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### ***Introduction***

Welcome to your PacificSource student plan. The Policyholder offers this student health coverage to help you stay well, and to protect you in case of illness, injury, or disease. Your plan includes a wide range of benefits and services, and we hope you will take the time to become familiar with them.

### ***Using this Student Guide***

This student guide will help you understand how your plan works and how to use it. Please read it carefully and thoroughly.

Within this guide you will find Member Benefit Schedules for your plan and any other health benefits provided under the Policyholder's student plan. The schedules work with this guide to explain your plan benefits. The guide explains the services covered by your plan; the benefit schedules tell you how much your plan pays toward expenses and the amount for which you will be responsible.

If anything is unclear to you, the PacificSource Customer Service team is available to answer your questions. Please give us a call, visit us on the Internet, or stop by our office. We look forward to serving you.

### ***Governing Law***

This student plan must comply with both state and federal law, including required changes occurring after the plan's effective date. Therefore, coverage is subject to change as required by law.

This student plan includes coverage for pediatric dental care, which is considered an essential health benefit under the Affordable Care Act.

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**Provider Network:** Voyager

### Who is eligible?

All registered domestic students taking five (5) or more Portland State University (PSU) institutional credits\* during Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer terms are automatically enrolled in the PSU-sponsored approved online insurance waiver of comparable coverage. If you are not enrolled in five or more credit hours by the Waiver deadline, you will not be eligible for the PSU-sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan. NOTE: Restricted Differential credits do not apply to the PSU health insurance mandate. These types of credits are mostly study abroad and some continuing education courses. For information, please visit [pdx.edu/studentfinance/tuition](http://pdx.edu/studentfinance/tuition). Please check the footnotes of your class descriptions or your student account to see whether or not you have been charged.

PSU requires all international students with F-1 and J-1 visa status, and taking 1 or more credits, to have adequate medical insurance coverage. These students must purchase year-round health insurance coverage through the University even during vacation terms or while out of the country. Sponsored students, J-1 students, and students provided U.S. employer sponsored health insurance may qualify to waive out of the mandatory PSU Health Insurance Plan. To see if you qualify, visit [pdx.edu/healthcounseling/international](http://pdx.edu/healthcounseling/international).

	Per Member Per Term
Early Fall Arrivals	\$390
Fall	\$935
Winter	\$935
Spring/Summer	\$935
Summer Only	\$713

The premiums above include a fee charged by your school.

This plan has an Actuarial Value of 80.58% which satisfies the gold metal level of the ACA.

### Student Health Center: Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)

If the member is a student of Portland State University, the Student Health Center listed above is considered an in-network provider for covered services. Services provided by the Student Health Center are covered per University guidelines.

Deductible Per Contract Year	Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)	In-network	Out-of-network
Individual/Family	None/None	\$300/\$600	\$600/\$1,200
Out-of-Pocket Limit Per Contract Year	Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)	In-network	Out-of-network
Individual/Family	None/None	\$5,000/\$10,000	\$10,000/\$20,000

Note: In-network provider deductible and out-of-pocket limit accumulates separately from the out-of-network provider deductible and out-of-pocket limit. Even though you may have the same benefit for in-network and out-of-network providers, your actual costs for services provided by an out-of-network provider may exceed this plan's out-of-pocket limit for out-of-network services. In addition, out-of-network providers can bill you for the difference between the amount charged by the provider and the amount allowed by the insurance company, and this amount is not counted toward the out-of-network out-of-pocket limit. Please see allowable fee in the definitions section of your student guide.

**The member is responsible for any amounts shown above, in addition to the following amounts:**

<b>Service/Supply</b>	<b>SHAC Member Pays</b>	<b>In-network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-network Member Pays</b>
<b>Preventive Care</b>			
<b>Well baby/Well child care, ages birth - 21</b>	Not available	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Preventive physicals</b>	No deductible, 0%	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Preventive STD screening</b>	No deductible, 0%	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Well woman visits</b>	No deductible, 0%	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Preventive mammograms</b>	Not available	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Immunizations</b>	No deductible, 0%	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Preventive colonoscopy</b>	Not available	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Professional Services</b>			
<b>Office and home visits</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, \$25	After deductible, \$40 plus 50%
<b>Naturopath office visits</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$25	After deductible, \$40 plus 50%
<b>Specialist office and home visits</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$25	After deductible, \$40 plus 50%
<b>Telemedicine visits</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$25	After deductible, \$40 plus 50%
<b>Office procedures and supplies</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Surgery</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%



<b>Service/Supply</b>	<b>SHAC Member Pays</b>	<b>In-network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-network Member Pays</b>
<b>Outpatient rehabilitation services</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$25 plus 20%	After deductible, \$40 plus 50%
<b>Chiropractic manipulation</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$25 plus 20%	After deductible, \$40 plus 50%
<b>Acupuncture</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, \$30 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Hospital Services</b>			
<b>Inpatient room and board</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$250 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Inpatient rehabilitation services</b>	Not available	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Skilled nursing facility care</b>	Not available	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Outpatient Services</b>			
<b>Outpatient surgery/services</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Advanced diagnostic imaging</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Diagnostic and therapeutic radiology/lab and dialysis</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Urgent and Emergency Services</b>			
<b>Urgent care center visits</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$30	After deductible, \$50 plus 50%
<b>Emergency room visits – medical emergency</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$250 plus 20%^	After deductible, \$250 plus 20%^
<b>Emergency room visits – non-emergency</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$250 plus 20%^	After deductible, \$250 plus 20%^
<b>Ambulance, ground</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%
<b>Ambulance, air</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%+
<b>Maternity Services**</b>			
<b>Physician/Provider services (global charge)</b>	Not available	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Hospital/Facility services</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$250 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services</b>			

<b>Service/Supply</b>	<b>SHAC Member Pays</b>	<b>In-network Member Pays</b>	<b>Out-of-network Member Pays</b>
<b>Office visits</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, \$25	After deductible, 50%
<b>Inpatient care</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Residential programs</b>	Not available	After deductible, \$100 plus 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Other Covered Services</b>			
<b>Allergy injections</b>	Not available	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Durable medical equipment</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Home health services</b>	Not available	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Transplants</b>	Not available	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 50%
<b>Impacted wisdom tooth extraction</b>	No deductible, 0%	After deductible, 20%	After deductible, 20%

**This is a brief summary of benefits. Refer to your student guide for additional information or a further explanation of benefits, limitations, and exclusions.**

^ Co-pay applies to ER physician and facility charges only. Co-pay waived if admitted into hospital.

\*\* Medically necessary services, medication, and supplies to manage diabetes during pregnancy from conception through six weeks postpartum will not be subject to a deductible, co-payment, or co-insurance.

+ Out-of-network air ambulance coverage is covered at 200 percent of the Medicare allowance. You may be held responsible for the amount billed in excess. Please see your student guide for additional information or contact our Customer Service team with questions.

# Additional information

## What is the deductible?

Your plan's deductible is the amount of money that you pay first, before your plan starts to pay. You'll see that many services, especially preventive care, are covered by the plan without you needing to meet the deductible. The individual deductible applies if you enroll without dependents. If you and one or more dependents enroll, the individual deductible applies for each member only until the family deductible has been met. There is no deductible when you use the Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC).

Note that there is a separate category for in-network and out-of-network providers when it comes to meeting your deductible. Only in-network provider expense applies to the in-network provider deductible and only out-of-network provider expense applies to the out-of-network provider deductible.

## What is the out-of-pocket limit?

The out-of-pocket limit is the most you'll pay for covered medical expenses during the plan year. Once the out-of-pocket limit has been met, the plan will pay 100 percent of allowed amounts for covered services for the rest of that year. The individual out-of-pocket limit applies only if you enroll without dependents. If you and one or more dependents enroll, the individual out-of-pocket limit applies for each member only until the family out-of-pocket limit has been met. Be sure to check your student guide, as there are some charges, such as non-essential health benefits, penalties and balance billed amounts that do not count toward the out-of-pocket limit.

Note that there is a separate category for in-network and out-of-network providers when it comes to meeting your out-of-pocket limit. Only in-network provider expense applies to the in-network provider out-of-pocket limit and only out-of-network provider expense applies to the out-of-network provider out-of-pocket limit.

## Payments to providers

Payment to providers is based on the prevailing or contracted PacificSource fee allowance for covered services. In-network providers accept the fee allowance as payment in full. Out-of-network providers are allowed to balance bill any remaining balance that your plan did not cover. Services of out-of-network providers could result in out-of-pocket expense in addition to the percentage indicated.

## Preauthorization

Coverage of certain medical services and surgical procedures requires a benefit determination by PacificSource before the services are performed. This process is called preauthorization. Preauthorization is necessary to determine if certain services and supplies are covered under this plan, and if you meet the plan's eligibility requirements. Preauthorization does not change your out-of-pocket expense for in-network and out-of-network providers. You'll find the most current preauthorization list on our website, [PacificSource.com/member/preauthorization.aspx](https://www.pacificsource.com/member/preauthorization.aspx).



## Formulary: Oregon Drug List (ODL)

This PacificSource health plan includes coverage for prescription drugs and certain other pharmaceuticals, subject to the information below. This plan complies with federal healthcare reform. To check which tier your prescription falls under, call our Customer Service team or visit [PacificSource.com/drug-list](https://www.pacificsource.com/drug-list).

The amount you pay for covered prescriptions at in-network and out-of-network pharmacies applies toward your plan's in-network medical out-of-pocket limit, which is shown on the Medical Schedule of Benefits. The co-payment and/or co-insurance for prescription drugs obtained from an in-network or out-of-network pharmacy are waived during the remainder of the contract year in which you have satisfied the medical out-of-pocket limit.

## PacificSource Expanded No Cost Drug List

Your prescription benefit includes certain outpatient drugs as a preventive benefit at no deductible, \$0. This includes specific drugs that are taken regularly to prevent a disease or to keep a specific disease or condition from progressing. Preventive drugs are taken to help avoid many illnesses and conditions. You can get a list of covered preventive drugs by contacting our Customer Service team or visit [PacificSource.com/drug-list](https://www.pacificsource.com/drug-list) to view the PacificSource Expanded No Cost Drug List.

## Contraceptives

Contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are covered as recommended by the HRSA. Any deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance amounts are waived if a generic is filled. Brand name contraceptives will remain subject to regular pharmacy plan benefits. When no generic exists, brand name contraceptives may be covered at no cost. If your physician prescribes a brand name contraceptive due to medical necessity, it may be subject to preauthorization for coverage at no charge.

If an initial three month supply is tried, then a 12 month refill of the same contraceptive is covered at an in-network pharmacy in accordance with pharmacy benefits, regardless if the initial prescription was filled under this plan.

**Each time a covered prescription is dispensed, you are responsible for the amounts below:**

Service/ Supply	Tier 1 Member Pays	Tier 2 Member Pays	Tier 3 Member Pays	Tier 4 Member Pays
<b>In-network Retail Pharmacy^</b>				
<b>Up to a 30 day supply:</b>	No deductible, \$25	No deductible, \$50	No deductible, \$75	No deductible, the lesser of \$250 or 20%
<b>In-network Mail Order Pharmacy</b>				
<b>Up to a 30 day supply:</b>	No deductible, \$25	No deductible, \$50	No deductible, \$75	No deductible, the lesser of \$250 or 20%

Service/ Supply	Tier 1 Member Pays	Tier 2 Member Pays	Tier 3 Member Pays	Tier 4 Member Pays
31 - 90 day supply:	No deductible, \$50	No deductible, \$100	No deductible, \$150	No deductible, the lesser of \$500 or 20%
Compound Drugs**				
Up to a 30 day supply:	No deductible, \$75			
Out-of-network Pharmacy				
30 day max fill, no more than three fills allowed per year:	No deductible, \$25	No deductible, \$50	No deductible, \$75	No deductible, the lesser of \$250 or 20%

^Remember to show your PacificSource member ID card each time you fill a prescription at a retail pharmacy. If your ID card is not used, your benefits cannot be applied and may result in higher out-of-pocket cost.

\*\*Compounded medications are subject to a preauthorization process. Compounds are generally covered only when all commercially available formulary products have been exhausted and all the ingredients in the compounded medications are on the applicable formulary.

Specialty Medications must be filled through an in-network specialty pharmacy and are limited to a 30 day supply.

MAC B - Unless the prescribing provider requires the use of a brand name drug, the prescription will automatically be filled with a generic drug when available and permissible by state law. If you receive a brand name drug when a generic is available, you will be responsible for the brand name drug's co-payment and/or co-insurance plus the difference in cost between the brand name drug and its generic equivalent. If your prescribing provider requires the use of a brand name drug, the prescription will be filled with the brand name drug and you will be responsible for the brand name drug's co-payment and/or co-insurance. The cost difference between the brand name and generic drug does not apply toward the medical plan's out-of-pocket limit. Does not apply to tobacco cessation and preventive bowel prep kit medications covered under USPSTF guidelines.

If your provider prescribes a brand name contraceptive due to medical necessity it may be subject to preauthorization for coverage at no charge.

**See your student guide for important information about your prescription drug benefit, including which drugs are covered, limitations, and more.**

The following shows the vision benefits (including vision exams, lenses, and frames when applicable) available under this plan for enrolled members when performed or prescribed by a licensed ophthalmologist or licensed optometrist. Coverage for pediatric services will end on the last day of the month in which the enrolled member turns 19. Medical deductible, co-payment, and/or co-insurance for covered charges apply to the medical plan's out-of-pocket limit.

If charges for a service or supply are less than the amount allowed, the benefit will be equal to the actual charge. If charges for a service or supply are greater than the amount allowed, the expense above the allowed amount is the member's responsibility and will not apply toward the member's medical plan deductible or out-of-pocket limit.

Service/Supply	In-network Member Pays	Out-of-network Member Pays
<b>Enrolled Members Age 18 and Younger</b>		
<b>Eye exam</b>	No deductible, 0%	Medical deductible then 50%
<b>Vision hardware</b>	No deductible, 0% for one pair per year	Medical deductible then 50%

#### Benefit Limitations: enrolled members age 18 and younger

- One vision exam every contract year.
- Vision hardware includes one pair of glasses (lenses and frames) or contacts (lenses and fitting) once per contract year.

#### Exclusions

- Charges for services or supplies covered in whole or in part under any medical or vision benefits provided by an employer.
- Expenses covered under any workers' compensation law.
- Eye exams required as a condition of an academic program, employment, required by a labor agreement or government body.
- Lens tint, for enrolled members age 19 and older.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eye.
- Nonprescription lenses.
- Plano contact lenses.
- Services or supplies not listed as covered expenses.
- Services or supplies received before this plan's coverage begins or after it ends.
- Special procedures, such as orthoptics or vision training.
- Special supplies, such as sunglasses and subnormal vision aids, for enrolled members age 19 and older.
- Visual analysis that does not include refraction.

## Important information about your vision benefits

Your PacificSource health plan includes coverage for vision services. To make the most of those benefits, it's important to keep in mind the following:

**In-network Providers:** PacificSource is able to add value to your vision benefits by contracting with a network of vision providers. Those providers offer vision services at discounted rates, which are passed on to you in your benefits.

**Paying for Services:** Please remember to show your current PacificSource member ID card whenever you use your plan's benefits. Our provider contracts require in-network providers to bill us directly whenever you receive covered services and supplies. Providers will verify your vision benefits.

In-network providers should not ask you to pay the full cost in advance. They may only collect your share of the expense up front, such as co-payments and amounts over your plan's allowances. If you are asked to pay the entire amount in advance, tell the provider you understand they have a contract with PacificSource and they should bill PacificSource directly.

**Sales and Special Promotions (sales and promotions are not considered insurance):** Vision retailers often use coupons and promotions to bring in new business, such as free eye exams, two-for-one glasses, or free lenses with purchase of frames. Because in-network providers already discount their services through their contract with PacificSource, your plan's in-network provider benefits cannot be combined with any other discounts or coupons. You can use your plan's in-network provider benefits, or you can use your plan's out-of-network provider benefits to take advantage of a sale or coupon offer.

If you do take advantage of a special offer, the in-network provider may treat you as an uninsured customer and require full payment in advance. You can then send the claim to PacificSource yourself, and we will reimburse you according to your plan's out-of-network provider benefits.



This dental plan covers the following services when performed by a licensed dentist, dental hygienist or denturist to the extent that they are operating within the scope of their license as required under law in the state of issuance, and when determined to be necessary, usual, and customary by the standards of generally accepted dental practice for the prevention or treatment of oral disease or for accidental injury, including masticatory function (chewing of food).

**This plan covers dental services for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger, as required under the Affordable Care Act. Coverage for pediatric services will end on the last day of the month in which the enrolled individual turns 19.**

**Student Dental Center: Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)**

**If the member is a student of Portland State University, the Student Dental Center listed above is considered an in-network provider for covered services.** Services provided by the Student Dental Center are covered per University guidelines.

<b>Deductible Per Contract Year</b>	<b>Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)</b>	<b>All Providers</b>
<b>Individual/Family</b>	None/None	None
<b>Out-of-Pocket Limit Per Contract Year</b>	<b>Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC)</b>	<b>All Providers</b>
<b>Individual/Family</b>	None/None	See your Medical Schedule of Benefits
<b>Note:</b> You may be responsible for any charges that are over the PacificSource usual, customary, and reasonable fee. Please see usual, customary, and reasonable fee in the definitions section of your student guide.		

**The member is responsible for any amounts shown above, in addition to the following amounts:**

<b>Service/Supply</b>	<b>All Providers Member Pays</b>
<b>Class I Services (Covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger.)</b>	
<b>Examinations</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Bitewing films, full mouth x-rays, cone beam x-rays, and/or panorex</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Dental cleaning (prophylaxis and periodontal maintenance)</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Fluoride (topical or varnish applications)</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Sealants</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Space maintainers</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Athletic mouth guards</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Brush biopsies</b>	No deductible, 0%
<b>Class II Services (Covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger.)</b>	
<b>Fillings</b>	No deductible, 30%

<b>Service/Supply</b>	<b>All Providers Member Pays</b>
<b>Simple extractions</b>	No deductible, 30%
<b>Periodontal scaling and root planing</b>	No deductible, 30%
<b>Full mouth debridement</b>	No deductible, 30%
<b>Class III Services (Covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger.)</b>	
<b>Complicated oral surgery</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Pulp capping</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Pulpotomy</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Root canal therapy</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Periodontal surgery</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Tooth desensitization</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Crowns</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Dentures</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Bridges</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Replacement of existing prosthetic device</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Implants</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Orthodontia for medically necessary reasons for enrolled individual's age 18 and younger</b>	No deductible, 50%
<b>Miscellaneous (Covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger.)</b>	
<b>Emergency office visit</b>	No deductible, 50%

**This is a brief summary of benefits. Refer to your student guide for additional information or a further explanation of benefits, limitations, and exclusions.**

# Additional information

## What is the deductible?

Your plan does not require you to meet a deductible before services are covered.

## What is the out-of-pocket limit?

The out-of-pocket limit is the most you'll pay for approved medical and pediatric dental expenses during the contract year. Once the out-of-pocket limit has been met, the plan will pay 100 percent of allowed amounts for covered services for the rest of that year. Non-essential health benefits, penalties, and balance billed amounts over the usual, customary, and reasonable fee do not accumulate toward the out-of-pocket limit.

Your medical and dental out-of-pocket are combined. See your Medical Schedule of Benefits for your out-of-pocket limit.

## Predetermination

Coverage of certain dental services and surgical procedures are by review. When a planned dental service exceeds \$300, PacificSource recommends a predetermination to determine if certain services and supplies are covered under this plan, and if you meet the plan's eligibility requirements. Predeterminations are not a guarantee of payment and do not change your out-of-pocket expense.



# BECOMING COVERED

## ELIGIBILITY

### *Requirements for enrollment*

See the Policyholder for eligibility requirements to determine if you are eligible to enroll in this plan. No family or household members other than those determined eligible by the Policyholder can enroll under this plan.

The Policyholder will use its established eligibility criteria and initial enrollment period for this student plan, which will be provided to PacificSource. The Policyholder will only send PacificSource enrollment information for those individuals and dependents eligible to enroll on this student plan.

All registered domestic students taking five (5) or more Portland State University (PSU) institutional credits\* during Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer terms are automatically enrolled in the PSU-sponsored approved online insurance waiver of comparable coverage. If you are not enrolled in five or more credit hours by the Waiver deadline, you will not be eligible for the PSU-sponsored Student Health Insurance Plan. NOTE: Restricted Differential credits do not apply to the PSU health insurance mandate. These types of credits are mostly study abroad and some continuing education courses. For information, please visit [pdx.edu/studentfinance/tuition](http://pdx.edu/studentfinance/tuition). Please check the footnotes of your class descriptions or your student account to see whether or not you have been charged.

