

Health Plan Booklet Updates

This notice summarizes the changes to the Health Plan since the January 1, 2010 booklet was released and supersedes the provisions described in that booklet.

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AMBULANCE SERVICE (PAGE 63)

The Ambulance Service section of the Health Plan Booklet was amended to read as follows:

Licensed ambulance company service is covered for:

- Emergency transportation to a local hospital; or
- Local ambulance transport from a hospital to home at discharge when transport by non-ambulance is impossible or the patient's health would be seriously jeopardized if an ambulance was not used; or
- Local ambulance transport to and from a separate facility for Medically Necessary diagnostic/treatment services during inpatient hospital confinement.

In the event that specialized treatment is needed at a specially-equipped hospital, and a ground ambulance is not available or practical, or if you should have an Accident or medical emergency in an area not easily accessible by conventional transportation, coverage is provided for air transportation to the nearest facility equipped to provide the necessary services.

For any air ambulance service provided after January 1, 2010, coverage is limited to three times in the lifetime of each participant or eligible dependent. In determining the number of times air ambulance service is utilized, service utilized both before and after January 1, 2010 is counted.

Transportation for patient/doctor convenience is not covered.