

Important Update To Certificate Of Coverage

The State of Michigan recently changed Medicaid benefits starting July 1, 2009. These changes are for some benefits for people who are 21 years and older (Executive Order 2009-22). Medicaid will no longer pay for Chiropractic, Podiatry, Hearing Aids, and Vision Services. **There are no changes for members under the age of 21.**

We value you as our member and want you to know that CareSource will still cover these services for you through September 30, 2009, even though they are no longer covered by the Medicaid program.

Please read the updates below:

ARTICLE IX. COVERED SERVICES

9.2 The following are covered services when they meet the requirements stated above in Section 9.1:

- m. Durable medical equipment, prosthetics, and orthotics.

Special services such as durable medical equipment, prosthetics and orthotics, and other medical supplies, including, but not limited to, the cost and fitting of a prosthetic device following a mastectomy as defined in MCL 500.3406(a) when authorized in advance by CareSource are covered services. CareSource reserves the right to require use of the least costly medically effective durable medical equipment and prosthetic or orthotic devices.

NEW INFORMATION: Podiatric inserts for non-diabetic members that are 21 or older are not covered.

- p. Vision services.

Routine eye examinations by a CareSource vision care participating physician, practitioner or provider to determine the need for vision correction are covered services. One exam every two years is provided for members under age 21, unless otherwise authorized by CareSource. For members age 21 and older, CareSource covers one exam per year.

1. One pair of clear corrective lenses and eyeglass frames every two years are covered unless lenses are medically necessary due to significant refraction change. Sunglasses are not a covered benefit. Replacements for eyeglasses that are lost, broken or stolen are covered twice per year for members younger than 21.
2. **NEW INFORMATION: Corrective lenses and eyeglass frames are not a covered benefit for members 21 and older.**

Contact lenses are covered only if the member has a vision problem that cannot adequately be corrected with eyeglasses.

NEW INFORMATION: Contact lenses are not a covered benefit for members 21 and older.

3. **NEW INFORMATION: Hearing aids are covered for members younger than 21 years of age.**

Hearing examinations to determine whether a hearing problem exists are covered services when performed or authorized by CareSource. These services do not require prior authorization and are a benefit for all CareSource members.

- u. Chiropractic. You may go to any participating CareSource chiropractor without a referral or prior authorization.

NEW INFORMATION: CareSource members age 21 and older have a chiropractic benefit limit of five visits per year.

- w. Podiatric (foot) services. You may go to any participating CareSource podiatrist without a referral or prior authorization.

NEW INFORMATION: CareSource members age 21 and older have a podiatry benefit limit of 5 visits per year. There are no podiatry benefit limits for diabetics or members under 21.