PSU requires all international students with F-1 and J-1 visa status, and taking 1 or more credits, to have adequate medical insurance coverage. These students must purchase year-round health insurance coverage through the University even during vacation terms or while out of the country. Sponsored students, J-1 students, and students provided U.S. employer sponsored health insurance may qualify to waive out of the mandatory PSU Health Insurance Plan. To see if you qualify, visit [pdx.edu/healthcounseling/international](http://pdx.edu/healthcounseling/international).

Enrollment changes made more than 14 days after the start of a new term will be effective after the enrollment is processed. There is no prorating of premium under any circumstances. Once an eligible student makes a coverage selection under this student plan, he or she may not change his or her election unless by qualifying event.

### *Medical Leave of Absence*

Students with a College/University approved medical leave can have up to one quarter extension of benefits per academic career. For example, if the student leaves mid-Fall, coverage can be extended through the Winter quarter only.

### *Family members*

Family members are not eligible for coverage under this student plan.

## ENROLLING AFTER THE INITIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD

### *Special Enrollment Periods*

You may decline coverage during your initial enrollment period. To do so, you must submit a completed qualifying waiver provided by your school before your school's required deadline. You may enroll in this plan later if you qualify under the Special Enrollment Rules below.

- **Special Enrollment Rule #1**

If you declined enrollment for yourself because of other health insurance coverage, you may enroll in the plan later if the other coverage ends involuntarily. Coverage will begin on the day after the other coverage ends.

- **Special Enrollment Rule #2**

If you become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or a state Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), you may be able to enroll yourself at that time. To do so, you must request enrollment within 60 days of the date you become eligible for such assistance. Coverage will begin on the first day of the month after becoming eligible for such assistance.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**

Coverage for each student who enrolls is effective on the first day of the period in which you are eligible and premium has been paid. See Policyholder for premium payment requirements for you to enroll in this plan.

Early Fall arrival coverage runs from August 1, 2020 through September 19, 2020.

Scholars coverage runs from September 20, 2020 through September 19, 2021, on a weekly basis.

OPT coverage runs from September 20, 2020 through September 19, 2021, on a weekly basis.

Fall coverage runs from September 20, 2020 through January 3, 2021. Waiver deadline is October 11, 2020.

Winter coverage runs from January 4, 2021 through March 28, 2021. Waiver deadline is January 17, 2021.

Spring/Summer coverage runs from March 29, 2021 through September 19, 2021. Waiver deadline is April 11, 2021.

Summer only coverage runs from June 21, 2021 through September 19, 2021. Waiver deadline is July 4, 2021.

## **GENERAL PLAN PROVISIONS**

This plan is renewable at the option of the Policyholder. In the event this plan is terminated, coverage will end at 11:59:59 p.m. local time on the date of termination.

**Time limit on certain defenses.** After two years from the date of issue of this plan, no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the member during enrollment for such plan shall be used to void this plan or to deny a claim for loss incurred or disability, commencing after the expiration of such two year period.

No claim for loss incurred or disability, commencing after two years from the date of issue of this plan, shall be reduced or denied on the grounds that a disease or physical condition, not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of loss, had existed prior to the effective date of coverage of this plan.

**Representations not warranties.** In the absence of fraud, all statements made by the Policyholder or member will be considered representations and not warranties. No statement made for the purpose of effecting insurance will void the insurance or reduce benefits unless it is contained in a written document signed by the Policyholder or the member, a copy of which has been furnished to that person.

**Members have the sole right to choose their healthcare providers.** PacificSource is not liable for quality of healthcare. PacificSource is not responsible for the quality of care a person receives since all those who provide care do so as independent contractors. PacificSource cannot be held liable for any claim for damages or injuries you experience while receiving health services or supplies.

**Recovery of Overpayment.** If a benefit payment is made by PacificSource, to or on behalf of a member, which exceeds the benefit amount such member is entitled to receive in accordance with the terms of this student plan, PacificSource has the right to require the return of the overpayment on

request and to reduce, by the amount of the overpayment, any future benefit payment made to or on behalf of the member that is covered under this student plan. Such right does not affect any other right of recovery that PacificSource may have with respect to such overpayment.

**Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI).** PacificSource may, at the request of the Policyholder, disclose PHI or electronic PHI (ePHI) relating to the members on this student plan to the Policyholder to allow the Policyholder to perform Plan Administration functions as that term is defined by Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Only employees or agents of the Policyholder who may receive or have access to PHI are those who require the information in order to resolve claims, referral, or other benefit issues on behalf of the members; or those who require it to resolve enrollment and payment issues on behalf of this student plan; and only those for whom such work is part of their job description. The Policyholder shall have a process in place prior to the receipt of any PHI for the sole purpose of investigating and resolving any suspected incidents where PHI has been improperly accessed, used, or disclosed by the Policyholder's employee or agent.

The Policyholder certifies and agrees to the following:

- The Policyholder has sufficient administrative, physical and technical safeguards in place to protect the privacy of the PHI from any unauthorized use or disclosure in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws;
- No PHI shall be used or disclosed other than as permitted or required by this student plan or as required by law;
- Ensure that any agent agrees to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Policyholder with respect to such PHI;
- No PHI shall be used in employment-related actions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the Policyholder;
- The Policyholder has a written policy for investigating and appropriately reporting any security incidents that relate to PHI to PacificSource;
- The Policyholder shall make available PHI in accordance with HIPAA;
- The Policyholder shall make available PHI for amendment and incorporate any amendments to PHI in accordance with HIPAA;
- The Policyholder shall make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosure in accordance with HIPAA;
- The Policyholder shall make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from this student plan available to the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance by this student plan with the provisions of HIPAA;
- That, if feasible, Policyholder shall return or destroy all PHI received from this student plan that the Policyholder still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such information when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure was made, except that, if such return or destruction is not feasible, limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible; and
- The Policyholder shall ensure that the adequate separation between employees who need access to PHI to perform their assigned job functions and those who do not is established and enforced.

**Rescissions.** PacificSource may rescind a student's coverage if the student, or the person seeking coverage on their behalf, performs an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or makes an



intentional misrepresentation of a material fact. The student will be given 30 days prior written notice of any rescission of coverage, and offered an opportunity to appeal that decision.

## **TERM AND TERMINATION – COVERAGE**

- **Students.** Insurance for a student will end on the first of the following events:
  - the date this student plan terminates;
  - the last day for which any required premium has been paid;
  - the date on which the student withdraws from the school because of entering the armed forces of any country. Premiums will be refunded, on a pro-rata basis, when application is made within 30 days from withdrawal;
  - the date an international student withdraws from the school or the day they receive an approved medical withdrawal from the school; or
  - the date the student is no longer in an eligible student classification.

If withdrawal from school is for reasons other than entering the armed forces, no premium refund will be made. Students will be covered for the term for which they are enrolled and for which premium has been paid.

Termination will not prejudice any claim for a charge that is incurred prior to the date coverage ends.

## **USING THE PROVIDER NETWORK**

This section explains how your plan's benefits differ when you use Center for Student Health and Counseling (SHAC) in-network and out-of-network providers and explains how we apply the reimbursement rate. This information is not meant to prevent you from seeking treatment from any provider if you are willing to take increased financial responsibility for the charges incurred. Your network name is listed at the beginning of your Schedule of Benefits. The Schedule of Benefits identifies the different tiers of providers, and the different reimbursement levels and cost-sharing for those different tiers (for example, a student health center or clinic, in-network providers, and out-of-network providers).

All providers are independent contractors. PacificSource cannot be held liable for any claim for damages or injuries you experience while receiving healthcare.

## **CENTER FOR STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING (SHAC)**

The Policyholder has a student health center that provides services to students at no charge. Many of the services are covered by the Policyholder's student health fee and are provided at no cost to the student. Many of the services covered by the student health center will be covered as indicated on your Medical Schedule of Benefits, under the 'SHAC Member Pays' column, and do not include a deductible, co-payment, and/or co-insurance payment. The Student Dental Center is considered a participating provider for covered services as indicated on your Pediatric Dental Schedule of Benefits.

## **IN-NETWORK PROVIDERS**

In-network providers contract with PacificSource to provide healthcare services and supplies to members enrolled in this plan for a set fee. That fee is called the contracted allowable fee. In-network providers agree not to collect more than the contracted allowable fee. In-network providers bill PacificSource directly, and we pay them directly. When you receive covered services or supplies from an in-network provider, you are only responsible for the amounts stated in your Schedule of Benefits. Depending on your plan, those amounts can include deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance payments.



PacificSource contracts directly and/or indirectly with in-network providers throughout our networks' service area. We also have agreements with nationwide provider networks. These providers outside our service area are also considered PacificSource in-network providers under your plan.

It is not safe to assume that when you are treated at an in-network facility, all services are performed by in-network providers. Whenever possible, you should arrange for professional services, such as surgery and anesthesiology, to be provided by an in-network provider. Doing so will help you maximize your benefits and limit your out-of-pocket expenses.

### ***Risk-sharing Arrangements***

By agreement, an in-network provider may not bill a member for any amount in excess of the contracted allowable fee. However, the agreement does not prohibit the provider from collecting co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance, and amounts for non-covered services from the member. And, if PacificSource was to become insolvent, an in-network provider agrees to continue to provide covered services to a member for the duration of the period for which premium was paid to PacificSource on behalf of the member. Again, the in-network provider may only collect applicable co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance, and amounts for non-covered services from the member.

## **OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDERS**

When you receive services or supplies from an out-of-network provider, your out-of-pocket expense is likely to be higher than if you had used an in-network provider. If the same services or supplies are available from an in-network provider to whom you have reasonable access (explained in the next section), you may be responsible for more than the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance amounts stated in your Schedule of Benefits.

### ***Allowable Fee for Out-of-network Providers***

*To maximize your plan's benefits, always make sure your healthcare provider is a PacificSource in-network provider. Do not assume all services at an in-network facility are performed by in-network providers.*

PacificSource bases payment to out-of-network providers on our allowable fee which is derived from several sources depending on the service or supply and the geographical area where it is provided. The allowable fee may be based on data collected from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), contracted vendors, other nationally recognized databases, or PacificSource, as documented in PacificSource's payment policy.

In PacificSource's service areas, the allowable fee for professional services is based on PacificSource's standard out-of-network provider reimbursement rate. Outside the PacificSource service area and in areas where our members do not have reasonable access to an in-network provider through one of our third party provider networks, the allowable fee, depending upon the service and supply, can be based on data collected from PacificSource or other nationally recognized databases. If the service is based on the usual, customary, and reasonable charge (UCR), PacificSource will utilize the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile. UCR is based on data collected for a geographic area. Provider charges for each type of service are collected and ranked from lowest to highest. Charges at the 85<sup>th</sup> position in the ranking are considered to be the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile.

To calculate our payment to out-of-network providers, we determine the allowable fee, then subtract the out-of-network provider benefits shown in the Out-of-network Provider column of your Schedule of Benefits. Our allowable fee is often less than the out-of-network provider's charge. In that case, the difference between our allowable fee and the provider's billed charge is also your responsibility. That amount does not count toward this plan's out-of-pocket maximum. It also does not apply toward any deductibles or co-payments required by the plan.

There are certain circumstances under which your out-of-pocket expenses will not be greater if you are treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network medical facility due to balance billing protection.

- An out-of-network provider or facility providing emergency services.
- An out-of-network provider at an in-network facility providing emergency services or other inpatient or outpatient services.

*To maximize your plan's benefits, please check with us before receiving care from an out-of-network provider. Our Customer Service team can help you locate an in-network provider in your area.*

### **Example of Provider Payment**

The following illustrates how payment could be made for the same service in two different settings: with an in-network provider and with an out-of-network provider. This is only an example; your plan's benefits may be different.

	<b>In-network Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-network Provider</b>
Provider's usual charge	\$120	\$120
Billed charge after negotiated provider discounts	\$100	\$120
PacificSource's allowable fee	\$100	\$100
Allowable fee less patient co-insurance	\$80	\$50
Percent of payment	80%	50%
<b>PacificSource's payment</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b><i>Patient's responsibility:</i></b>		
Co-insurance	20%	50%
Patient's amount of allowable fee	\$20	\$50
Difference between allowable fee and billed charge after discounts	\$0	\$20
<b>Patient's total responsibility to the provider</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$70</b>

## **COVERAGE WHILE TRAVELING**

Your PacificSource plan is powered by the network shown at the beginning of your Medical Schedule of Benefits. You can save out-of-pocket expense by using an in-network provider in your service area. When you need medical services outside of your network, you can save out-of-pocket expense by using the providers identified on our website at [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU).

### **Nonemergency Care While Traveling**

*To find an in-network provider outside the regions covered by your network, go to [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU) website.*

Nonemergency care outside of the United States is covered. This plan's benefits are available for nonemergency care outside the United States, subject to the provisions of this student plan.

- If an in-network provider is available in your area, your plan's in-network provider benefits will apply if you use an in-network provider.

- If an in-network provider is available but you choose to use an out-of-network provider, your plan's out-of-network provider benefits will apply.
- When abroad, your plan's in-network provider benefits will apply for covered services.

### ***Emergency Services While Traveling***

In medical emergencies (see Emergency Services section), your plan pays benefits at the in-network provider level regardless of your location. Your covered expenses are based on our allowable fee. If you are admitted to a hospital as an inpatient following the stabilization of your emergency condition, your physician or hospital should contact our Health Services team at (888) 691-8209 as soon as possible to make a benefit determination on your admission. If you are admitted to an out-of-network hospital, PacificSource may require you to transfer to an in-network facility once your condition is stabilized in order to continue receiving benefits at the in-network provider level.

## **FINDING IN-NETWORK PROVIDER INFORMATION**

You can find up-to-date in-network provider information:

- On the PacificSource website, [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU). Go to Find a Doctor or Drug to easily look up in-network providers, specialists, behavioral health providers, and hospitals. You can also print your own customized directory.
- Contact our Customer Service team. Our team can answer your questions about specific providers. If you'd like a complete provider directory for your plan, just ask. We will be glad to send you a directory free of charge.
- Ask your healthcare provider if they are an in-network provider for your network.

## **TERMINATION OF PROVIDER CONTRACTS**

PacificSource will use best efforts to notify you within 30 days of learning about the termination of a provider contractual relationship if you have received services in the previous six months from such a provider when:

- A provider terminates a contractual relationship with PacificSource in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement;
- A provider terminates a contractual relationship with an organization under contract with PacificSource; or
- PacificSource terminates a contractual relationship with an individual provider or the organization with which the provider is contracted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Note: On the date a provider's contract with PacificSource terminates, they become an out-of-network provider and any services you receive from them will be paid at the percentage shown in the Out-of-network Provider column of your Schedule of Benefits. To avoid unexpected costs, be sure to verify each time you see your provider that they are still participating in the network.

You may be entitled to continue care with an individual provider for a limited period of time after the healthcare services contract terminates. Contact our Customer Service team for additional information.

## **COVERED EXPENSES**

### ***Understanding Medical Necessity***

This plan provides comprehensive medical coverage when care is medically necessary to treat an illness, injury, or disease. Be careful – just because a treatment is prescribed by a healthcare

professional does not mean it is medically necessary under the terms of this plan. Also remember that just because a service or supply is a covered benefit under this plan does not necessarily mean all billed charges will be paid.

Medically necessary services and supplies that are excluded from coverage under this plan can be found in the Benefit Limitations and Exclusions section, as well as the section on Preauthorization. If you ever have a question about your plan benefits, contact our Customer Service team.

### ***Understanding Experimental, Investigational, or Unproven Services***

Except for specified Preventive Care services, the benefits of this plan are paid only toward the covered expense of medically necessary diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury, or disease. This is true even though the service or supply is not specifically excluded. All treatment is subject to review for medical necessity. Review of treatment may involve prior approval, concurrent review of the continuation of treatment, post-treatment review, or any combination of these. For more information, see medically necessary and dentally necessary in the Definitions section.

*Be careful. Your healthcare provider could prescribe services or supplies that are not covered under this plan. Also, just because a service or supply is a covered benefit does not mean all related charges will be paid.*

New and emerging medical procedures, medications, treatments, and technologies are often marketed to the public or prescribed by physicians before FDA approval, or before research is available in qualified peer-reviewed literature to show they provide safe, long term positive outcomes for patients.

To ensure you receive the highest quality care at the lowest possible cost, we review new and emerging technologies and medications on a regular basis. Our internal committees and Health Services team make decisions about PacificSource coverage of these methods and medications based on literature reviews, standards of care and coverage, consultations, and review of evidence-based criteria with medical advisors and experts.

### ***Eligible Healthcare Providers***

This plan provides benefits only for covered expenses and supplies rendered by a physician (M.D. or D.O.), Nurse Practitioner, hospital or specialized treatment facility, durable medical equipment supplier, or other licensed healthcare providers as specifically stated in this plan. The services or supplies provided by individuals or companies that are not specified as eligible providers are not eligible for reimbursement under the benefits of this plan. For more information, see practitioner, specialized treatment facility, and durable medical equipment supplier in the Definitions section.

To be eligible, the provider must also be practicing within the scope of their license. For example, although an Optometrist is an eligible provider for vision exams, they are not eligible to provide chiropractic services.

### ***After Hours and Emergency Care***

If you have a medical emergency, always go directly to the nearest emergency room, or call 911 for help.

If you are facing a non-life-threatening emergency, contact your provider's office, or go to an urgent care facility. Urgent care facilities are listed in our online provider directory at [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU). Simply enter your City and State or Zip code, then select Urgent Care in the Specialty Category field, and enter your Plan or Network. It is not safe to assume that when you are treated at an in-network urgent care facility, all services are performed by in-network providers.

### ***Appropriate Setting***

It is important to have services provided in the most suitable and least costly setting. For example, if you go to the emergency room to have a throat culture instead of going to a doctor's office or urgent care facility, it could result in higher out-of-pocket expenses for you.

### ***Your Annual Out-of-Pocket Limit***

This plan has an out-of-pocket limit provision to protect you from excessive healthcare expenses. The Schedule of Benefits shows your plan's annual out-of-pocket limits for in-network and/or out-of-network providers. If you incur covered expenses over those amounts, this plan will pay 100 percent of eligible charges, subject to the allowable fee.

Your expenses for the following do not count toward the annual out-of-pocket limit:

- Charges over the allowable fee for services of out-of-network providers;
- Charges over the usual, customary, and reasonable fee for dental services; or
- Incurred charges that exceed amounts allowed under this plan.

Charges that do not count toward the out-of-pocket limit or that are not covered by this plan will continue to be your responsibility even after the out-of-pocket limit is reached.

## **PLAN BENEFITS**

This plan provides benefits for the following services and supplies as outlined on your Schedule of Benefits. The following list of benefits is exhaustive. These services and supplies may require you to satisfy a deductible, make a co-payment, and/or pay co-insurance, and they may be subject to additional limitations or maximum dollar amounts (maximum dollar amounts do not apply to Essential Health Benefits). For a healthcare expense to be eligible for payment, you must be covered under this plan on the date the expense is incurred. For more information, see your Schedule of Benefits and the Benefit Limitations and Exclusions section.

PacificSource covers **Essential Health Benefits** as defined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Essential health benefits fall into the following ten categories:

- Ambulatory patient services;
- Emergency services;
- Hospitalization;
- Laboratory services;
- Maternity and newborn care;
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment;
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care;
- Prescription drugs;
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and
- Rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices.

## **PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES**

This plan covers the following preventive care services when provided by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner:

- **Preventive physicals** including appropriate screening radiology and laboratory tests and other screening procedures for members age 22 and older are covered once per contract year.



Screening exams and laboratory tests may include, but are not limited to, blood pressure checks, weight checks, occult blood tests, urinalysis, complete blood count, prostate exams, cholesterol exams, stool guaiac screening, EKG screens, blood sugar tests, and tuberculosis skin tests.

Only laboratory tests and other diagnostic testing procedures related to the preventive physical exam are covered by this benefit. Any laboratory tests and other diagnostic testing procedures ordered during, but not related to, a preventive physical examination are not covered by this preventive care benefit. For more information, see Outpatient Services section.

