수 있으며 일부 서비스는 귀하가 구사하는 언어로 제공됩니다. 도움이 필요하시면 ID 카드에 수록된 번호로 고객센터 센터에 연락하시거나 개인 및 가족 플랜(IFP)의 경우 Off Exchange: 1-800-839-2172(TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오. 캘리포니아 주 마켓플레이스의 경우 IFP On Exchange 1-888-926-4988(TTY: 711), 소규모 비즈니스의 경우 1-888-926-5133(TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오. Health Net을 통한 그룹 플랜의 경우 1-800-522-0088(TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

## Navajo

Doo bą́ą́h ílínígóó saad bee háká ada'iiyeed. Ata' halne'ígíí da ła' ná hádídóot'íí. Naaltsoos da t'áá shí shizaad k'éhjí shichí' yídooltah nínízingo t'áá ná ákódoolníít. Ákót'éego shíká a'doowoł nínízingo Customer Contact Center hoolyéhi'í' hodíílnih ninaaltsoos nanitingo bee néého'dolzinígíí hodoonihi'í' bikáá' éí doodago kojí' hólne' Individual & Family Plan (IFP) Off Exchange: 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711). California marketplace báhígíí kojí' hólne' IFP On Exchange 1-888- 926-4988 (TTY: 711) éí doodago Small Business báhígíí kojí' hólne' 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711). Group Plans through Health Net báhígíí éí kojí' hólne' 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711).

## Persian (Farsi)

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## **Panjabi (Punjabi)**

ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਲਾਗਤ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇੱਕ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਸੁਣਾਏ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ, ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਤੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਗਾਹਕ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ ਜਾਂ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਗਤ ਅਤੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਯੋਜਨਾ (IFP) ਔਫ਼ ਐਕਸਚੇਂਜ 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ: 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711)। ਕੈਲੀਫੋਰਨੀਆ ਮਾਰਕਿਟਪਲੇਸ ਲਈ, IFP ਔਨ ਐਕਸਚੇਂਜ ਨੂੰ 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) ਜਾਂ ਸਮੱਲ ਬਿਜਨੇਸ ਨੂੰ 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711) 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। ਹੈਲਥ ਨੈੱਟ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਾਮੂਹਿਕ ਪਲੈਨਾਂ ਲਈ, 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711) 'ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ।

## **Russian**

Бесплатная помощь переводчиков. Вы можете получить помощь переводчика. Вам могут прочитать документы на Вашем родном языке. Если Вам нужна помощь, звоните по телефону Центра помощи клиентам, указанному на вашей карте участника плана. Вы также можете позвонить в отдел помощи участникам не представленным на федеральном рынке планов для частных лиц и семей (IFP) Off Exchange 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711). Участники планов от California marketplace: звоните в отдел помощи участникам представленным на федеральном рынке планов IFP (On Exchange) по телефону 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) или в отдел планов для малого бизнеса (Small Business) по телефону 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711). Участники коллективных планов, предоставляемых через Health Net: звоните по телефону 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711).

## **Spanish**

Servicios de idiomas sin costo. Puede solicitar un intérprete, obtener el servicio de lectura de documentos y recibir algunos en su idioma. Para obtener ayuda, comuníquese con el Centro de Comunicación con el Cliente al número que figura en su tarjeta de identificación o llame al plan individual y familiar que no pertenece al Mercado de Seguros de Salud al 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711). Para planes del mercado de seguros de salud de California, llame al plan individual y familiar que pertenece al Mercado de Seguros de Salud al 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711); para los planes de pequeñas empresas, llame al 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711). Para planes grupales a través de Health Net, llame al 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711).

## **Tagalog**

Walang Bayad na Mga Serbisyo sa Wika. Makakakuha kayo ng interpreter. Makakakuha kayo ng mga dokumento na babasahin sa inyo sa inyong wika. Para sa tulong, tumawag sa Customer Contact Center sa numerong nasa ID card ninyo o tumawag sa Off Exchange ng Planong Pang-indibidwal at Pampamilya (Individual & Family Plan, IFP): 1-800-839-2172 (TTY: 711). Para sa California marketplace, tumawag sa IFP On Exchange 1-888-926-4988 (TTY: 711) o Maliliit na Negosyo 1-888-926-5133 (TTY: 711). Para sa mga Planong Pang-grupo sa pamamagitan ng Health Net, tumawag sa 1-800-522-0088 (TTY: 711).

## **Thai**

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**Vietnamese**

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