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Benefit Description

Extended Care Benefits/Skilled Nursing Care Facility Benefits (cont.)

Note: See earlier in this section for benefits provided for outpatient physical, occupational, speech, and cognitive rehabilitation therapy, and manipulative treatment services when billed by a skilled nursing facility. See Section 5(f) for benefits for prescription drugs.

Note: If Medicare Part A is your primary payor, we will only provide benefits if Medicare provided benefits for the admission.

Standard Option - You Pay

Preferred facilities: Nothing (no deductible)

Member facilities: Nothing (no deductible)

Non-member facilities: Nothing (no deductible)

Note: You pay all charges not paid by Medicare after the 30th day.

Basic Option - You Pay

All charges

Benefit Description

Not covered:

Phone, television, personal comfort items, such as guest meals and beds, beauty and barber services, recreational outings/trips, stretcher or wheelchair transportation, non-emergent ambulance transport that is requested, beyond the nearest facility adequately equipped to treat the member's condition, by patient or physician for continuity of care or other reason, custodial or long term care (see Definitions), and

domiciliary care provided because care in the home is not available or is unsuitable

Standard Option - You Pay

All charges

Basic Option - You Pay

All charges

Benefit Description

Hospice Care

Hospice care is an integrated set of services and supplies designed to provide palliative and supportive care to members with a projected life expectancy of six months or less due to a terminal medical condition, as certified by the member's primary care provider or specialist.

Standard Option - You Pay

See the following

Basic Option - You Pay

See the following

Benefit Description

Pre-Hospice Enrollment Benefits

Prior approval is not required.

Before home hospice care begins, members may be evaluated by a physician to determine if home hospice care is appropriate. We provide benefits for pre-enrollment visits when provided by a physician who is employed by the home hospice agency and when billed by the agency employing the physician. The pre-enrollment visit includes services such as:

- Evaluating the member's need for pain and/or symptom management; and
- Counseling regarding hospice and other care options

Standard Option - You Pay
Nothing (no deductible)

Basic Option - You Pay
Nothing

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