- **Well woman visits**, including the following:

- One **preventive gynecological exam** each contract year for women 18 and over. Exams may include Pap smear, pelvic exam, breast exam, blood pressure check, and weight check. Covered lab services are limited to occult blood, urinalysis, and complete blood count.
- **Preventive mammograms** for women as recommended.
  - There is no deductible, co-payment, and/or co-insurance for in-network mammograms that are considered preventive according to the guidelines of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF).
  - Diagnostic mammograms for any woman desiring a mammogram for medical cause. The deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Outpatient Services – Diagnostic and therapeutic radiology/lab and dialysis apply to diagnostic mammograms related to the ongoing evaluation or treatment of a medical condition.
- **Pelvic exams and Pap smear exams** for women 18 to 64 years of age annually, or at any time when recommended by a women's healthcare provider.
- **Breast exams** annually for women 18 years of age or older or at any time when recommended by a women's healthcare provider for the purpose of checking for lumps and other changes for early detection and prevention of breast cancer.

Members have the right to seek care from obstetricians and gynecologists for covered services without preapproval or preauthorization.

- **Colorectal cancer screening** exams and lab work tests assigned a grade A or B by the USPSTF which includes the following:

- A colonoscopy, including removal of polyps during the screening procedure if a positive result on any fecal test assigned either a grade A or B;
- A fecal occult blood test;
- A flexible sigmoidoscopy; or
- A double contrast barium enema.

A colonoscopy performed for preventive screening purposes is considered to be a preventive service according to the guidelines of the USPSTF that have a rating of A or B for age 50 and older. The deductible, co-payment, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Preventive Care – Preventive colonoscopy applies to colonoscopies that are considered preventive according to the guidelines of the USPSTF. It is not safe to assume that when you are treated at an in-network medical facility, all services are performed by in-network providers. Whenever possible, you should arrange for professional services such as surgery and anesthesiology to be provided by an in-network provider. Doing so will help you maximize your benefits and limit your out-of-pocket expenses. For more information on essential health benefit preventive care drugs coverage, see Prescription Drugs section.

A colonoscopy performed for screening purposes on individuals at high risk younger than age 50 is also considered a preventive service. An individual is at high risk for colorectal cancer if the individual has:

- Family medical history of colorectal cancer;
  - Prior occurrence of cancer or precursor neoplastic polyps;
  - Prior occurrence of a chronic digestive disease condition such as inflammatory bowel disease;
  - Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis; or
  - Other predisposing factors.
- **Prostate cancer screening**, including a digital rectal examination and a prostate-specific antigen test.
  - **Well baby/well child care exams** for members age 21 and younger according to the following schedule:
    - At birth: One standard in-hospital exam
    - Ages 0-2: 12 additional exams during the first 36 months of life
    - Ages 3-21: One exam per contract year

Only laboratory tests and other diagnostic testing procedures related to a well baby/well child care exam are covered by this benefit. Any laboratory tests and other diagnostic testing procedures ordered during, but not related to, a well baby/well child care exam are not covered by this preventive care benefit. For more information, see Outpatient Services section.

- Age-appropriate childhood and adult **immunizations** for primary prevention of infectious diseases as recommended and adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, or similar standard-setting body. Benefits do not include immunizations for more elective, investigative, unproven, or discretionary reasons. Covered immunizations include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - Diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT) vaccines, given separately or together;
  - Hemophilus influenza B vaccine;
  - Hepatitis A vaccine;
  - Hepatitis B vaccine;
  - Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine;
  - Influenza virus vaccine;
  - Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines, given separately or together;
  - Meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine;
  - Pneumococcal vaccine;
  - Polio vaccine;
  - Shingles vaccine for recommended adult age groups;
  - Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.
- **Tobacco cessation program services and drugs** are covered at no charge. Prescribed tobacco cessation related medication will be covered to the same extent this plan covers other prescription medications.

Any plan deductible, co-payment, and/or co-insurance amounts stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits are waived for the following recommended preventive care services when provided by an in-network provider:

- Services that have a rating of A or B from the USPSTF;
- Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
- Preventive care and screening for infants, children, and adolescents supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); and
- Preventive care and screening for women supported by the HRSA that are not included in the USPSTF recommendations.

The A and B list for preventive services can be found on the USPSTF website at:  
[uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations](https://uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/uspstf-a-and-b-recommendations)

The list of women's preventive services can be found on the HRSA website at:  
[hrsa.gov/womens-guidelines-2016](https://hrsa.gov/womens-guidelines-2016)

For members who do not have Internet access, please contact our Customer Service team at the number shown on the first page of this student guide for a complete description of the preventive services lists.

USPSTF recommendations include the January 2016 recommendations regarding breast cancer screening, mammography, and prevention. Cancer risk-reducing medications are covered according to the September 2013 USPSTF recommendations, at no cost, subject to reasonable medical management.

## PEDIATRIC DENTAL PLAN

Pediatric dental services are covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger. Coverage for pediatric services will end on the last day of the month in which the enrolled individual turns 19. Frequency limits are as required under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

## CLASS I SERVICES

- Benefits for **examinations (routine or other diagnostic exams)** are limited to two examinations per person per contract year. Separate charges for review of a proposed treatment plan or for diagnostic aids, such as study models and diagnostic lab tests (other than brush biopsies), are not covered. Problem focused examinations are covered.
- Benefits for a **full mouth series of x-rays, a cone beam x-ray, or panorex** are limited to one complete full mouth series, cone beam x-ray, or panorex in any 60 month period and further limited to four bitewing films in a six month period. When an accumulative charge for additional periapical x-rays in a one year period matches that of a complete full mouth series, no further benefits for periapical x-rays, cone beam x-rays, complete full mouth series x-rays, or panorex are available for the remainder of the year.
- Benefits for **dental cleaning (prophylaxis and periodontal maintenance)** are limited to a combined total of two procedures per person per contract year. The limitation for dental cleaning applies to any combination of prophylaxis and/or periodontal maintenance in the contract year. A separate charge for periodontal charting is not a covered benefit. Periodontal maintenance is not covered when performed within three months of periodontal scaling and root planing and/or curettage.
- Benefits for **fluoride (topical or varnish applications)** are limited to a combined total of four applications per contract year.



- Benefits for the **application of sealants** are limited to one application in a 36 month period to permanent molars and bicuspids, except for visible evidence of clinical failure, for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger.
- Benefits for **space maintainers** are covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger.
- Benefits for **athletic mouth guards** are limited to one per lifetime for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger if the individual is still enrolled in secondary school.
- Benefits for **brush biopsies** used to aid in the diagnosis of oral cancer are covered.

## CLASS II SERVICES

- Benefits for a **composite, resin, or similar restoration (fillings) in a posterior (back) tooth** are limited to the amount that would be paid for a corresponding amalgam restoration. PacificSource will pay for a filling on a tooth surface only once per contract year, up to four surfaces per tooth.
- **Simple extractions of teeth** and other minor oral surgery procedures are covered.
- Benefits for **periodontal scaling and root planing and/or curettage** are limited to only one procedure per quadrant in any 24 month period. For the purpose of this limitation, eight or fewer teeth existing in one arch will be considered one quadrant.
- Benefits for **full mouth debridement** are limited to once every 24 months. This procedure is only covered if the teeth have not received a prophylaxis in the prior 24 months and if an evaluation cannot be performed due to the obstruction by plaque and calculus on the teeth. This procedure is not covered if performed on the same date as the prophylaxis.

## CLASS III SERVICES

- **Complicated oral surgery procedures**, such as the removal of impacted teeth, frenulectomy, and frenuloplasty are limited to procedures that have been predetermined by PacificSource.
- Benefits for **pulp capping** are payable only when there is an exposure to the pulp. These are direct pulp caps. Coverage for indirect pulp caps are covered as part of the restoration fee and are not covered as a separate charge.
- Benefits for a **pulpotomy** are payable only for deciduous teeth.
- Benefits for **root canal therapy** are covered.
- Benefits for **periodontal surgery** are limited to procedures that have been predetermined by PacificSource and accompanied by a periodontal diagnosis and history of conservative (non-surgical) periodontal treatment.
- Benefits for **tooth desensitization** are covered as a separate procedure from other dental treatment.
- Benefits for **general anesthesia** administered by a dentist in a dental office in conjunction with approved oral surgery procedures are covered.
- Benefits for **administration of nitrous oxide** are covered.
- Benefits for **oral pre-medication anesthesia for conscious sedation** are covered.
- Benefits for **crowns** and other cast or laboratory processed restorations are limited to the restoration of any one tooth every 60 months. If a tooth can be restored with a material such as amalgam or composite resin, covered charges are limited to the cost of amalgam or non-laboratory composite resin restoration even if another type of restoration is selected by the patient and/or dentist.

- Benefits for an initial **cast partial denture, full denture, immediate denture, or overdenture** are limited to the cost of a standard full or cast partial denture. Charges for denture adjustments and repairs are covered. Benefits for subsequent rebases and relines are provided only once every 12 months. Cast restorations for partial denture abutment teeth or for splinting purposes are not covered unless the tooth in and of itself requires a cast restoration.
- Benefits for an initial **fixed bridge or removable cast partial** are covered. Benefits for temporary full or partial dentures must be predetermined by PacificSource.
- Benefits for the **replacement of an existing prosthetic device** are provided only when the device being replaced is unserviceable, cannot be made serviceable, and has been in place for at least 60 months.
- Benefits for the surgical placement and removal of **implants** are limited to once per lifetime per tooth space for each service for members. Services must be predetermined by PacificSource to be covered. Benefits include final crown and implant abutment over a single implant, final implant-supported bridge abutment, and implant abutment or pontic. An alternative benefit per arch of a conventional full or partial denture for the final implant-supported full or partial denture prosthetic device is available.
- Orthodontia with diagnosis of cleft palate and/or cleft lip is covered for enrolled individuals age 18 and younger or for individuals whose treatment began and was not completed prior to turning age 19. Predetermination and a treatment plan are required by PacificSource.

## PEDIATRIC VISION SERVICES

This plan covers the following services for individuals age 18 and younger. Coverage for pediatric services will end on the last day of the month in which the enrolled individual turns 19.

- **Preventive vision examinations** are covered on this plan. Benefits are subject to the deductible, limitations, co-payment, and/or co-insurance stated in your Vision Schedule of Benefits.
- **Vision hardware** including glasses (lenses and frames) or contacts (lenses and fitting) are covered on this plan. Benefits are subject to the deductible, limitations, co-payment, and/or co-insurance stated in your Vision Schedule of Benefits.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This plan covers the following professional services when medically necessary:

- Services of a **physician (M.D., D.O., naturopathy, or other provider practicing within the scope of their license)**, for diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury, or disease.
- Services of a licensed **physician assistant** under the supervision of a physician.
- Services of a **nurse practitioner**, including certified registered nurse anesthetist (C.R.N.A.) and certified nurse midwife (C.N.M.), or other provider practicing within the scope of their license, for medically necessary diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury, or disease.
- **Urgent care services** provided by a physician. Urgent care means services for an unforeseen illness, injury, or disease that requires treatment within 24 hours to prevent serious deterioration of a patient's health. Urgent conditions are normally less severe than medical emergencies. Examples of conditions that could need urgent care are sprains and strains, vomiting, cuts, and headaches.
- **Outpatient habilitation services** provided by a licensed physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, physician, or other practitioner licensed to provide physical, occupational, or speech therapy within the scope of the provider's license. Services must be prescribed in writing by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner, or

physician assistant. The prescription must include site, modality, duration, and frequency of treatment. Treatment of neurodevelopmental problems, and other problems associated with pervasive developmental disorders for which habilitation services would be appropriate, are covered when criteria for individual benefits are met.

- Services for speech therapy will only be allowed when needed to correct stuttering, hearing loss, peripheral speech mechanism problems, and deficits due to neurological disease or injury. Speech and/or cognitive therapy for acute illnesses and injuries are covered up to one year post injury when the services do not duplicate those provided by other eligible providers, including occupational therapists or neuropsychologists. This exclusion does not apply if medically necessary as part of a treatment plan.
- For related provisions, see speech therapy and temporomandibular joint in the Excluded Services section.
- **Outpatient rehabilitation services** provided by a licensed physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech language pathologist, physician, or other practitioner licensed to provide physical, occupational, chiropractic manipulation, or speech therapy within the scope of the provider's license. Services must be prescribed in writing by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. The prescription must include site, modality, duration, and frequency of treatment. Covered services are for the purpose of restoring certain functional losses due to disease, illness, or injury only and do not include maintenance services. Treatment of neurodevelopmental problems, and other problems associated with pervasive developmental disorders for which rehabilitation services would be appropriate, are covered when criteria for individual benefits are met. For information on cardiac rehabilitation, see Other Covered Services, Supplies, and Treatments section.
  - Services for speech therapy will only be allowed when needed to correct stuttering, hearing loss, peripheral speech mechanism problems, and deficits due to neurological disease or injury. Speech and/or cognitive therapy for acute illnesses and injuries are covered up to one year post injury when the services do not duplicate those provided by other eligible providers, including occupational therapists or neuropsychologists. This exclusion does not apply if medically necessary as part of a treatment plan.
  - Outpatient pulmonary rehabilitation programs are covered when prescribed by a physician for patients with severe chronic lung disease that interferes with normal daily activities despite optimal medication management.
  - For related provisions, see motion analysis, vocational rehabilitation, oral/facial motor therapy, and temporomandibular joint in the Excluded Services section.
- Services of a licensed audiologist for medically necessary **audiological (hearing) services**.
- Services of a dentist or physician to treat **injury of the jaw or natural teeth**. Except for the initial examination, services for treatment of an injury to the jaw or natural teeth require preauthorization to be covered.
- Services of a dentist or physician for **orthognathic (jaw) surgery** as follows:
  - When medically necessary to repair an accidental injury; or
  - For removal of a malignancy, including reconstruction of the jaw.
- Services of a board-certified or board-eligible **genetic counselor** when referred by a physician or nurse practitioner for evaluation of genetic disease.
- Medically necessary **telemedical health services** for health services covered by this plan when provided by a healthcare professional.

- Services for **chiropractic manipulation and acupuncture care** for medically necessary treatment are covered.

## **HOSPITAL AND SKILLED NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

- This plan covers medically necessary **hospital inpatient services**. Charges for a hospital room are covered up to the hospital's semi-private room rate (or private room rate, if the hospital does not offer semi-private rooms). Charges for a private room are covered if the attending physician orders hospitalization in an intensive care unit, coronary care unit, or private room for medically necessary isolation. Coverage includes eligible services provided by a hospital owned or operated by the state, or any state approved mental health and developmental disabilities program.

In addition to the hospital room, covered inpatient hospital services may include, but not limited to:

- Anesthesia and post-anesthesia recovery;
- Dressings, equipment, and other necessary supplies;
- Inpatient medications;
- Intensive and/or specialty care units;
- Lab services provided by hospital;
- Operating room;
- Radiology services;
- Respiratory care; or
- Substance use disorders.

The plan does not cover charges for rental of telephones, radios, or televisions, or for guest meals or other personal items.

- Services of **skilled nursing facilities and convalescent homes** are covered for up to 60 days per contract year. Services must be medically necessary. Confinement for custodial care is not covered.
- **Inpatient habilitation services** are covered when medically necessary to help a person keep, restore, or improve skills and functioning for daily living related to skills that have been lost or impaired because a person was sick, injured, or disabled. These services must be consistent with the condition being treated, and must be part of a formal written treatment program prescribed by a physician and subject to preauthorization and concurrent review by PacificSource. Total covered expenses are limited to a maximum of 30 days per contract year subject to review for medical necessity, unless medically necessary to treat a mental health diagnosis. Treatment for head or spinal cord injuries are covered when criteria for individual benefits are met.
- **Inpatient rehabilitation services** are covered when medically necessary to restore and improve lost body functions after illness, injury, or disease. These services must be consistent with the condition being treated, and must be part of a formal written treatment program prescribed by a physician and subject to preauthorization and concurrent review by PacificSource. Total covered expenses are limited to a maximum of 30 days per contract year subject to review for medical necessity, unless medically necessary to treat a mental health diagnosis. Treatment for head or spinal cord injuries are covered when criteria for individual benefits are met. Recreation therapy is only covered as part of an inpatient rehabilitation admission.

## OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Outpatient services are medical services that take place without being admitted to the hospital. This plan covers the following outpatient services:

- **Advanced diagnostic imaging procedures** that are medically necessary for the diagnosis of illness, injury, or disease. For purposes of this benefit, advanced diagnostic imaging procedures include CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, CATH labs, and nuclear cardiology studies. In all situations and settings, benefits require preauthorization and are subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Outpatient Services – Advanced diagnostic imaging. Please note that the co-payment for these services is per test. For example, if separate MRIs are performed on different regions of the back, there will be a co-payment charged for each region imaged.
- **Diagnostic radiology and laboratory procedures** provided or ordered by a physician, nurse practitioner, alternative care provider, or physician assistant. These services may be performed or provided by laboratories, radiology facilities, hospitals, and physicians, including services in conjunction with office visits.
- **Emergency room services.** The emergency room benefit stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits covers only physician and hospital facility charges in the emergency room. The benefit does not cover further treatment provided on referral from the emergency room.

Emergency medical screening and emergency services, including any diagnostic tests necessary for emergency care (including radiology, laboratory work, CT scans and MRIs) are subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for either Outpatient Services – Diagnostic and therapeutic radiology/lab and dialysis or Outpatient Services – Advanced diagnostic imaging, depending on the specific service provided.

For emergency medical conditions, out-of-network providers are paid at the in-network provider level.

- **Surgery** and other outpatient services. Benefits are based on the setting where services are performed.
  - For surgeries or outpatient services performed in a physician's office, the benefit stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Professional Services – Office procedures and supplies applies.
  - For surgeries or outpatient services performed in an ambulatory surgical center or outpatient hospital setting, both the benefits shown on your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Professional Services – Surgery and the Outpatient Services – Outpatient surgery/services apply.
- **Therapeutic radiology services, chemotherapy, and renal dialysis** provided or ordered by a physician. Covered services include a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells. Absent a contracted allowable fee amount based on the Medicare allowable, benefits for members who are receiving renal dialysis are limited to 125 percent of the current Medicare allowable amount for in-network and out-of-network providers. In all situations and settings, benefits are subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Outpatient Services – Diagnostic and therapeutic radiology/lab and dialysis.
- Other medically necessary **diagnostic services** provided in a hospital or outpatient setting, including testing or observation to diagnose the extent of a medical condition.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES



For emergency medical conditions (see Definitions section), this plan covers services and supplies necessary to evaluate and treat an emergency condition.

Examples of emergency medical conditions include, but not limited to:

- Convulsions or seizures;
- Difficulty breathing;
- Major traumatic injuries;
- Poisoning;
- Serious burns;
- Sudden abdominal or chest pains;
- Sudden fevers;
- Suspected heart attacks;
- Unconsciousness; or
- Unusual or heavy bleeding.

***If you need immediate assistance for a medical emergency, call 911. If you have an emergency medical condition, you should go directly to the nearest emergency room or appropriate facility. Emergency and non-emergency services are subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits.***

If you are admitted to an out-of-network hospital after your emergency condition is stabilized, PacificSource may require you to transfer to an in-network facility in order to continue receiving benefits at the in-network provider level.

## **MATERNITY SERVICES**

Maternity means, in any one pregnancy, all prenatal services including complications and miscarriage, delivery, postnatal services provided within six weeks of delivery, and routine nursery care of a newborn child. Maternity services are covered subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits.

Medically necessary services, medication, and supplies to manage diabetes during pregnancy, from conception through six weeks postpartum, will not be subjected to a deductible, co-payment, or co-insurance.

Services of a physician or other provider practicing within the scope of their license for **pregnancy**. Services are subject to the same payment amounts, conditions, and limitations that apply to similar expenses for illness.

*Please contact our Customer Service team as soon as you learn of your pregnancy. Our team will explain your plan's maternity benefits and help you enroll in our free prenatal care program.*

This plan provides **routine nursery care** of a newborn while the mother is hospitalized and eligible for pregnancy-related benefits under this plan if the newborn is also eligible and enrolled in this plan.

**Special Information about Childbirth** – PacificSource covers hospital inpatient services for childbirth according to the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996. This plan does not restrict the length of stay for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours after vaginal delivery, or to less than 96 hours after Cesarean section delivery. Your provider is allowed to discharge you or your newborn sooner than that, but only if you both agree. For childbirth, your provider does not need to preauthorize your hospital stay with PacificSource.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

This plan covers medically necessary crisis intervention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders the same as any other illness. For more information on services not covered by your plan, see the Benefit Limitations and Exclusions section.

### ***Providers Eligible for Reimbursement***

A mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare provider (see Definitions section) is eligible for reimbursement if:

- The mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare provider is authorized for reimbursement under the laws of your plan's state of issuance; and
- The mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare provider is accredited for the particular level of care for which reimbursement is being requested by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities; and
- The patient is staying overnight at the mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare facility (see Definitions section) and is involved in a structured program at least eight hours per day, seven days per week; or
- The mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare provider is providing a covered benefit under this plan.

Eligible mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare providers are:

- A program licensed, approved, established, maintained, contracted with, or operated by the accrediting and licensing authority of the state wherein the program exists;
- A Medical or Osteopathic physician licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners;
- A Psychologist (PhD) licensed by the State Board of Psychologists' Examiners;
- A Nurse Practitioner registered by the State Board of Nursing;
- A Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) licensed by the State Board of Clinical Social Workers;
- A Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licensed by the State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- A Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) licensed by the State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists;
- A Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) licensed by the State Board of Behavior Analysis;
- A Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA) licensed by the State Board of Behavior Analysis;
- A Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Doctoral level (BCBA-D) licensed by the State Board of Behavior Analysis;
- A Behavior Analyst Interventionist (BAI) licensed by the State Board of Behavior Analysis; and
- A hospital or other healthcare facility accredited by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for inpatient or residential care and treatment of mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders.

### ***Medical Necessity and Appropriateness of Treatment***

- As with all medical treatment, mental health and substance use disorders treatment is subject to review for medical necessity and/or appropriateness. Review of treatment may involve pre-service review, concurrent review of the continuation of treatment, post-treatment review, or a

combination of these. PacificSource will notify the patient and patient's provider when a treatment review is necessary to make a determination of medical necessity.

- A second opinion may be required for a medical necessity determination. PacificSource will notify the patient when this requirement is applicable.
- Medication management by a licensed physician (such as a psychiatrist) does not require review.
- Treatment of substance use disorders and related disorders is subject to placement criteria established by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, Third Edition (ASAM).

### ***Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008***

This health plan complies with all state and federal laws and regulations related to the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008.

## **HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE SERVICES**

- This plan covers **home health services** when preauthorized by PacificSource. Covered services include services by a licensed Home Health Agency providing skilled nursing; physical, occupational, and speech therapy; and medical social work services. Private duty nursing is not covered.
- **Home infusion services** are covered when preauthorized by PacificSource. This benefit covers parenteral nutrition, medications, and biologicals (other than immunizations) that cannot be self-administered. Benefits are paid at the percentage stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Home health services.
- This plan covers **hospice services**. Hospice services, including respite care, are intended to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the patient and family during the final stages of illness and dying, while maintaining the patient in the home setting. Services are intended to supplement the efforts of an unpaid caregiver. Hospice benefits do not cover services of a primary caregiver such as a relative or friend, or private duty nurse. PacificSource uses the following criteria to determine eligibility for hospice benefits:
  - The member's physician must certify that the member is terminally ill with a life expectancy of less than six months;
  - The member must be living at home;
  - A non-salaried primary caregiver must be available and willing to provide custodial care to the member on a daily basis; and
  - The member must not be undergoing treatment of the terminal illness other than for direct control of adverse symptoms.

Only the following hospice services are covered:

- Durable medical equipment, oxygen, and medical supplies;
- Home health aides when necessary to assist in personal care;
- Home infusion therapy;
- Home nursing visits;
- Home visits by a medical social worker;
- Home visits by the hospice physician;
- Inpatient hospice care when provided by a Medicare-certified or state-certified program when admission to an acute care hospital would otherwise be medically necessary;



- Medically necessary physical, occupational, and speech therapy provided in the home;
- Pastoral care and bereavement services;
- Prescription medications for the relief of symptoms manifested by the terminal illness; and
- Respite care provided in a nursing facility to provide relief for the primary caregiver, subject to a lifetime maximum benefit of 30 days. A member must be enrolled in a hospice program to be eligible for respite care benefits.

The member retains the right to all other services provided under this plan, including active treatment of non-terminal illnesses, except for services of another provider that duplicate the services of the hospice team.

## DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

- This plan covers **prosthetic and orthotic devices** that are medically necessary to restore or maintain the ability to complete activities of daily living or essential job-related activities and that are not solely for comfort or convenience. Benefits include coverage of all services and supplies medically necessary for the effective use of a prosthetic or orthotic device, including formulating its design, fabrication, material and component selection, measurements, fittings, static and dynamic alignments, and instructing the patient in the use of the device. Benefits also include coverage for any repair or replacement of a prosthetic or orthotic device that is determined medically necessary to restore or maintain the ability to complete activities of daily living or essential job-related activities and that is not solely for comfort or convenience.
- This plan covers **durable medical equipment** prescribed exclusively to treat medical conditions. Covered equipment includes crutches, wheelchairs, orthopedic braces, home glucose meters, equipment for administering oxygen, and non-power assisted prosthetic limbs and eyes. Durable medical equipment must be prescribed by a licensed M.D., D.O., N.P., P.A., D.D.S., D.M.D., or D.P.M. to be covered. This plan does not cover equipment commonly used for nonmedical purposes, for physical or occupational therapy, or prescribed primarily for comfort. For more information, see Excluded Services section. The following limitations apply to durable medical equipment:
  - The cost of durable medical equipment that is not considered an essential health benefit is covered up to \$5,000 per contract year. Examples of essential health benefits are prosthetics and orthotic devices, oxygen and oxygen supplies, diabetic supplies, wheelchairs, breast pumps, and medical foods for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism.
  - This benefit covers the cost of either purchase or rental of the equipment for the period needed, whichever is less. Repair or replacement of equipment is also covered when necessary, subject to all conditions and limitations of the plan. If the cost of the purchase, rental, repair, or replacement is over \$1,000, preauthorization by PacificSource is required.
  - Only expenses for durable medical equipment, or prosthetic and orthotic devices that are provided by a PacificSource contracted provider or a provider that satisfies the criteria of the Medicare fee schedule for Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies (DMEPOS) and Other Items and Services are eligible for reimbursement. Mail order or Internet/web based providers are not eligible providers.
  - Purchase, rental, repair, lease, or replacement of a power-assisted wheelchair (including batteries and other accessories) requires preauthorization by PacificSource and is payable only in lieu of benefits for a manual wheelchair.
  - The durable medical equipment benefit also covers lenses to correct a specific vision defect resulting from a severe medical or surgical problem, such as stroke, neurological disease,

trauma, or eye surgery other than refraction procedures. Coverage is subject to the following limitations:

- The medical or surgical problem must cause visual impairment or disability due to loss of binocular vision or visual field defects (not merely a refractive error or astigmatism) that requires lenses to restore some normalcy to vision.
  - The maximum allowance for glasses (lenses and frames), or contact lenses in lieu of glasses, is limited to one pair per year when surgery or treatment is performed on either eye. Other plan limitations, such as exclusions for extra lenses, other hardware, tinting of lenses, eye exercises, or vision therapy, also apply.
  - Benefits for subsequent medically necessary vision corrections to either eye (including an eye not previously treated) are limited to the cost of lenses only.
  - Reimbursement is subject to the deductible, co-payment, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for durable medical equipment and is in lieu of, and not in addition to any other vision benefit payable.
- Hearing aids, hearing assistive technology systems, and ear molds are provided in accordance with state and federal law. Contact our Customer Service team for specific coverage requirements. The durable medical equipment benefit covers one hearing aid per hearing impaired ear every 36 months or more frequently if modification to an existing hearing aid will not meet the needs of the member.
  - Medically necessary treatment for sleep apnea and other sleeping disorders is covered when preauthorized by PacificSource. Coverage of oral devices includes charges for consultation, fitting, adjustment, follow-up care, and the appliance. The appliance must be prescribed by a physician specializing in evaluation and treatment of obstructive sleep apnea, and the condition must meet criteria for obstructive sleep apnea.
  - Manual and electric breast pumps are covered at no cost once per pregnancy when purchased or rented from an in-network licensed provider, or purchased from a retail outlet. Hospital-grade breast pumps are not covered.
  - Wigs following chemotherapy or radiation therapy are covered up to one synthetic wig per contract year.

## **TRANSPLANT SERVICES**

This plan covers certain medically necessary organ and tissue transplants. It also covers the cost of acquiring organs or tissues needed for covered transplants and limited travel expenses for the patient, subject to certain limitations.

*All pre-transplant evaluations, services, treatments, and supplies for transplant procedures require preauthorization by PacificSource.*

This plan covers the following medically necessary organ and tissue transplants:

- Bone marrow, peripheral blood stem cell and high-dose chemotherapy when medically necessary;
- Heart;
- Heart – Lungs;
- Intestine (adult and pediatric);
- Kidney;
- Kidney – Pancreas;

- Liver;
- Lungs; or
- Pancreas whole organ transplantation.

This plan only covers transplants of human body organs and tissues. Transplants of artificial, animal, or other non-human organs and tissues are not covered.

Expenses for the acquisition of organs or tissues for transplantation are covered only when the transplantation itself is covered under this plan, and is subject to the following limitations:

- Testing of related or unrelated donors for a potential living related organ donation is payable at the same percentage that would apply to the same testing of an insured recipient.
- Expense for acquisition of cadaver organs is covered, payable at the same percentage and subject to the same limitations, if any, as the transplant itself.
- Medical services required for the removal and transportation of organs or tissues from living donors are covered. Coverage of the organ or tissue donation is payable at the same percentage as the transplant itself if the recipient is a PacificSource member.
  - If the donor is not a PacificSource member, only those complications of the donation that occur during the initial hospitalization are covered, and such complications are covered only to the extent that they are not covered by another health plan or government program. Coverage is payable at the same percentage as the transplant itself.
  - If the donor is a PacificSource member, complications of the donation are covered as any other illness would be covered.
- Transplant related services, including human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing, sibling tissue typing, and evaluation costs, are considered transplant expenses and accumulate toward any transplant benefit limitations and are subject to PacificSource's provider contractual agreements. For more information, see Payment of Transplant Benefits.

Travel and housing expenses for the recipient and one caregiver are limited to \$5,000 per transplant. Travel and living expenses are not covered for the donor.

### ***Payment of Transplant Benefits***

If a transplant is performed at an in-network Center of Excellence transplantation facility, covered charges of the facility are subject to plan deductibles (co-insurance and co-payment amounts after deductibles are waived). If our contract with the facility includes the services of the medical professionals performing the transplant (such as physicians, nurse practitioners, and anesthesiologists), those charges are also subject to plan deductibles (co-insurance and co-payment amounts after deductibles are waived). If the professional fees are not included in our contract with the facility, then those benefits are provided according to your Medical Schedule of Benefits.

Transplant services that are not received at an in-network Center of Excellence and/or services of out-of-network medical professionals are paid at the out-of-network provider percentages stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits. The maximum benefit payment for transplant services of out-of-network providers is 125 percent of the Medicare allowance.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

This plan covers certain prescription medications included on your Drug List. Please refer to our website for an up-to-date list of drugs and other information about your prescription benefit. If you have any questions about your coverage, please contact our Customer Service team. See your Prescription Drug Schedule of Benefits for your specific benefit information.

To use your PacificSource pharmacy benefits, you must show your PacificSource member ID card at the in-network pharmacy.

Some medications may qualify for third party co-payment assistance programs that could lower your out-of-pocket costs for those products. For any such medication where third party co-payment assistance is used and there is a generic drug equivalent available, the member shall not receive credit toward their maximum out-of-pocket or deductible for any co-payment or co-insurance amounts that are applied to a manufacturer coupon or rebate.

### ***PacificSource Essential Health Benefit Preventive Care Drugs***

Your prescription benefit includes preventive care drugs at no cost to you. This benefit includes some drugs required by the Affordable Care Act. These drugs are identified on the drug list as Tier 0. This list is available on our website, [Pacificsource.com/drug-list](https://www.pacificsource.com/drug-list). Go to Pick a drug list to easily look up the Drug List.

### ***PacificSource Expanded No Cost Drug List***

Your prescription benefit includes certain outpatient drugs as a preventive benefit. Preventive drugs are taken regularly to prevent a disease or to keep a specific disease or condition from progressing.

### ***PacificSource Mail Order Service***

This plan includes an in-network mail order service for prescription drugs. Questions about the plan's in-network mail order pharmacy may be directed to our Customer Service team. Forms and instructions for using the mail order pharmacy are available on our website, [PacificSource.com/member/pharmacy-network](https://www.pacificsource.com/member/pharmacy-network).

### ***PacificSource Specialty Drug Program***

PacificSource contracts with a specialty pharmacy provider for high-cost injectable medications and biotech drugs. A pharmacist-led Care Team provides individual follow-up care and support to covered members with prescriptions for specialty medications by providing them strong clinical support, as well as the best overall value for these specific medications. The Care Team also provides comprehensive disease education and counseling, assesses patient health status, and offers a supportive environment for patient inquiries.

Fills of specialty drugs are limited to a 30 day supply and must be filled at our exclusive network Specialty Pharmacy. More information is available on our website, [PacificSource.com/member/pharmacy-network](https://www.pacificsource.com/member/pharmacy-network). Specialty drugs are designated with SP on the drug list available on our website. Specialty drugs are not available through the in-network retail pharmacy network, mail order service, or non-contracted Specialty pharmacies without preauthorization.

### ***PacificSource Medication Synchronization Program***

To ensure your medication is effective, it is important to take it exactly as prescribed. This can be challenging if you take multiple medications that refill at different times and require many trips to the pharmacy. Through our medication synchronization program, your ongoing prescriptions can be coordinated so refills are ready at the same time. If you wish to have your medication refills synchronized, please ask your doctor or pharmacist to contact our Pharmacy Services team at (844) 877-4803, or email [pharmacy@pacificsource.com](mailto:pharmacy@pacificsource.com). We will work with your providers to evaluate your options and develop your synchronization plan.

### ***PacificSource No Duplication of Services***

Medications and supplies covered under your pharmacy benefit are in place of, not in addition to, those same covered supplies under the medical plan.

## ***Diabetic Supplies***

Refer to the applicable Drug List, available on our website, to see which diabetic supplies are only covered under your pharmacy benefit. Some diabetic supplies, such as glucose monitoring devices, may only be covered under your medical benefit. Diabetic testing supplies are subject to plan quantity limits.

## ***Contraceptives***

Contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are covered as recommended by the USPSTF, HRSA, and CDC. Any deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance amounts are waived if a generic is filled. Brand name contraceptives will remain subject to regular pharmacy plan benefits. When no generic exists, brand name contraceptives may be covered at no cost. If your physician prescribes a brand name contraceptive due to medical necessity, it may be subject to preauthorization for coverage at no charge.

If an initial three month supply is tried, then a 12 month refill of the same contraceptive is covered at an in-network pharmacy in accordance with pharmacy benefits, regardless if the initial prescription was filled under this plan.

## ***Orally Administered Anticancer Medications***

Orally administered anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells are available. Co-payments for orally administered anticancer medication are applied on the same basis as for other drugs.

## ***Limitations and Exclusions***

- This plan only covers drugs prescribed by an eligible healthcare provider prescribing within the scope of their professional license. This plan does not cover the following:
  - Over-the-counter drugs or other drugs that federal law does not prohibit dispensing without a prescription. Select over-the-counter tobacco cessation drugs are covered under your plan, but will require a prescription from your provider.
  - Drugs for any condition excluded under the health plan.
  - Some specialty drugs that are not self-administered are not covered by this pharmacy benefit, but may be covered under the medical plan's office supply benefit. For a list of drugs that are covered under your medical benefit and which require preauthorization, please refer to the Medical Drug and Diabetic Supply formulary on our website.
  - Some immunizations may be covered under either your medical or pharmacy benefit. Vaccines covered under the pharmacy benefit include, but not limited to: influenza, hepatitis B, herpes zoster (shingles), and pneumococcal. Most other immunizations must be provided by your doctor under your medical benefit.
  - Some drugs and all devices to treat erectile or sexual dysfunction unless defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).
  - Vitamins, minerals, and dietary supplements, except for prescription prenatal vitamins and fluoride products, and for services that have a rating of A or B from the USPSTF, some restrictions may apply.
- Certain drugs require preauthorization (PA), which means we need to review documentation from your doctor before a drug will be covered. An up-to-date list of drugs requiring preauthorization, along with all of our requirements, is available on our website.



- Certain drugs are subject to Step Therapy (ST) protocols, which means we may require you to try a pre-requisite drug before we will pay for the requested drug. An up-to-date list of drugs requiring Step Therapy, along with all of our requirements, is available on our website.
- Certain drugs have quantity limits (QL), which means we will generally not pay for quantities above the FDA approved maximum dosing without an approved exception. An up-to-date list of drugs with quantity limits is available on our website.
- Your plan has limitations on the quantity of medication that can be filled or refilled. This quantity depends on the type of pharmacy you are using and the days' supply of the prescription.
  - Retail pharmacies: you can get up to a 30 day supply.
  - Mail order pharmacies: you can get up to a 90 day supply.
  - Specialty pharmacies: you can get up to a 30 day supply.
- For drugs purchased at out-of-network pharmacies or at in-network pharmacies without using the PacificSource pharmacy benefits, reimbursement is limited to our in-network contracted rates. This means you may not be reimbursed the full cash price you pay to the pharmacy.
- For most prescriptions, you may refill your prescription only after 75 percent of the previous supply has been taken. This is calculated by the number of days that have elapsed since the previous fill and the days' supply entered by the pharmacy. PacificSource will generally not approve early refills, except under the following circumstances:
  - The request is for ophthalmic solutions or gels which are susceptible to spillage.
  - The member will be on vacation in a location that does not allow for reasonable access to a network pharmacy for subsequent refills.

All early refills are subject to standard co-payments and are reviewed on a case by case basis.

### ***Formulary Exception and Coverage Determination Process***

Requests for formulary exceptions can be made by the member or provider by contacting our Pharmacy Services team. Standard exception requests are determined within 72 hours, expedited requests are determined within 24 hours. Formulary exceptions and coverage determinations must be based on medical necessity, and information must be submitted to support the medical necessity including all of the following:

- A reasonable number of similar drugs that are on the formulary have been tried;
- Formulary drugs were tried with an adequate dose and duration of therapy;
- Formulary drugs were not tolerated or were not effective;
- Formulary or preferred drugs would reasonably be expected to cause harm or not produce equivalent results as the requested drug;
- The requested drug therapy is evidenced-based and generally accepted medical practice; and
- Special circumstances and individual needs, including the availability of service providers in the patient's region.

## **OTHER COVERED SERVICES, SUPPLIES, AND TREATMENTS**

- This plan covers services of a state certified ground or air **ambulance** when private transportation is medically inappropriate because the acute medical condition requires paramedic support. Benefits are provided for emergency ambulance service and/or transport to the nearest facility capable of treating the condition. Air ambulance service is covered only when ground transportation is medically or physically inappropriate. Reimbursement to out-of-network air

ambulance services are based on 200 percent of the Medicare allowance. In some cases, the Medicare allowance may be significantly lower than the provider's billed amount. The provider may hold you responsible for the amount they bill in excess of the Medicare allowance, as well as applicable deductibles and co-insurance. Nonemergency ground or air ambulance between facilities requires preauthorization.

- This plan covers **biofeedback** to treat migraine headaches or urinary incontinence when provided by an eligible provider. Benefits are limited to a lifetime maximum of 10 sessions.
- This plan covers **blood transfusions**, including the cost of blood or blood plasma.
- This plan covers removal, repair, or replacement of **breast prostheses** due to a contracture or rupture, but only when the original prosthesis was for a medically necessary mastectomy. Preauthorization by PacificSource is required, and eligibility for benefits is subject to the following criteria:
  - The contracture or rupture must be clinically evident by a physician's physical examination, imaging studies, or findings at surgery;
  - This plan covers removal, repair, and/or replacement of the prosthesis;
  - Removal, repair, and/or replacement of the prosthesis is not covered when recommended due to an autoimmune disease, connective tissue disease, arthritis, allergenic syndrome, psychiatric syndrome, fatigue, or other systemic signs or symptoms.
- As required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 this plan covers **breast reconstruction** in connection with a medically necessary mastectomy. Coverage is provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and patient for:
  - All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
  - Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
  - Prostheses; and
  - Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Benefits for breast reconstruction are subject to all terms and provisions of the plan, including deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits.

- This plan covers **cardiac rehabilitation** as follows:
  - Phase I (inpatient) services are covered under inpatient hospital benefits.
  - Phase II (short-term outpatient) services are covered subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance amounts stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for Diagnostic and therapeutic radiology/lab and dialysis. Benefits are limited to services provided in connection with a cardiac rehabilitation exercise program that does not exceed 36 visits and are considered reasonable and necessary.
  - Phase III (long-term outpatient) services are not covered.
- This plan covers **child abuse medical assessments** which includes the taking of a thorough medical history, a complete physical examination and interview by or under the direction of a licensed physician or other licensed healthcare professional trained in the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of child abuse. Child abuse medical assessments are covered when performed at a community assessment center. Community assessment center means a neutral, child-sensitive community-based facility or service provider to which a child from the community may be referred to receive a thorough child abuse medical assessment for the purpose of determining whether the child has been abused or neglected.



- This plan covers single or bilateral **cochlear implants** when medically necessary including programming and reprogramming.
- This plan covers IUD, diaphragm, and cervical cap **contraceptives and contraceptive devices** along with their insertion or removal, as well as hormonal contraceptives including injections, formulary oral, patches, and rings prescribed by your physician or a pharmacist. Contraceptive drugs, devices, or products that are approved by the FDA and on the formulary are covered by your plan when prescribed. Over-the-counter contraceptive drugs approved by the FDA, purchased without a prescription are reimbursable by the plan.
- This plan covers **corneal transplants**. Preauthorization is not required.
- In the following situations, this plan covers **cosmetic or reconstructive surgery**:
  - When necessary to correct a functional disorder; or
  - When necessary due to a congenital anomaly; or
  - When necessary because of an accidental injury, or to correct a scar or defect that resulted from treatment of an accidental injury; or
  - When necessary to correct a scar or defect on the head or neck that resulted from a covered surgery.

Cosmetic or reconstructive surgery is provided for one attempt and must take place within 18 months after the injury, surgery, scar, or defect first occurred unless determined otherwise through medical necessity evaluation. Preauthorization by PacificSource is required for all cosmetic and reconstructive surgeries covered by this plan. For related provisions, see breast prostheses and breast reconstruction in this section.

- This plan covers dental and orthodontic services for the treatment of **craniofacial anomalies** when medically necessary to restore function. Coverage includes, but not limited to, physical disorders identifiable at birth that affect the bony structure of the face or head, such as a cleft palate, cleft lip, craniosynostosis, craniofacial microsomia and Treacher Collins syndrome. Coverage is limited to the least costly clinically appropriate treatment. Cosmetic procedures and procedures to improve on the normal range of functions are not covered. For related provisions, see cosmetic/reconstructive services, dental examinations and treatments, jaw surgery, and orthognathic surgery in the Excluded Services section.
- This plan provides coverage for certain **diabetic equipment, supplies, and training** as follows:
  - Diabetic supplies other than insulin and syringes (such as lancets, test strips, and glucostix) are covered subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for durable medical equipment. You may purchase those supplies from any retail outlet and send your receipts to PacificSource, along with your name and member ID number. We will process the claim and reimburse you according to your plan's benefits.
  - Insulin pumps are covered subject to preauthorization by PacificSource.
  - Diabetic insulin and syringes are covered under your prescription drug benefit. Lancets and test strips are also available under that prescription benefit in lieu of those covered supplies under the medical plan.
  - This plan covers outpatient and self-management training and education for the treatment of diabetes, subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance for office visits stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits. To be covered, the training must be provided by a licensed healthcare professional with expertise in diabetes.

- This plan covers medically necessary telemedical health services, via two-way electronic communication, provided in connection with the treatment of diabetes.
- This plan covers **dietary or nutritional counseling** provided by a registered dietitian under certain circumstances. It is covered under benefits for diabetic education or management of anorexia nervosa or bulimia nervosa as determined by medical necessity evaluation.
- This plan covers nonprescription **elemental enteral formula** ordered by a physician for home use. Formula is covered when medically necessary to treat severe intestinal malabsorption and the formula comprises a predominant or essential source of nutrition. Coverage is subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for durable medical equipment.
- This plan covers routine **foot care** for patients with diabetes mellitus.
- This plan covers medically necessary **gender affirming** surgery and related procedures, including hormone therapy. Preauthorization by PacificSource is required.
- **Hospitalization for dental procedures** is covered when the patient has another serious medical condition that may complicate the dental procedure, such as serious blood disease, unstable diabetes, severe cardiovascular disease, or the patient is physically or developmentally disabled with a dental condition that cannot be safely and effectively treated in a dental office. Coverage requires preauthorization by PacificSource, and only charges for the facility, anesthesiologist, and assistant physician are covered. Hospitalization because of the patient's apprehension or convenience is not covered.
- This plan covers treatment for **inborn errors of metabolism** involving amino acid, carbohydrate, and fat metabolism for which widely accepted standards of care exist for diagnosis, treatment, and monitoring, including quantification of metabolites in blood, urine or spinal fluid or enzyme or DNA confirmation in tissues. Coverage includes expenses for diagnosing, monitoring, and controlling the disorders by nutritional and medical assessment, including, but not limited to, clinical visits, biochemical analysis and medical foods used in the treatment of such disorders. Nutritional supplies are covered subject to the deductibles, co-payments, and/or co-insurance stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits for durable medical equipment.
- **Infertility services** are covered when medically necessary, subject to the co-payments, co-insurance amounts, and/or deductibles stated in your Medical Schedule of Benefits. Office visits and diagnostic procedures related to the diagnosis of infertility are covered services. Treatment of infertility is not a covered benefit.
- **Injectable drugs and biologicals** administered by a physician are covered when medically necessary for diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury, or disease. This benefit does not include immunizations (see Preventive Care Services section), drugs, or biologicals that can be self-administered or are dispensed to a patient.
- This plan covers **maxillofacial prosthetic services** when prescribed by a physician as necessary to restore and manage head and facial structures. Coverage is provided only when head and facial structures cannot be replaced with living tissue, and are defective because of disease, trauma, or birth and developmental deformities. To be covered, treatment must be necessary to control or eliminate pain or infection or to restore functions such as speech, swallowing, or chewing. Coverage is limited to the least costly clinically appropriate treatment, as determined by the physician. Cosmetic procedures and procedures to improve on the normal range of functions are not covered. Dentures, prosthetic devices for treatment of TMJ conditions, and artificial larynx are also not covered.

- For **pediatric dental care requiring general anesthesia**, this plan covers the facility charges of a hospital or ambulatory surgery center. Benefits are limited to one visit annually, and are subject to preauthorization by PacificSource.
- **Post-mastectomy care** is covered for hospital inpatient care for a period of time as determined by the attending physician and, in consultation with the patient, determined to be medically necessary following a mastectomy, a lumpectomy, or a lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.
- The **routine costs of care** associated with **approved clinical trials** are covered. For more information, see routine costs of care in the Definitions section. A qualified individual is someone who is eligible to participate in an approved clinical trial. If an in-network provider is participating in an approved clinical trial, the qualified individual may be required to participate in the trial through that in-network provider if the provider will accept the individual as a participant in the trial.
- **Sleep studies** are covered when ordered by a pulmonologist, neurologist, otolaryngologist, internist, family practitioner, or certified sleep medicine specialist.
- This plan covers medically necessary therapy and services for the treatment of **traumatic brain injury**.
- This plan covers **tubal ligation and vasectomy** procedures.
- Covered medical expenses include charges incurred by a member for services of a dentist or dental surgeon for removal of one or more **impacted wisdom teeth**.

## BENEFIT LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

### EXCLUDED SERVICES

**Types of Treatment** – This plan does *not* cover the following:

- Abdominoplasty for any indication.
- Academic skills training. This exclusion does not apply if the program, training, or therapy is part of a treatment plan for a pervasive developmental disorder.
- Aesthetic dental procedures – Services and supplies provided in connection with dental procedures that are primarily aesthetic, including bleaching of teeth and labial veneers.
- Any amounts in excess of the allowable fee for a given service or supply.
- Athletic activities – Any injuries sustained while competing or practicing for a professional or semiprofessional athletic contest.
- Aversion therapy.
- Benefits not stated – Services and supplies not specifically described as benefits under this plan and/or any endorsement attached hereto. Except for those which are considered a pediatric dental essential health benefit.
- Biofeedback (other than as specifically noted under the Covered Expenses – Other Covered Services, Supplies, and Treatment section).
- Charges for phone consultations, missed appointments, get acquainted visits, completion of claim forms, or reports PacificSource needs to process claims unless otherwise contracted.
- Charges over the usual, customary, and reasonable fee (UCR) – Any amount in excess of the UCR for a given service or supply.

- Charges that are the responsibility of a third party who may have caused the illness, injury, or disease or other insurers covering the incident (such as workers' compensation insurers, automobile insurers, and general liability insurers).
- Chelation therapy including associated infusions of vitamins and/or minerals, except as medically necessary for the treatment of selected medical conditions and medically significant heavy metal toxicities.
- Computer or electronic equipment for monitoring asthmatic, similar medical conditions, or related data.
- Connector bar or stress breaker.
- Cosmetic/reconstructive services and supplies – Except as specified in the Covered Expenses – Other Covered Services, Supplies, and Treatments section. Services and supplies, including drugs, rendered primarily for cosmetic/reconstructive purposes (does not apply to emergency services). Cosmetic/reconstructive services and supplies are those performed primarily to improve the body's appearance and not primarily to restore impaired function of the body, unless the area needing treatment is a result of a congenital anomaly or gender dysphoria.
- Court-ordered sex offender treatment programs.
- Day care or custodial care – Care and related services designed essentially to assist a person in maintaining activities of daily living, such as services to assist with walking, getting in/out of bed, bathing, dressing, feeding, preparation of meals, homemaker services, special diets, rest crews, day care, and diapers. (This does not include rehabilitation or habilitation services that are covered under Professional Services section.) Custodial care is only covered in conjunction with respite care allowed under this plan's hospice benefit. For related provisions, see Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility Services and Home Health and Hospice Services sections.
- Dental examinations and treatment for members age 19 and older – For the purpose of this exclusion, the term dental examinations and treatment means services or supplies provided to prevent, diagnose, or treat diseases of the teeth and supporting tissues or structures. This includes services, supplies, hospitalization, anesthesia, dental braces or appliances, or dental care rendered to repair defects that have developed because of tooth loss, or to restore the ability to chew, or dental treatment necessitated by disease. For related provisions, see hospitalization for dental procedures in the Other Covered Services, Supplies, and Treatments section.
- Denture replacement made necessary by loss, theft, or breakage.
- Diabetic shoes and shoe modifications.
- Diagnostic casts – Gnathological recordings, occlusal equilibration procedures, or similar procedures.
- Drugs and biologicals that can be self-administered (including injectables) are excluded from the medical benefit, except those provided in a hospital emergency room, or other institutional setting, or as outpatient chemotherapy and dialysis, which are covered. Covered drugs and biologicals that can be self-administered are otherwise available under the pharmacy benefit, subject to plan requirements.
- Drugs or medications not prescribed for inborn errors of metabolism, diabetic insulin, or autism spectrum disorder that can be self-administered (including prescription drugs, injectable drugs, and biologicals), unless given during a visit for outpatient chemotherapy or dialysis or during a medically necessary hospital, emergency room, or other institutional stay.
- Durable medical equipment available over the counter and/or without a prescription.

- Educational or correctional services or sheltered living provided by a school or halfway house, except outpatient services received while temporarily living in a shelter.
- Electronic Beam Tomography (EBT).
- Equine/animal therapy.
- Equipment commonly used for nonmedical purposes or marketed to the general public.
- Equipment used primarily in athletic or recreational activities. This includes exercise equipment for stretching, conditioning, strengthening, or relief of musculoskeletal problems.
- Experimental, investigational, or unproven procedures – Your PacificSource plan does not cover experimental, investigational, or unproven treatment. By that, we mean services, supplies, protocols, procedures, devices, chemotherapy, drugs or medicines, or the use thereof that are experimental, investigational, or unproven for the diagnosis and treatment of the patient. It includes treatment that, when and for the purpose rendered: has not yet received full U.S. government agency approval (for example, FDA) for other than experimental, investigational, unproven, or clinical testing; is not of generally accepted medical practice in your plan's state of issuance or as determined by medical advisors, medical associations, and/or technology resources; is not approved for reimbursement by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; is furnished in connection with medical or other research; or is considered by any governmental agency or subdivision to be experimental, investigational, unproven, not reasonable and necessary, or any similar finding.

An experimental, investigational, or unproven service is not made eligible for benefits by the fact that other treatment is considered by your healthcare provider to be ineffective or not as effective as the service or that the service is prescribed as the most likely to prolong life.

When making benefit determinations about whether treatments are experimental, investigational, or unproven, we rely on the above resources as well as: expert opinions of specialists and other medical authorities; published articles in peer-reviewed medical literature; external agencies whose role is the evaluation of new technologies and drugs; and external review by an independent review organization.

The following will be considered in making the determination whether the service is in an experimental, investigational, or unproven status: whether there is sufficient evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect of the services on health outcomes; whether the scientific evidence demonstrates that the services improve health outcomes as much or more than established alternatives; whether the scientific evidence demonstrates that the services' beneficial effects outweigh any harmful effects; and whether any improved health outcomes from the services are attainable outside an investigational setting.

If you or your provider have any concerns about whether a course of treatment will be covered, we encourage you to contact our Customer Service team. We will arrange for medical review of your case against our criteria, and notify you of whether or not the proposed treatment will be covered.

- Eye examinations (preventive) for members age 19 and older.
- Eye exercises and eye refraction, therapy and procedures – Orthoptics, vision therapy, and procedures intended to correct refractive errors.
- Eye glasses/Contact Lenses for members age 19 and older – The fitting, provision, or replacement of eye glasses, lenses, frames, contact lenses, or subnormal vision aids intended to correct refractive error.
- Fitness or exercise programs and health or fitness club memberships.



- Food dependencies.
- Foot care (routine) – Services and supplies for corns and calluses of the feet, conditions of the toenails other than infection, hypertrophy, or hyperplasia of the skin of the feet, and other routine foot care, except in the case of patients being treated for diabetes mellitus.
- Gingivectomy, gingivoplasty, or crown lengthening in conjunction with crown preparation or fixed bridge services done on the same date of service.
- Growth hormone injections or treatments, except to treat documented growth hormone deficiencies.
- Homeopathic medicines or homeopathic supplies.
- Hypnotherapy.
- Immunizations when recommended for, or in anticipation of, exposure through work.
- Indirect pulp caps are to be included in the restoration process, and are not a separate covered benefit.
- Instructional or educational programs, except diabetes self-management programs unless medically necessary.
- Intra and extra coronal splinting – Devices and procedures for intra and extra coronal splinting to stabilize mobile teeth.
- Jaw – Services or supplies for developmental or degenerative abnormalities of the jaw, malocclusion, dental implants, or improving placement of dentures.
- Mail order or Internet/web based dental providers are not eligible providers.
- Maintenance supplies and equipment not unique to medical care.
- Massage or massage therapy, even as part of a physical therapy program.
- Mattresses and mattress pads are only covered when medically necessary to heal pressure sores.
- Mental health treatments for conditions defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), that are not attributable to a mental health disorder or disease.  
Mental illness does not include – relationship problems (for example, parent-child, partner, sibling, or other relationship issues), except the treatment of children five years of age or younger for parent-child relational problems, physical abuse of a child, sexual abuse, neglect of a child, or bereavement.  
The following are also excluded: court-mandated psychological evaluations for child custody determinations; voluntary mutual support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous; adolescent wilderness treatment programs; mental examinations for the purpose of adjudication of legal rights; psychological testing and evaluations not provided as an adjunct to treatment or diagnosis of a stress management, parenting skills, or family education; and assertiveness training.
- Modifications to vehicles or structures to prevent, treat, or accommodate a medical condition.
- Motion analysis, including videotaping and 3-D kinematics, dynamic surface and fine wire electromyography, including physician review.
- Myeloablative high dose chemotherapy, except when the related transplant is specifically covered under the transplantation provisions of this plan. For related provisions, see Transplant Services section.
- Naturopathic supplies.

- Nicotine related disorders, other than those covered through tobacco cessation program services.
- Obesity or weight reduction control – Surgery or other related services or supplies provided for weight reduction control or obesity (including all categories of obesity), whether or not there are other medical conditions related to or caused by obesity. This also includes services or supplies used for weight loss, such as food supplementation programs and behavior modification programs, regardless of the medical conditions that may be caused or exacerbated by excess weight, and self-help or training programs for weight reduction control. Obesity screening and counseling are covered for children and adults. For related provisions, see dietary or nutritional counseling in the Other Covered Services, Supplies, and Treatments section.
- Oral/facial motor therapy for strengthening and coordination of speech-producing musculature and structures, except as medically necessary in the restoration or improvement of speech following a traumatic brain injury or for members diagnosed with a pervasive developmental disorder.
- Orthodontic services – Repair or replacement of orthodontic appliances furnished under this plan.
- Orthodontic services – Treatment of misalignment of teeth and/or jaws, or any ancillary services expressly performed because of orthodontic treatment, except as provided for treatment of cleft palate/cleft lip whose treatment began prior to turning age 19, and was not completed prior to turning age 19.
- Orthognathic surgery – Surgery to manipulate facial bones, including the jaw, in patients with facial bone abnormalities performed to restore the proper anatomic and functional relationship to the facial bones, except as specified in the Professional Services section. For related provisions, see jaw and temporomandibular joint in this section.
- Orthopedic shoes and shoe modifications.
- Over-the-counter nonprescription medications. Does not apply to tobacco cessation medications covered under USPSTF guidelines.
- Panniculectomy for any indication.
- Periodontal probing, charting, and re-evaluations.
- Periodontal Splinting, night guards, or appliances used to increase vertical dimensions, restore the occlusion, or correct habits such as tongue thrust and grinding teeth. Periodontal splinting including crowns and bridgework used in conjunction with periodontal splinting.
- Personal items such as telephones, televisions, and guest meals during a stay at a hospital or other inpatient facility.
- Photographic images of the teeth.
- Physical or eye examinations required for administrative purposes such as participation in athletics, admission to school, or by an employer.
- Precision attachments.
- Private nursing service.
- Programs that teach a person to use medical equipment, care for family members, or self-administer drugs or nutrition (except for diabetic education benefit).
- Psychoanalysis or psychotherapy received as part of an educational or training program, regardless of diagnosis or symptoms that may be present.
- Pulpotomies on permanent teeth.



- Recreation therapy – Outpatient.
- Rehabilitation – Functional capacity evaluations, work-hardening programs, vocational rehabilitation, community reintegration services, and driving evaluations and training programs.
- Removal of clinically serviceable amalgam restorations to be replaced by other materials free of mercury, except with proof of allergy to mercury.
- Replacement costs for worn or damaged durable medical equipment that would otherwise be replaceable without charges under warranty or other agreement.
- Screening tests – Services and supplies, including imaging and screening exams performed for the sole purpose of screening and not associated with specific diagnoses and/or signs and symptoms of disease or of abnormalities on prior testing (including, but not limited to, total body CT imaging, CT colonography and bone density testing). This does not include preventive care screenings listed under Preventive Care Services in the Covered Expenses section.
- Self-help health or instruction or training programs.
- Sensory integration training. This exclusion does not apply if the program, training, or therapy is part of a treatment plan for a pervasive developmental disorder.
- Services for rebuilding or maintaining chewing surfaces due to teeth out of alignment or occlusion, or for stabilizing the teeth.
- Services of providers who are not eligible for reimbursement under this plan. An individual organization, facility, or program is not eligible for reimbursement for services or supplies, regardless of whether this plan includes benefits for such services or supplies, unless the individual, organization, facility, or program is licensed by the state in which services are provided as an independent provider, hospital, ambulatory surgical center, skilled nursing facility, durable medical equipment supplier, or mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare facility. To the extent PacificSource maintains credentialing requirements, the provider or facility must satisfy those requirements in order to be considered an eligible provider.
- Services or supplies provided by or payable under any plan or program established by a domestic or foreign government or political subdivision, unless such exclusion is prohibited by law.
- Services or supplies with no charge, or for which the member is not legally required to pay, or for which a provider or facility is not licensed to provide even though the service or supply may otherwise be eligible. This exclusion includes any service provided by the member, or any licensed medical professional that is directly related to the member by blood or marriage.
- Services required by state law as a condition of maintaining a valid driver license or commercial driver license.
- Services, supplies, and equipment not involved in diagnosis or treatment but provided primarily for the comfort, convenience, intended to alter the physical environment, or education of a patient. This includes appliances like adjustable power beds sold as furniture, air conditioners, air purifiers, room humidifiers, heating and cooling pads, home blood pressure monitoring equipment, light boxes, conveyances other than conventional wheelchairs, whirlpool baths, spas, saunas, heat lamps, tanning lights, and pillows.
- Sexual disorders – Services or supplies for the treatment of erectile or sexual dysfunction unless defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).
- Sinus lift grafts to prepare sinus site for implants.

- Snoring – Services or supplies for the diagnosis or treatment of snoring and/or upper airway resistance disorders, including somnoplasty unless medically necessary to treat a mental health diagnosis.
- Social skills training. This exclusion does not apply if the program, training, or therapy is part of a treatment plan for a pervasive developmental disorder.
- Stress-breaking or habit-breaking appliances unless medically necessary.
- Support groups.
- Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) – Related services, or treatment for associated myofascial pain including physical or orofacial therapy. Advice or treatment, including physical therapy and/or orofacial therapy, either directly or indirectly for temporomandibular joint dysfunction, myofascial pain, or any related appliances. For related provisions, see jaw and orthognathic surgery in this section and in the Professional Services section.
- Tooth transplantation – Services and supplies provided in connection with tooth transplantation, including re-implantation from one site to another, splinting, and/or stabilization. This exclusion does not relate to the re-implantation of a tooth into its original socket after it has been avulsed.
- Transplants – Any services, treatments, or supplies for the transplantation of bone marrow or peripheral blood stem cells or any human body organ or tissue, except as expressly provided under the provisions of this plan for covered transplantation expenses. For related provisions, see Transplant Services section.
- Treatment after insurance ends – Services or supplies a member receives after the member's coverage under this plan ends. The only exception is for Class III Services ordered and fitted before enrollment ends and are placed within 31 days after enrollment ends.
- Treatment not dentally necessary, according to acceptable dental practice, or treatment not likely to have a reasonably favorable prognosis.
- Treatment not medically necessary – Services or supplies that are not medically necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness, injury, or disease. For related provisions, see medically necessary in the Definitions section and Understanding Medical Necessity in the Covered Expenses section.
- Treatment of any illness, injury, or disease resulting from an illegal occupation or attempted felony, or treatment received while in the custody of any law enforcement other than with the local supervisory authority while pending disposition of charges.
- Treatment of any work-related illness, injury, or disease, except in the following circumstances:
  - You are the owner, partner, or principal; were injured in the course of self-employment; and are otherwise exempt from the applicable state or federal workers' compensation insurance program;
  - The appropriate state or federal workers' compensation insurance program has determined that coverage is not available for your injury. This exclusion includes any illness, injury, or disease that is caused by any for-profit activity, whether through employment or self-employment; or
  - You are employed by an Oregon based group and have timely filed an application for coverage with the State Accident Insurance Fund or other Workers' Compensation carrier, and are waiting for determination of coverage from that entity.

- Treatment prior to enrollment – Services or supplies a member received prior to enrolling in coverage provided by this plan, such as inpatient stays or admission to a hospital, skilled nursing facility, or specialized facility that began before the patient's coverage under this plan.
- Unwilling to release information – Charges for services or supplies for which a member is unwilling to release medical or eligibility information necessary to determine the benefits payable under this plan.
- Vocational rehabilitation, functional capacity evaluations, work-hardening programs, community reintegration services, and driving evaluations and training programs, except as medically necessary in the restoration or improvement of speech following a traumatic brain injury or for members diagnosed with a pervasive development disorder.
- War-related conditions – The treatment of any condition caused by or arising out of an act of war, armed invasion, or aggression, or while in the service of the armed forces unless not covered by the member's military or veterans coverage.

## PREAUTHORIZATION

*Coverage of certain healthcare services and surgical procedures requires a benefit determination by PacificSource before the services are performed. This process is called preauthorization.*

Preauthorization is necessary to determine if certain services and supplies are covered under this plan, and if you meet the plan's eligibility requirements.

Your healthcare provider can request preauthorization from the PacificSource Health Services team. If your provider will not request preauthorization for you, you may contact us yourself. In some cases, we may ask for more information or require a second opinion before authorizing coverage.

Because of the changing nature of medicine, PacificSource continually reviews new technologies and standards of healthcare practice. The list of procedures and services requiring preauthorization is therefore subject to revision and update. ***The list is not intended to suggest that all the items included are necessarily covered by the benefits of this plan.*** You'll find the most current preauthorization list on our website, [PacificSource.com/member/preauthorization.aspx](https://www.pacificsource.com/member/preauthorization.aspx).

*If your treatment is not preauthorized, you can still seek treatment, but you will be held responsible for the expense if it is not medically necessary or not covered by this plan. Remember, any time you are unsure if an expense will be covered, contact our Customer Service team.*

Notification of PacificSource's benefit determination will be communicated by letter, fax, or electronic transmission to the hospital, the provider, and you. If time is a factor, notification will be made by telephone and followed up in writing.

PacificSource reserves the right to employ a third party to perform preauthorization procedures on its behalf.

In a medical emergency, services and supplies necessary to determine the nature and extent of the emergency condition and to stabilize the patient are covered without preauthorization requirements.

If your provider's preauthorization request is denied as not medically necessary or as experimental, investigational, or unproven, your provider may appeal our benefit determination. You retain the right to appeal our benefit determination independent from your provider.

## CASE MANAGEMENT

Case management is a service provided by Registered Nurses who are Certified Case Managers and Licensed Behavioral Health Clinicians with specialized skills to respond to the complexity of a member's healthcare needs. Case management services may be initiated by PacificSource when there is a high utilization of health services or multiple providers, or for health problems such as, but

not limited to, transplantation, high risk obstetric or neonatal care, open heart surgery, neuromuscular disease, spinal cord injury, or any acute or chronic condition that may necessitate specialized treatment or care coordination. When case management services are implemented, the Case Manager will work in collaboration with the patient's provider and the PacificSource Medical Director to enhance the quality of care and maximize available health plan benefits. A case manager may authorize benefits for supplemental services not otherwise covered by this plan. For more information, see Individual Benefits Management section.

PacificSource reserves the right to employ a third party to assist with, or perform the function of, case management.

## **INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS MANAGEMENT**

Individual benefits management addresses, as an alternative to providing covered services, PacificSource's consideration of economically justified alternative benefits. The decision to allow alternative benefits will be made by PacificSource on a case-by-case basis. PacificSource's determination to cover and pay for alternative benefits for a member shall not be deemed to waive, alter, or affect PacificSource's right to reject any other or subsequent request or recommendation. PacificSource may elect to provide alternative benefits if PacificSource and the member's attending provider concur in the request for and in the advisability of alternative benefits in lieu of specified covered services, and, in addition, PacificSource concludes that substantial future expenditures for covered services for the member could be significantly diminished by providing such alternative benefits under the individual benefit management program. For more information, see Case Management section.

## **UTILIZATION REVIEW**

PacificSource has a utilization review program to determine coverage of hospital admissions. This program is administered by our Health Services team. All hospital admissions are reviewed by PacificSource Case Managers, who are all Registered Nurses or Licensed Behavioral Health Clinicians. Questions regarding medical necessity, possible experimental, investigational, or unproven services, appropriate setting, and appropriate treatment are forwarded to the PacificSource Medical Director for review and benefit determination.

PacificSource reserves the right to delegate a third party to assist with or perform the function of utilization management.

### ***Authorization of Hospital Admissions***

When a PacificSource member is admitted to a hospital within the area covered by PacificSource's provider networks (see Using the Provider Network section), the hospital calls PacificSource to verify the patient's eligibility and benefits. The hospital gives us information about the patient's diagnosis, procedure, and attending physician and we use this information to evaluate how long each patient is expected to remain hospitalized.

This is called the target length of stay. We use the target length of stay to monitor the patient's progress and plan for any necessary follow-up care after the patient is discharged.

The PacificSource Health Services team assigns the target length of stay based on the patient's diagnosis and/or procedure. For standard hospitalizations, we use written procedures that were developed based on the following guidelines:

- American Society of Addiction Medicine, Third Edition (ASAM);
- MCG™;
- MCG™ Goal Length of Stay (GLOS); and

- Standard of practice in your plan's state of issue.

If we are unable to assign a target length of stay based on those guidelines, our Case Manager contacts the hospital for more specific information about the case. We then use that information to assign a target length of stay for the patient.

### ***Extension of Hospital Stays***

If a patient's hospital stay extends beyond the targeted length of stay, a Case Manager contacts the hospital to obtain current information about the patient's medical progress and assign a new target length of stay or begin planning for the patient's discharge. The PacificSource Medical Director may review the case to determine if extended hospitalization meets coverage criteria.

Occasionally, patients choose to extend their hospital stay beyond the length the attending physician considers medically necessary. Charges for hospital days and services beyond those determined to be medically necessary are the member's responsibility.

### ***Timeliness for Responding to Coverage Request***

When PacificSource receives a request for coverage of an admission or extension of a hospital stay, we are generally able to provide an answer that same day. If we do not have enough information to make a benefit determination, we request further information and attempt to provide a determination on the day we receive that information. If a member is discharged before we receive the information we need, the case is reviewed retrospectively by the Case Manager and the Medical Director for a determination regarding coverage.

### ***Questions about Specific Utilization Review Decisions***

If you would like information on how we reached a particular utilization review benefit determination, please contact our Health Services team by phone at (541) 684-5584 or toll-free (888) 691-8209, or by email at [healthservices@pacificsource.com](mailto:healthservices@pacificsource.com).

## **CLAIMS PAYMENT**

### ***How to File a Claim***

When a PacificSource in-network provider treats you, your claims are automatically sent to PacificSource and processed. All you need to do is show your PacificSource member ID card to the provider.

If you receive care from an out-of-network provider, the provider may submit the claim to PacificSource for you. Your dentist may submit claims and treatment programs on a standard American Dental Association form. If not, you are responsible for sending the claim to us for processing. Your claim must include a copy of your provider's itemized bill. It must also include your name, PacificSource member ID number or social security number, and the patient's name. If you were treated for an accidental injury, please include the date, time, place, and circumstances of the accident.

All claims for benefits must be turned in to PacificSource within 90 days of the date of service. If it is not possible to submit a claim within 90 days, turn in the claim with an explanation as soon as possible. In some cases, PacificSource may accept the late claim. We will never pay a claim that was submitted more than a year after the date of service.

### ***Proofs of Loss***

PacificSource, upon receipt of a notice of claim, will furnish to the claimant such forms as are usually furnished by it for filing proof of loss. If such forms are not furnished by PacificSource within 15 days after the giving of such notice, the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this plan as to proof of loss. Upon receipt of the forms for proof of loss, the claimant then must



submit the proofs of loss within 90 days of the date of the loss or as soon as reasonably possible. Proofs of loss include written proof covering the occurrence, the character, and the extent of the loss for which claim is made.

All medical claims should be sent to:

PacificSource Health Plans  
Attn: Claims  
PO Box 7068  
Springfield, OR 97475-0068

All dental claims should be sent to:

PacificSource Health Plans  
Attn: Dental Claims  
PO Box 7068  
Springfield, OR 97475-0068

### ***Claim Handling Procedures***

A claim for benefits under this plan will be examined by PacificSource on a pre-service, concurrent, and/or a post-services basis. Each time your claim is examined, a new claims determination will be made regarding the category (pre-service, concurrent, or post-service) into which the claim falls at that particular time. In each case, PacificSource must render a claim determination within a prescribed period of time.

**Pre-service review** – Your plan subjects the receipt of benefits for some services or supplies to a preauthorization review. Although a preauthorization review is generally done on a pre-service basis, it may in some case be conducted on a post-service basis. Unless a response is needed sooner due to the urgency of the situation, a pre-service preauthorization review will be completed and notification made to you and your medical provider as soon as possible, generally within two working days, but no later than 15 days within receipt of the request.

**Urgent care review** – If the time period for making a non-urgent care determination could seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the care or treatment that is proposed, a preauthorization review will be completed as soon as possible, generally within 24 hours, but no later than 48 hours of receipt of the request.

**Concurrent care review** – Inpatient hospital or rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing facilities, substance use disorders and psychiatric day treatment facilities, partial hospitalization, and residential behavioral healthcare require concurrent review for a benefit determination with regard to an appropriate length of stay or duration of service. Benefit determinations will be made as soon as possible but no later than one working day after receipt of all the information necessary to make such a determination.

**Post-service claims** – A claim determination that involves only the payment of reimbursement of the cost of medical care that has already been provided will be made as soon as reasonably possible but no later than 30 days from the day after receiving the claim.

**Retrospective review** – A claim for benefits for which the service or supply requires a preauthorization review, but was not submitted for review on a pre-service basis, will be reviewed on a retrospective basis within 30 working days after receipt of the information necessary to make a claim determination.

**Extension of time** – If a claim cannot be paid within the stated timeframes because additional information is needed, we will acknowledge receipt of the claim and explain why payment is delayed. If we do not receive the necessary information within 15 days of the delay notice, we will either deny

the claim or notify you every 45 days while the claim remains under investigation. No extension is permitted for urgent care claims.

**Payment of claims** – PacificSource has the sole right to pay benefits to the member, the provider, or both jointly. Neither the benefits of this plan nor a claim for payment of benefits under the plan are assignable in whole or in part to any person or entity.

**Adverse benefit determinations** – A decision made to reduce or deny benefits applied on a pre-service, post-service, or concurrent care basis may be appealed in accordance with the plan's Appeals procedures. For more information, see Complaints, Grievances, and Appeals section.

### **Questions about Claims**

If you have questions about the status of a claim, you are welcome to contact our Customer Service team. You may also contact Customer Service if you believe a claim was denied in error. We will review your claim and your plan benefits to determine if the claim is eligible to be reprocessed accordingly. Then we will either reprocess the claim or contact you with an explanation.

### **Benefits Paid in Error**

If PacificSource makes a payment to you that you are not entitled to, or pays a person who is not eligible for payment, we may recover the payment. We may also deduct the amount paid in error from your future benefits if we receive an agreement from you in writing.

In the same manner, if PacificSource applies healthcare expense to the plan deductibles that would not otherwise be reimbursable under the terms of this plan; we may deduct a like amount from the accumulated deductible amounts and/or recover payment of the healthcare expense that would have otherwise been applied to the deductibles. Examples of amounts recoverable under this provision include, but not limited to, services for an excluded healthcare condition. The fact that a healthcare expense was applied to the plan's deductibles or a drug was provided under the plan's prescription drug program does not in itself create an eligible expense or infer that benefits will continue to be provided for an otherwise excluded condition.

## **COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

*This is a summary of only a few of the provisions of your healthcare plan to help you understand coordination of benefits, which can be very complicated. This is not a complete description of all of the coordination rules.*

### **Double Coverage**

It is common for family members to be covered by more than one healthcare plan. This happens, for example, when a husband and wife both work and choose to have family coverage through both employers.

When you are covered by more than one healthcare plan, state law permits your insurers to follow a procedure called coordination of benefits to determine how much each should pay when you have a claim. The goal is to make sure that the combined payments of all plans do not add up to more than your covered healthcare expenses.

Coordination of benefits (COB) is complicated, and covers a wide variety of circumstances. This is only an outline of some of the most common ones. If your situation is not described, contact our Customer Service team or the Division of Financial Regulation.

### **Primary or Secondary?**

You will be asked to identify all the plans that cover members of your family. We need this information to determine whether we are the primary or secondary benefit payer. The primary plan always pays first when you have a claim.



Any plan that does not contain your state's COB rules will always be primary.

### ***When This Plan is Primary***

If you are covered under another plan in addition to this one, we will be primary when:

#### ***Your Own Expenses***

- The claim is for your own healthcare expenses, unless you are covered by Medicare and you are retired.

#### ***Other Situations***

We will be primary when any other provisions of state or federal law require us to be.

We will always be secondary when you are also covered by a system of socialized medicine or when another insurance plan or insurance program outside the United States provides benefits for the covered services.

#### ***How We Pay Claims When We Are Primary***

When we are the primary plan, we will pay the benefits in accordance with the terms of your plan, just as if you had no other healthcare coverage under any other plan.

#### ***How We Pay Claims When We Are Secondary***

We will be secondary whenever the rules do not require us to be primary.

When we are the secondary plan, we do not pay until after the primary plan has paid its benefits. We will then pay part or all of the allowable expenses left unpaid, as explained below. An allowable expense is a healthcare expense covered by one of the plans, including co-payments, co-insurance, and deductibles.

- If there is a difference between the amounts the plans allow, we will base our payment on the higher amount. However, if the primary plan has a contract with the provider, our combined payments will not be more than the amount called for in our contract or the amount called for in the contract of the primary plan, whichever is higher. Health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and preferred provider organizations (PPOs) usually have contracts with their providers.
- We will determine our payment by calculating the amount we would have paid if we had been primary, and apply that calculated amount to any allowable expense that is left unpaid by the primary plan. We may limit our payment by any amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the primary plan, the total benefits paid do not exceed the total allowable expense for your claim. We will credit any amount we would have paid in the absence of your other healthcare coverage toward our own plan deductibles.
- If the primary plan covers similar kinds of healthcare expenses, but allows expenses that we do not cover, we may pay for those expenses.
- We will not pay an amount the primary plan did not cover because you did not follow its rules and procedures. For example, if your plan has reduced its benefit because you did not obtain preauthorization, as required by that plan, we will not pay the amount of the reduction, because it is not an allowable expense.

**Questions about Coordination of Benefits?  
Contact the Division of Financial Regulation.**

## **THIRD PARTY LIABILITY**

Third party liability means claims that are the responsibility of someone other than PacificSource. The liable party may be a person, firm, or corporation. Auto accidents and slip-and-fall property accidents are examples of common third party liability cases.

A third party includes liability and casualty insurance, and any other form of insurance that may pay money to or on behalf of a member including, but not limited to, uninsured motorist coverage, under-insured motorist coverage, premises med-pay coverage, Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage, homeowner's insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

*If you use this plan's benefit for an illness or injury you think may involve another party, you must contact PacificSource right away.*

When we receive a claim that might involve a third party, we may send you a questionnaire to help us determine responsibility.

In all third party liability situations, this plan's coverage is secondary. By enrolling in this plan, you automatically agree to the following terms regarding third party liability situations:

- If PacificSource pays any claim that you claim is, or that is alleged to be, the responsibility of another party, you will hold the right of recovery against the other party in trust for PacificSource.
- PacificSource is entitled to reimbursement for any paid claims out of the recovery from a third party if there is a settlement, judgment, or recovery from any source. This is regardless of whether the other party or insurer admits liability or fault, or otherwise disputes the relatedness of the claims paid by PacificSource to the injury caused by the third party. PacificSource shall have the first right of reimbursement in advance of all other parties, including the participant, and a priority to any money recovered from third parties (with the exception of claims related to motor vehicle accidents).
- PacificSource may subtract a proportionate share of the reasonable attorney's fees you incurred from the money you are to pay back to PacificSource.
- PacificSource may ask you to take action to recover healthcare expenses we have paid from the responsible party. PacificSource may also assign a representative to do so on your behalf. If there is a recovery, PacificSource will be reimbursed for any expenses or attorney's fees out of that recovery, as allowed by state law.
- If you receive a third party settlement, that money must be used to pay your related healthcare expenses incurred both before and after the settlement. If you have ongoing healthcare expenses after the settlement, PacificSource may deny your related claims until the full settlement (less reasonable attorney's fees) has been used to pay those expenses (with the exception of claims related to motor vehicle accidents).
- You and/or your agent or attorney must agree to keep segregated in its own account any recovery or payment of any kind to you or on your behalf that relates directly or indirectly to an injury or illness giving rise to PacificSource's right of reimbursement or subrogation, until that right is satisfied or released.
- If any of these conditions are not met, then PacificSource may recover any such benefits paid or advanced for any illness or injury through legal action, as well as reasonable attorney fees incurred by PacificSource.
- Unless Federal Law is found to apply.
- Unless expressly prohibited by state law, PacificSource's right to reimbursement overrides the made whole doctrine and this plan disclaims the application of the made whole doctrine to the extent permitted by law.

### ***Motor Vehicle and Other Accidents***

In accordance with state law, and notwithstanding the information above, you must provide PacificSource notice, by personal service or by registered or certified mail, if you make a claim or bring legal action for damages for injuries against any other person related to a motor vehicle accident. If PacificSource elects to seek reimbursement out of any recovery from such a claim or legal action, PacificSource will provide you with written notice to that effect by personal service or by registered or certified mail within 30 days. Further, in such situations, PacificSource will take no action to reduce payments or subrogate until you receive full compensation for your injuries and the reimbursement or subrogation is paid only from the total amount of the recovery in excess of the amount that fully compensates your injuries.

If you are involved in a motor vehicle accident or other accident, your related healthcare expenses are not covered by this plan if they are covered by any other type of insurance plan.

PacificSource may pay your healthcare claims from the accident if an insurance claim has been filed with the other insurance company and that insurance has not yet paid.

### ***On-the-Job Illness or Injury and Workers' Compensation***

This plan does not cover any work-related illness, injury, or disease that is caused by any for-profit activity, whether through employment or self-employment. The only exceptions would be if:

- You are the owner, partner, or principal; are injured in the course of self-employment; and are otherwise exempt from the applicable state or federal workers' compensation insurance program;
- The appropriate state or federal workers' compensation insurance program has determined that coverage is not available for your injury; or
- You are employed with an Oregon based group, and have timely filed an application for coverage with the State Accident Insurance Fund or other Workers' Compensation carrier, and are waiting for determination of coverage from that entity.

The contractual rules for third party liability, motor vehicle and other accidents, and on-the-job illness or injury are complicated and specific. Please contact our Third Party Claims team if you have questions.

### ***Surrogacy Health Services***

PacificSource is entitled to reimbursement for any paid claims out of the compensation a member receives or is entitled to receive under a surrogacy agreement. A member who enters into a surrogacy agreement must reimburse PacificSource for covered expenses related to conception, pregnancy, delivery, or postpartum care that are received in connection with the surrogacy agreement. A member who enters into a surrogacy agreement must inform PacificSource of that agreement within 30 days of entering that agreement and provide a copy of the agreement to PacificSource.

## **COMPLAINTS, GRIEVANCES, AND APPEALS**

### ***Questions, Concerns, or Complaints***

PacificSource understands that you may have questions or concerns about your benefits, eligibility, the quality of care you receive, or how we reached a claim determination or handled a claim. We try to answer your questions promptly and give you clear, accurate answers.

*If you have a question, concern, or complaint about your PacificSource coverage, please contact our Customer Service team. Many times, our Customer Service team can answer your question or*

*resolve an issue to your satisfaction right away. If you feel your issues have not been addressed, you have the right to submit a grievance and/or appeal in accordance with this section.*

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

If you are dissatisfied with the availability, delivery, or the quality of healthcare services; or claims payment, handling or reimbursement for healthcare services, you may file a grievance in writing. PacificSource will attempt to address your grievance, generally within 30 days of receipt. For more information, see How to Submit Grievances or Appeals section.

## **APPEAL PROCEDURES**

If you believe PacificSource has improperly reduced or terminated a healthcare item or service, or failed or refused to provide or make a payment in whole or in part for a healthcare item or service, that is based on any of the reasons listed below, you or your authorized representative (see Definitions section) may appeal (request a review) our decision. The request for appeal must be made in writing and within 180 days of the adverse benefit determination. For more information, see How to Submit Grievances or Appeals section. You may appeal if there is an adverse benefit determination based on a:

- Denial of eligibility for or termination of enrollment in a healthcare plan;
- Rescission or cancellation of your plan;
- Imposition of a Third Party Liability, network exclusion, annual benefit limit, or other limitation on otherwise covered services or items;
- Determination that a healthcare item or service is experimental, investigational, unproven, or not a dental necessity, or medically necessary, effective or appropriate; or
- Determination that a course or plan of treatment you are undergoing is an active course of treatment for the purpose of continuity of care.

PacificSource staff involved in the initial adverse benefit determination will not be involved in the internal appeal.

You or your authorized representative may submit additional comments, documents, records, and other materials relating to the adverse benefit determination that is the subject of the appeal. If an authorized representative is filing on your behalf, PacificSource will not consider your appeal to be filed until such time as it has received the Authorization to Use or Disclose PHI and the Designation of Authorized Representative forms.

You may receive continued coverage under the healthcare plan for otherwise covered services pending the conclusion of the internal appeal process. If PacificSource makes payment for any service or item on your behalf that is later determined not to be a covered service or item, you will be expected to reimburse PacificSource for the non-covered service or item.

**Request for Expedited Response:** If there is a clinical urgency to do so, you or your authorized representative may request in writing or orally, an expedited response to an internal or external review of an adverse benefit determination. To qualify for an expedited response, your attending physician must attest to the fact that the time period for making a non-urgent benefit determination could seriously jeopardize your life, health, your ability to regain maximum function, or would subject you to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without the healthcare service or treatment that is the subject of the request. If your appeal qualifies for an expedited review and would also qualify for external review (see External Independent Review), you may request that the internal and external reviews be performed at the same time.

**External Independent Review:** If your dispute with PacificSource relates to an adverse benefit determination that a course or plan of treatment is not medically necessary; is experimental, investigational, or unproven; is not an active course of treatment for purposes of continuity of care; or is not delivered in an appropriate healthcare setting and with the appropriate level of care, you or your authorized representative may request an external review by an independent review organization. For more information, see How to Submit Grievances or Appeals section.

Your request for an independent review must be made within 180 days of the date of the internal appeal response. External independent review is available at no cost to you, but is generally only available when coverage has been denied for the reasons stated above and only after all internal grievance levels are exhausted.

PacificSource may, at its discretion and with your consent, waive the requirements of compliance with the internal appeal process and have a dispute referred directly to external review. You shall be deemed to have exhausted the internal appeal if PacificSource fails to strictly comply with its appeal process and with state and federal requirements for an internal appeal. If PacificSource fails to comply with the decision of the independent review organization assigned under Oregon law, you have a private right of action (sue) against PacificSource for damages arising from an adverse benefit determination subject to the external review.

If you have questions regarding Oregon's external review process, you may contact:

Division of Financial Regulation

Call (503) 947-7984 or toll-free (888) 877-4894

### ***Timelines for Responding to Appeals***

You will be afforded one level of internal appeal and, if applicable to your case, an external review. PacificSource will acknowledge receipt of an appeal no later than seven days after receipt. A decision in response to the appeal will be made within 30 days after receiving your request to appeal.

The above time frames do not apply if the period is too long to accommodate the clinical urgency of a situation, or if you do not reasonably cooperate, or if circumstances beyond your or our control prevent either party from complying with the time frame. In the case of a delay, the party unable to comply must give notice of delay, including the specific circumstances, to the other party.

### ***Information Available with Regard to an Adverse Benefit Determination***

The final adverse benefit determination will include:

- A reference to the specific internal rule or guideline PacificSource used in the adverse benefit determination; and
- An explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the adverse benefit determination, if the adverse benefit determination is based on medical or dental necessity, experimental, investigational, or unproven treatment, or a similar exclusion.

Upon request, PacificSource will provide you with any additional documents, records or information that is relevant to the adverse benefit determination at no cost.

## **HOW TO SUBMIT GRIEVANCES OR APPEALS**

Before submitting a grievance or appeal, we suggest you contact our Customer Service team with your concerns. You can reach us by phone or email using the contact information found on the first page of this student guide. Issues can often be resolved at this level. Otherwise, you may file a grievance or appeal by contacting:

PacificSource Health Plans  
Attn: Appeal and Grievance Review



PO Box 7068  
Springfield, OR 97475-0068

Email: [studenthealth@pacificsource.com](mailto:studenthealth@pacificsource.com), with Appeal or Grievance as the subject

Fax (541) 225-3628

If you are unsure of what to say or how to prepare an appeal or grievance, please contact our Customer Service team. We will help you through these processes and answer any questions you have.

### ***Assistance Outside PacificSource***

You have the right to file a complaint or seek other assistance from the Division of Financial Regulation. Assistance is available by contacting:

Division of Financial Regulation  
Consumer Advocacy Unit  
PO Box 14480  
Salem, OR 97309-0405

Call (503) 947-7984 or toll-free (888) 877-4894

Email: [DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov](mailto:DFR.InsuranceHelp@oregon.gov)

Website [dfr.oregon.gov](http://dfr.oregon.gov)

## **RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE**

### ***Assistance in Other Languages***

PacificSource members who do not speak English may contact our Customer Service team for assistance. We can usually arrange for a multilingual staff member or interpreter to speak with them in their native language.

### ***Information Available from PacificSource***

PacificSource makes the following written information available to you free of charge. You may contact our Customer Service team to request any of the following:

- A directory of in-network healthcare providers under your plan;
- Information about our drug list (also known as a formulary);
- A copy of our annual report on complaints and appeals;
- A description (consistent with risk-sharing information required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, formerly known as Health Care Financing Administration), of any risk-sharing arrangements we have with providers;
- A description of our efforts to monitor and improve the quality of healthcare services;
- Information about how we check the credentials of our network providers and how you can obtain the names and qualifications of your healthcare providers;
- Information about our preauthorization and utilization review procedures; or
- Information about any healthcare plan offered by PacificSource.

### ***Information Available from the Division of Financial Regulation about PacificSource***

The following consumer information is available from the Division of Financial Regulation:

- The results of all publicly available accreditation surveys;
- A summary of our health promotion and disease prevention activities;
- Samples of the written summaries delivered to PacificSource policyholders;
- An annual summary of grievances and appeals against PacificSource;
- An annual summary of our utilization review policies;
- An annual summary of our quality assessment activities; and
- An annual summary of the scope of our provider network and accessibility of healthcare services.

You can request this information by contacting:

Division of Financial Regulation  
Consumer Advocacy Unit  
PO Box 14480  
Salem, OR 97309-0405

Call (503) 947-7984 or toll-free (888) 877-4894

Email: [DfrInsuranceHelp@oregon.gov](mailto:DfrInsuranceHelp@oregon.gov)

Website [dfr.oregon.gov](http://dfr.oregon.gov)

## FEEDBACK AND SUGGESTIONS

*As a PacificSource member, you are encouraged to help shape our corporate policies and practices. We welcome any suggestions you have for improving your plan or our services.*

You may send comments or feedback using the Contact Us form on our website, [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU). You may also write to us at:

PacificSource Health Plans  
Attn: Customer Experience Strategist  
PO Box 7068  
Springfield, OR 97475-0068

## RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

*PacificSource is committed to providing you with the highest level of service in the industry. By respecting your rights and clearly explaining your responsibilities under this plan, we will promote effective healthcare.*

### ***Your Rights as a Member:***

- You have a right to receive information about PacificSource, our services, our providers, and your rights and responsibilities.
- You have a right to expect clear explanations of your plan benefits and exclusions.
- You have a right to be treated with respect and dignity.
- You have a right to impartial access to healthcare without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin, or disability.
- You have a right to honest discussion of appropriate or medically necessary treatment options. You are entitled to discuss those options regardless of how much the treatment costs or if it is covered by this plan.



- You have a right to the confidential protection of your healthcare records and personal information.
- You have a right to voice complaints about PacificSource or the care you receive, and to appeal decisions you believe are wrong.
- You have a right to participate with your healthcare provider in decision-making regarding your care.
- You have a right to know why any tests, procedures, or treatments are performed and any risks involved.
- You have a right to refuse treatment and be informed of any possible medical consequences.
- You have a right to refuse to sign any consent form you do not fully understand, or cross out any part you do not want applied to your care.
- You have a right to change your mind about treatment you previously agreed to.
- You have a right to make recommendations regarding PacificSource Health Plans' member rights and responsibilities plan.

### ***Your Responsibilities as a Member:***

- You are responsible for reading this student guide and all other communications from PacificSource, and for understanding your plan's benefits. You are responsible for contacting our Customer Service team if anything is unclear to you.
- You are responsible for making sure your in-network provider obtains preauthorization for any services that require it before you are treated.
- You are responsible for providing PacificSource with all the information required to provide benefits under your plan.
- You are responsible for giving your healthcare provider complete health information to help accurately diagnose and treat you.
- You are responsible for telling your providers you are covered by PacificSource and showing your member ID card when you receive care.
- You are responsible for being on time for appointments, and calling your provider ahead of time if you need to cancel.
- You are responsible for any fees the provider charges for late cancellations or no shows.
- You are responsible for contacting PacificSource if you believe you are not receiving adequate care.
- You are responsible for supplying information to the extent possible that PacificSource needs in order to administer your benefits or your providers need in order to provide care.
- You are responsible for following plans and instructions for care that you have agreed to with your doctors.
- You are responsible for understanding your health problems and participating in developing mutually agreed upon goals, to the degree possible.

## **PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

PacificSource has strict policies in place to protect the confidentiality of your personal information, including your healthcare records. Your personal information is only available to the PacificSource staff members who need that information to do their jobs.

Disclosure outside PacificSource is allowed only when necessary to provide your coverage, or when otherwise allowed by law. Except when certain statutory exceptions apply, state law requires us to have written authorization from you (or your representative) before disclosing your personal information outside PacificSource. An example of one exception is that we do not need written authorization to disclose information to a designee performing utilization management, quality assurance, or peer review on our behalf. To request receipt of confidential communications in a different manner or at a different address, you will need to complete and return the form provided at [PacificSource.com/member/oregon/forms-and-materials.aspx](https://www.pacificsource.com/member/oregon/forms-and-materials.aspx).

## PLAN ADMINISTRATION

### **Insurance Contract**

This student plan is fully insured. Benefits are provided under a blanket group insurance contract between the Policyholder and PacificSource Health Plans. Under the blanket group insurance contract, PacificSource – not the Policyholder – is responsible for paying claims. However, the Policyholder and PacificSource share responsibility for administering this student plan's eligibility and enrollment requirements. The Policyholder has given PacificSource authority to determine eligibility for benefits under this student plan and to interpret the terms of this student plan.

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### **Legal Procedures**

You may not take legal action against PacificSource to enforce any provision of the student plan until 60 days after your claim is properly submitted in accordance with established procedures. Also, you must exhaust this plan's claims procedures, and grievance and appeals procedures, before filing benefits litigation. You may not take legal action against PacificSource more than three years after the deadline for claim submission has expired.

## DEFINITIONS

*Wherever used in this plan, the following definitions apply to the masculine and feminine, and singular and plural forms of terms. Other terms are defined where they are first used in the text.*

**Abutment** is a tooth used to support a prosthetic device (bridges, partials, or overdentures). With an implant, an abutment is a device placed on the implant that supports the implant crown.

**Accident** means an unforeseen or unexpected event causing injury that requires medical attention.

**Advanced diagnostic imaging** means diagnostic examinations using CT scans, MRIs, PET scans, CATH labs, and nuclear cardiology studies.

**Adverse benefit determination** means PacificSource's denial, reduction, or termination of a healthcare item or service, or PacificSource's failure or refusal to provide or to make a payment in whole or in part for a healthcare item or service that is based on PacificSource's:

- Denial of eligibility for or termination of enrollment in a healthcare plan;
- Rescission or cancellation of a plan or coverage;
- Imposition of a Third Party Liability, network exclusion, annual benefit limit, or other limitation on otherwise covered services or items;

- Determination that a healthcare item or service is experimental, investigational, unproven, or not a dental necessity or medically necessary, effective, or appropriate; or
- Determination that a course or plan of treatment that a member is undergoing is an active course of treatment for purposes of continuity of care.

**Allowable fee** is the dollar amount established by PacificSource for reimbursement of charges for specific services or supplies provided by out-of-network providers. PacificSource uses several sources to determine the allowable fee. Depending on the service or supply and the geographical area in which it is provided, the allowable fee may be based on data collected from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), contracted vendors, other nationally recognized databases, or PacificSource, as documented in PacificSource's payment policy.

An out-of-network provider may charge more than the limits established by the definition allowable fee. Charges that are eligible for reimbursement, but exceed the allowable fee, are the member's responsibility. For more information, see Out-of-network Providers section.

**Alveolectomy** is the removal of bone from the socket of a tooth.

**Amalgam** is a silver-colored material used in restoring teeth.

**Ambulatory surgical center** means a facility licensed by the appropriate state or federal agency to perform surgical procedures on an outpatient basis.

**Appeal** means a written or verbal request from a member or, if authorized by the member, the member's representative, to change a previous decision made by PacificSource concerning:

- Access to healthcare benefits, including an adverse benefit determination made pursuant to utilization management;
- Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for healthcare services;
- Rescissions of member's benefit coverage by PacificSource; and
- Other matters as specifically required by law.

**Approved clinical trials** are Phase I, II, III, or IV clinical trials for the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or another life-threatening condition or disease, or:

- Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the United States Department of Defense, or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Supported by a center or cooperative group that is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the United States Department of Defense, or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;
- Conducted as an investigational new drug application, an investigational device exemption or a biologics license application subject to approval by the FDA; or
- Exempt by federal law from the requirement to submit an investigational new drug application to the FDA.

**Authorized representative** is an individual who by law or by the consent of a person may act on behalf of the person. An authorized representative must have the member complete and execute an Authorization to Use or Disclose PHI form and a Designation of Authorized Representative form, both of which are available at [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU), and which will be supplied to you upon request. These completed forms must be submitted to PacificSource before PacificSource can recognize the authorized representative as acting on behalf of the member.

**Balance billing** means the difference between the out-of-network allowable fee and the provider's billed charge. Out-of-network providers may bill the member this amount unless otherwise stated in the Allowable Fee for Out-of-network Providers.

**Behavioral health assessment** means an evaluation by a behavioral health clinician, in person or using telemedicine, to determine a patient's need for immediate crisis stabilization.

**Behavioral health crisis** means a disruption in an individual's mental or emotional stability or functioning resulting in an urgent need for immediate outpatient treatment in an emergency department or admission to a hospital to prevent a serious deterioration in the individual's mental or physical health.

**Benefit determination** means the activity taken to determine or fulfill PacificSource's responsibility for provisions under this healthcare plan and provide reimbursement for healthcare in accordance with those provisions. Such activity may include:

- Eligibility and coverage determinations (including coordination of benefits), and adjudication or subrogation of healthcare claims;
- Review of healthcare services with respect to medical or dental necessity (including underlying criteria), coverage under the healthcare plan, appropriateness of care, experimental, investigational, or unproven treatment, justification of charges; and
- Utilization review activities, including precertification and preauthorization of services and concurrent and retrospective review of services.

**Cardiac rehabilitation** refers to a comprehensive program that generally involves medical evaluation, prescribed exercise, and cardiac risk factor modification. Education, counseling, and behavioral interventions are sometimes used as well. Phase I refers to inpatient services that typically occur during hospitalization for heart attack or heart surgery. Phase II refers to a short-term outpatient program, usually involving ECG-monitored exercise. Phase III refers to a long-term program, usually at home or in a community-based facility, with little or no ECG monitoring.

**Cast restoration** includes crowns, inlays, onlays, and other restorations made to fit a patient's tooth that are made at a laboratory and cemented onto the tooth.

**Clinical Related Injury** means any incident which exposes a covered person acting as a student in a clinical capacity, at the time of the incident, to sickness that requires testing and/or treatment. Incidents include, but not limited to, needle sticks, unprotected exposure to blood and body fluid, and unprotected exposure to highly contagious pathogens.

**Co-insurance** means a defined percentage of the allowable fee for covered services and supplies the member receives. It is the percentage the member is responsible for, not including co-pays and deductibles. The co-insurance amounts the member is responsible for are listed in your Schedule of Benefits.

**Complaint** means an expression of dissatisfaction directly to PacificSource that is about a specific problem encountered by a member, or about a benefit determination by PacificSource, or an agent acting on behalf of PacificSource. It includes a request for action to resolve the problem or change the benefit determination. The complaint does not include an inquiry.

**Composite resin** is a tooth-colored material used in restoring teeth.

**Congenital anomaly** means a condition existing at or from birth that is a significant deviation from the common form or function of the body, whether caused by a hereditary or developmental defect or disease. The term significant deviation is defined to be a deviation which impairs the function of the body and includes, but not limited to, the conditions of cleft lip, cleft palate, webbed fingers or toes,

sixth toes or fingers, or defects of metabolism and other conditions that are medically diagnosed to be congenital anomalies.

**Contract year** means a 12 month period beginning on the date the insurance contract is issued or the anniversary of the date the insurance contract was issued. If changes are made to the insurance contract on a date other than the anniversary of issuance, a new contract year may start on the date the changes become effective if so agreed by PacificSource and the Policyholder. A contract year may or may not coincide with a calendar year.

**Contracted allowable fee** is an amount PacificSource agrees to pay an in-network provider for a given service or supply through direct or indirect contract.

**Co-payment** (also referred to as co-pay) is a fixed, up-front dollar amount the member is required to pay for certain covered services. The co-pay applicable to a specific covered service is listed under that specific benefit in your Schedule of Benefits.

**Covered expense** is an expense for which benefits are payable under this plan subject to applicable deductibles, co-payments, co-insurance, out-of-pocket limit, or other specific limitations.

**Curettage** is the scraping and cleaning of the walls of a real or potential space, such as a gingival pocket or bone, to remove pathological material.

**Deductible** means the portion of the healthcare expense that must be paid by the member before the benefits of this plan are applied. A plan may include more than one deductible.

**Dental emergency** means the sudden and unexpected onset of a condition, or exacerbation of an existing condition, requiring necessary care to control pain, swelling or bleeding in or around the teeth and gums. Such emergency care must be provided within 48 hours following the onset of the emergency and includes treatment for acute infection, pain, swelling, bleeding, or injury to natural teeth and oral structures. The emergency care does not include follow-up care such as, but not limited to, crowns, root canal therapy, or prosthetic benefits.

**Dental Provider or Dentist** means a licensed doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) or a licensed doctor of medical dentistry (D.M.D.).

**Dentally necessary** means those services and supplies that are required for diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury and that are:

- Consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment or prevention of the condition;
- Consistent with generally accepted standards of good dental practice in the policy's state of issuance, or expert consensus dentist opinion published in peer-reviewed dental literature, or the results of clinical outcome trials published in peer-reviewed dental literature;
- As likely to produce a significant positive outcome as, and no more likely to produce a negative outcome than, any other service or supply, both as to the disease or injury involved and the patient's overall health condition;
- Not for the convenience of the member or a provider of services or supplies; and
- The least costly of the alternative services or supplies that can be safely provided.

The fact that a dentist may recommend or approve a service or supply does not, of itself, make the charge a covered expense.

**Drug List** (also known as a formulary) is a list of covered medications used to treat various medical conditions. PacificSource uses a variety of drug lists. Please refer to [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU) to determine which drug list applies to your coverage. The drug lists are developed and maintained by a committee of regional healthcare providers, including doctors, who are not employed by



PacificSource. All PacificSource drug lists are available on our website, [www.Pacificsource.com/PSU](http://www.Pacificsource.com/PSU).

**Durable medical equipment** means equipment that can withstand repeated use; is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose rather than convenience or comfort; is generally not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury; is appropriate for use in the home; and is prescribed by a physician. Examples of durable medical equipment include, but not limited to, hospital beds, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, nebulizers, commodes, suction machines, traction equipment, respirators, TENS units, and hearing aids.

**Durable medical equipment supplier** means a PacificSource contracted provider or a provider that satisfies the criteria in the Medicare Qualify Standards for Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, Supplies (DMEPOS) and Other Items and Services section.

**Elective surgery or procedure** refers to a surgery or procedure for a condition that does not require immediate attention and for which a delay would not have a substantial likelihood of adversely affecting the health of the patient.

**Eligible dental provider** means a dentist, oral surgeon, endodontist, orthodontist, periodontist, or pedodontist. Eligible provider may also include a denturist or dental hygienist to the extent that they operate within the scope of their license.

**Emergency medical condition** means a medical condition:

- That manifests itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain that a prudent layperson possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine would reasonably expect that failure to receive immediate medical attention would:
  - Place the health of a person, or an unborn child in the case of a pregnant woman, in serious jeopardy;
  - Result in serious impairment to bodily functions; or
  - Result in serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.
- With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, for which there is inadequate time to affect a safe transfer to another hospital before delivery or for which a transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.
- That is a behavioral health crisis.

**Emergency medical screening exam** means the medical history, examination, ancillary tests, and medical determinations required to ascertain the nature and extent of an emergency medical condition.

**Emergency services** means, with respect to an emergency medical condition:

- An emergency medical screening exam or behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of the emergency department of a hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such emergency medical condition; and
- Such further medical examination and treatment as are required under 42 U.S.C. 1395dd to stabilize the patient to the extent the examination and treatment are within the capability of the staff and facilities available at a hospital.

**Endorsement** is a written attachment that alters and supersedes any of the terms or conditions set forth in this plan.

**Essential health benefits** are services defined as such by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Essential health benefits fall into the following categories:



- Ambulatory patient services;
- Emergency services;
- Hospitalization;
- Laboratory services;
- Maternity and newborn care;
- Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment;
- Pediatric services, including oral and vision care;
- Prescription drugs;
- Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and
- Rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices.

**Experimental, investigational, or unproven procedures** means services, supplies, protocols, procedures, devices, chemotherapy, drugs or medicines, or the use thereof, that are experimental, investigational, or unproven for the diagnosis and treatment of illness, injury, or disease.

- Experimental, investigational, or unproven services and supplies include, but not limited to, services, supplies, procedures, devices, chemotherapy, drugs or medicines, or the use thereof, which at the time they are rendered and for the purpose and in the manner they are being used:
  - Have not yet received full U.S. government agency required approval (for example, FDA) for other than experimental, investigational, unproven, or clinical testing;
  - Are not of generally accepted medical practice in your plan's state of issue or as determined by medical advisors, medical associations, and/or technology resources;
  - Are not approved for reimbursement by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;
  - Are furnished in connection with medical or other research; or
  - Are considered by any governmental agency or subdivision to be experimental, investigational, unproven, not considered reasonable and necessary, or any similar finding.
- When making decisions about whether treatments are experimental, investigational, or unproven, PacificSource relies on the above resources as well as:
  - Expert opinions of specialists and other medical authorities;
  - Published articles in peer-reviewed medical literature;
  - External agencies whose role is the evaluation of new technologies and drugs; and
  - External review by an independent review organization.
- The following will be considered in making the determination whether the service is in an experimental, investigational, or unproven status:
  - Whether there is sufficient evidence to permit conclusions concerning the effect of the services on health outcomes;
  - Whether the scientific evidence demonstrates that the services improve health outcomes as much or more than established alternatives;
  - Whether the scientific evidence demonstrates that the services' beneficial effects outweigh any harmful effects; and

- Whether any improved health outcomes from the services are attainable outside an investigational setting.

**External appeal** or review means the request by an appellant for an independent review organization to determine whether or not PacificSource's internal appeal decisions are correct.

**Generic drugs** are drugs that, under federal law, require a prescription by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) or other licensed medical provider, and are not brand name medications. By law, generic drugs must have the same active ingredients as the brand name medications and are subject to the same standards of their brand name counterparts. Generic drugs must be approved by the FDA through an Abbreviated New Drug Application and generally cannot be limited to a single manufacturer.

**Geographical area** – PacificSource has direct and indirect provider contracts to offer services to members in specific geographic regions. PacificSource also has an agreement with a nationwide provider network to offer medical services to members while traveling throughout the United States.

**Global charge** means a lump sum charge for maternity care that includes prenatal care, labor and delivery, and post-delivery care. Ante partum services such as amniocentesis, cordocentesis, chorionic villus sampling, fetal stress test, fetal non-stress test, lab, radiology, maternal, and fetal echography are not considered part of global maternity services and are reimbursed separately.

**Grievance** means:

- A written complaint submitted by a member or an authorized representative of a member regarding:
  - The availability, delivery, or quality of a healthcare service; or
  - Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for healthcare services and, unless the member has not submitted a request for an internal appeal, the complaint is not disputing an adverse benefit determination.

**Habilitation services and devices** means healthcare services and devices that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services and devices may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and other services and devices for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

**Hearing aid** means any non-disposable, wearable instrument or device designed to aid or compensate for impaired human hearing and any necessary ear mold, part, attachments, or accessory for the instrument or device, except batteries and cords.

**Hearing assistive technology systems** means devices used with or without hearing aids or cochlear implants to improve the ability of a user with hearing loss to hear in various listening situations, such as being located a distance from a speaker, in an environment with competing background noise or in a room with poor acoustics or reverberation.

**Home health care** means services provided by a licensed home health agency in the member's place of residence that is prescribed by the member's attending physician as part of a written plan of care. Services provided by home health care include:

- Home health aide services;
- Hospice therapy;
- Medical supplies and equipment suitable for use in the home;
- Medically necessary personal hygiene, grooming and dietary assistance;

- Nursing;
- Occupational therapy;
- Physical therapy; and
- Speech therapy.

**Homebound** means the ability to leave home only with great difficulty, with absences infrequently and of short duration. Infants and toddlers will not be considered homebound without medical documentation that clearly establishes the need for home skilled care. Lack of transportation is not considered sufficient medical criterion for establishing that a person is homebound.

**Hospital** means an institution licensed as a general hospital or intermediate general hospital by the appropriate state agency in the state in which it is located.

**Illness** includes a physical or mental condition that results in a covered expense. Physical illness is a disease or bodily disorder. Mental illness is a psychological disorder that results in pain or distress and substantial impairment of basic or normal functioning.

**In-network provider** means a physician, healthcare professional, dentist, oral surgeon, endodontist, orthodontist, periodontist, pedodontist, denturist, dental hygienist, hospital, medical facility, or supplier of medical supplies that directly or indirectly holds a provider contract or agreement with PacificSource.

**Incurred expense** means charges of a healthcare provider for services or supplies for which the member becomes obligated to pay. The expense of a service is incurred on the day the service is rendered, and the expense of a supply is incurred on the day the supply is delivered.

**Infertility** means:

- Male: Low sperm counts or the inability to fertilize an egg; or
- Female: The inability to conceive or carry a pregnancy to 12 weeks.

**Injury** means bodily trauma or damage that is independent of disease or infirmity. The damage must be caused solely through external and accidental means and does not include muscular strain sustained while performing a physical activity. For information regarding muscular strain, see illness in this section.

**Inquiry** means a written request for information or clarification about any subject matter related to the member's healthcare plan.

**Internal appeal** means a review by PacificSource of an adverse benefit determination made by PacificSource.

**Lifetime maximum or lifetime benefit** means the maximum benefit that will be provided toward the expenses incurred by any one person while the person is covered by a PacificSource insurance plan issued to you. If any covered expense that includes a lifetime maximum benefit amount is deemed to be an essential health benefit as determined by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the lifetime maximum amount will not apply to that covered expense in accordance with the standards established by the Secretary.

**Mastectomy** is the surgical removal of all or part of a breast or a breast tumor suspected to be malignant.

**Medical supplies** means items of a disposable nature that may be essential to effectively carry out the care a physician has ordered for the treatment or diagnosis of an illness, injury, or disease. Examples of medical supplies include, but not limited to, syringes and needles, splints and slings, ostomy supplies, sterile dressings, elastic stockings, enteral foods, drugs, or biologicals that must be put directly into the equipment in order to achieve the therapeutic benefit of the durable medical

equipment or to assure the proper functioning of this equipment (for example, Albuterol for use in a nebulizer).

**Medically necessary** means those services and supplies that are required for diagnosis or treatment of illness, injury, or disease and that are:

- Consistent with the symptoms or diagnosis and treatment of the condition;
- Consistent with generally accepted standards of good medical practice in your plan's state of issue, or expert consensus physician opinion published in peer-reviewed medical literature, or the results of clinical outcome trials published in peer-reviewed medical literature;
- As likely to produce a significant positive outcome as, and no more likely to produce a negative outcome than, any other service or supply, both as to the illness, injury, or disease involved and the patient's overall health condition;
- Not for the convenience of the member or a provider of services or supplies; and
- The least costly of the alternative services or supplies that can be safely provided. When specifically applied to a hospital inpatient, it further means that the services or supplies cannot be safely provided in other than a hospital inpatient setting without adversely affecting the patient's condition or the quality of medical care rendered.

Services and supplies intended to diagnose or screen for a medical condition in the absence of signs or symptoms, or of abnormalities on prior testing, including exposure to infectious or toxic materials or family history of genetic disease, are not considered medically necessary under this definition. For more information, see screening tests in the Excluded Services section.

**Member** means an individual insured under a PacificSource health plan.

**Mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare facility** means a corporate or governmental entity or other provider of services for the care and treatment of substance use disorders and/or mental or nervous conditions which is licensed or accredited by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities for the level of care which the facility provides.

**Mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare program** means a particular type or level of service that is organizationally distinct within a mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare facility.

**Mental health and/or substance use disorder healthcare provider** means a person that has met the applicable credentialing requirements, is otherwise eligible to receive reimbursement under the plan, and is:

- A healthcare facility;
- A residential program or facility where appropriately licensed or accredited by The Joint Commission or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities;
- A day or partial hospitalization program;
- An outpatient service; or
- An individual behavioral health or medical professional authorized for reimbursement under state law.

**Mental or nervous conditions** means all disorders defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5).

**Orthotic devices** means rigid or semi-rigid devices supporting a weak or deformed leg, foot, arm, hand, back, neck, or restricting or eliminating motion in a diseased or injured leg, foot, arm, hand,

back, or neck. Benefits for orthotic devices include orthopedic appliances or apparatus used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body. An orthotic device differs from a prosthetic in that, rather than replacing a body part, it supports and/or rehabilitates existing body parts. Orthotic devices are usually customized for an individual's use and are not appropriate for anyone else. Examples of orthotic devices include, but not limited to, Ankle Foot Orthosis (AFO), Knee Ankle Foot Orthosis (KAFO), Lumbosacral Orthosis (LSO), and foot orthotics.

**Out-of-network provider** is a provider of covered services or supplies that does not directly or indirectly hold a provider contract or agreement with PacificSource.

**Periapical x-ray** is an x-ray of the area encompassing or surrounding the tip of the root of a tooth.

**Periodontal maintenance** is a periodontal procedure for patients who have previously been treated for periodontal disease. In addition to cleaning the visible surfaces of the teeth (as in prophylaxis) surfaces below the gum line are also cleaned. This is a more comprehensive service than a regular cleaning (prophylaxis).

**Periodontal scaling and root planing** means the removal of plaque and calculus deposits from the root surface under the gum line.

**Physical/occupational therapy** is comprised of the services provided by (or under the direction and supervision of) a licensed physical or occupational therapist. Physical/occupational therapy includes emphasis on examination, evaluation, and intervention to alleviate impairment and functional limitation and to prevent further impairment or disability.

**Physician** means a state-licensed Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.).

**Physician assistant** is a person who is licensed by an appropriate state agency as a physician assistant.

**Policyholder** is the plan administrator that offers this plan to its eligible students.

**Practitioner** means Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.), Doctor of Podiatry Medicine (D.P.M.), Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), Doctor of Optometry (O.D.), Licensed Nurse Practitioner (including Certified Nurse Midwife (C.N.M.) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (C.R.N.A.)), Registered Physical Therapist (R.P.T.), Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist, Psychologist (Ph.D.), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.), Licensed Professional Counselor (L.P.C.), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Psychologist Associate (LPA), Physician Assistant (PA), Audiologist, Acupuncturist, Naturopathic Physician, Licensed Massage Therapist, and Pharmacist.

**Prescription drugs** are drugs that, under federal law, require a prescription by a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) or other licensed medical provider.

**Preventive Care** means a program of healthcare designed for the prevention and/or reduction of illness by providing such services as regular physical examinations as defined in the Dictionary of Insurance Terms, Sixth Edition.

**Prophylaxis** is a cleaning and polishing of all teeth.

**Prosthetic devices** (excluding dental) means artificial limb devices or appliances designed to replace, in whole or in part, an arm or a leg. Benefits for prosthetic devices include coverage of devices that replace all or part of an internal or external body organ, or replace all or part of the function of a permanently inoperative or malfunctioning internal or external organ, and are furnished on a physician's order. Examples of prosthetic devices include, but not limited to, artificial limbs, cardiac pacemakers, prosthetic lenses, breast prosthesis (including mastectomy bras), and maxillofacial devices.

**Pulpotomy** is the removal of a portion of the pulp, including the diseased aspect, with the intent of maintaining the vitality of the remaining pulpal tissue by means of a therapeutic dressing.

**Radiographic Image** means any x-ray or computerized image of the teeth and jaws that provide information for detecting, diagnosing, and treating conditions that can threaten oral and general health. It includes cone beam x-rays, bitewing x-rays, single film x-rays, intraoral x-rays, extraoral x-rays, panoramic x-rays, and cephalometric x-rays.

**Rehabilitation services** means healthcare services and devices that help a person keep, get back, or improve skills and functioning for daily living to overcome or recover from an illness or diagnosis that is covered by this healthcare plan. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology, and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

**Rescind or rescission** means to retroactively cancel or discontinue coverage under this healthcare plan for reasons other than failure to timely pay required premiums toward the cost of coverage.

**Restoration** is the treatment that repairs a broken or decayed tooth. Restorations include, but not limited to, fillings and crowns.

**Routine costs of care** mean costs for medically necessary services or supplies which would normally be covered by the healthcare plan if the member were not enrolled in an approved clinical trial. Routine costs of care do not include:

- The drug, device, or service being tested in the clinical trial unless the drug, device, or service would be covered for that indication by the plan if provided outside of a clinical trial;
- Items or services required solely for the provisions of the drug, device, or service being tested in the clinical trial;
- Items or services required solely for the clinically appropriate monitoring of the drug, device, or service being tested in the clinical trial;
- Items or services required solely for the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of complications arising from the provision of the drug, device, or service being tested in the clinical trial;
- Items or services that are provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- Items or services customarily provided by a clinical trial sponsor free of charge to any participant in the clinical trial; or
- Items or services that are not covered by the plan if provided outside of the clinical trial.

**Schedule of Benefits** is a summary of the plan issued or applied for, not a contract of insurance that includes a list of principle benefits and coverages, and a statement of the limitations and exclusions contained in the plan.

**Skilled nursing facility or convalescent home** means an institution that provides skilled nursing care under the supervision of a physician, provides 24 hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered nurse (R.N.), and maintains a daily record of each patient. Skilled nursing facilities must be licensed by an appropriate state agency and approved for payment of Medicare benefits to be eligible for reimbursement.

**Specialized treatment facility** means a facility that provides specialized short-term or long-term care. The term specialized treatment facility includes ambulatory surgical centers, birthing centers, substance use disorders day treatment facilities, hospice facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, mental health and/or substance use disorders healthcare facilities, organ transplant facilities,



psychiatric day treatment facilities, residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, substance use disorders treatment facilities, and urgent care treatment facilities.

**Specialty drugs** are high dollar oral, injectable, infused, or inhaled biotech medications prescribed for the treatment of chronic and/or genetic disorders with complex care issues that have to be managed. The major conditions these drugs treat include, but not limited to, cancer, HIV/AIDS, hemophilia, hepatitis C, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and growth hormone deficiency.

**Specialty pharmacies** specialize in the distribution of specialty drugs and providing pharmacy care management services designed to assist patients in effectively managing their condition.

**Stabilize** means to provide medical treatment as necessary to ensure that, within reasonable medical probability, no material deterioration of an emergency medical condition is likely to occur during or to result from the transfer of the patient from a facility; and with respect to a pregnant woman who is in active labor, to perform the delivery, including the delivery of the placenta.

**Step therapy** means a program that requires the member to try lower-cost alternative medications (Step 1 drugs) before using more expensive medications (Step 2 or 3 drugs). The program will not cover a brand name, or second-line medication, until less expensive, first-line/generic medications have been tried first.

**Student** means an individual that meets College/University eligibility guidelines.

**Student Health Center** means the health center on campus that provides services to students, many of which are covered by the Policyholders student health fee and are provided at no cost to the student.

**Substance use disorder** means the addictive relationship with any drug or alcohol characterized by either a physical or psychological relationship, or both, that interferes with the individual's social, psychological, or physical adjustment to common problems on a recurring basis. Substance use disorder does not include addiction to, or dependency on, tobacco products or foods.

**Substance use disorder treatment facility** means a treatment facility that provides a program for the treatment of substance use disorders pursuant to a written treatment plan approved and monitored by a physician or addiction counselor licensed by the state; and is licensed or approved as a treatment center by the department of public health and human services, is licensed by the state where the facility is located.

**Surgical procedure** means any of the following listed operative procedures:

- Procedures accomplished by cutting or incision;
- Suturing of wounds;
- Treatment of fractures, dislocations, and burns;
- Manipulations under general anesthesia;
- Visual examination of the hollow organs of the body including biopsy, or removal of tumors or foreign body;
- Procedures accomplished by the use of cannulas, needling, or endoscopic instruments; or
- Destruction of tissue by thermal, chemical, electrical, laser, or ultrasound means.

**Telemedical** is the use of technology for exchange of information when medically necessary.

**Tobacco cessation program** means a program recommended by a physician that follows the United States Public Health Services guidelines for tobacco cessation. Tobacco cessation program

includes education and medical treatment components designed to assist a person in ceasing the use of tobacco products.

**Tobacco use** means use of tobacco on average four or more times per week within the past six months. This includes all tobacco products. Tobacco use does not include religious or ceremonial use of tobacco by American Indians and/or Alaska Natives.

**Urgent care treatment facility** means a healthcare facility whose primary purpose is the provision of immediate, short-term medical care for minor, but urgent, medical conditions.

**Usual, customary, and reasonable fee (UCR)** is the dollar amount established by PacificSource for reimbursement of eligible charges for specific services or supplies provided by out-of-network providers. PacificSource uses several sources to determine UCR. Depending on the service or supply and the geographical area in which it is provided, UCR may be based on data collected from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), contracted vendors, other nationally recognized databases, or PacificSource, as documented in PacificSource's payment policy.

An out-of-network provider may charge more than the limits established by the definition of UCR. Charges that are eligible for reimbursement, but exceed the UCR, are the member's responsibility. For more information, see Out-of-network Providers section.

**Women's healthcare provider** means an obstetrician, gynecologist, physician assistant, naturopathic physician, nurse practitioner specializing in women's health, physician, or other provider practicing within the scope of their license.





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200 Independence Avenue, SW  
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