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Reduction of MaineCare Services Notice

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Dear MaineCare Member:

Starting September 1, 2010 or later, depending on when the new MaineCare claims system, MIHMS, begins, some MaineCare services will be changed or reduced. The changes are needed because of the new claims system and severe budget crisis.

Service changes and reductions are listed below.

MaineCare Benefits Manual Section and Service	CHANGES AND REDUCTIONS
Section 12: Consumer Directed Attendant Services	<p>New Weekly Limits are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 1 – 10 hours for Activities of Daily Living (ADL), 12 (total) hours for Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). • Level 2 – 15 hours for ADL, 18 (total) hours for IADL. • Level 3 – 24 hours for ADL, 28 (total) hours for IADL. • Skills Training is limited to 14.5 hours per year. This includes initial instruction time. • Coordination Services 18 hours per year.
Section 13: Targeted Case Management (TCM) Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members with Long Term Care needs are no longer eligible for TCM. These members will get similar services under other sections of policy. • Members receiving care coordination under the Benefits for People Living with HIV Waiver may not get TCM under Section 13. These members will get similar services under other sections of policy.
Section 19: Home & Community-Based Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Training is limited to 14.5 hours per year. This includes initial instruction time. • Coordination Services or Support Brokerage is limited to 18 hours per year.

Section 22: Home & Community Benefits for the Physically Disabled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Training is limited to 14.5 hours per year. This includes initial instruction time. • Support Brokerage is limited to 18 hours per year.
Section 96: Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services for ages 21 and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Training is limited to 14.5 hours per year. This includes initial instruction time. • Coordination Services is limited to 18 hours per year.
Section 25: Dental Services	New Prior Authorization (PA) criteria for Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) surgery.
Section 35: Hearing Aids and Services	New PA criteria for some procedures.
Section 60: Durable Medical Equipment	New PA criteria for some procedures.
Section 65, Behavioral Health	Specific requirements for services beyond seventy two (72) quarter hour units of service in a service year for Mental Health Outpatient Services. (P.L. 2009 ch. 571, PART A, Sec. A-25)
Section 90: Physician Services	New PA criteria for some procedures.
Section 95: Podiatry Services	New PA criteria for some procedures.
Section 4: Ambulatory Surgical Center Services	In October 2010, coverage of Presbyopia-Correcting Intraocular Lenses will end.
Section 41: Day Treatment Services	These services are repealed effective MIHMS start date. Similar services are available to eligible members under: Sections 85 (Physical Therapy), 68 (Occupational Therapy), 109 (Speech & Hearing Services), 65 (Behavioral Health Services), 28 (Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations), and 96 (Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services).

You do not have a right to appeal because these changes apply to everyone.

Children (Under 21 Years of Age): If the member is under age 21, service limits may be exceeded or may not apply. MaineCare can approve extra services, if the service is proven medically necessary to correct or ameliorate a defect, physical or mental illness, and any prior authorization requirements have been met. This special provision applies only to members under age 21 and is known as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT). 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(5).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Case Manager or Member Services at 1-800-977-6740. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please call 1-800-977-6741. You can find MaineCare rules at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/rules/provider_rules_policies.html.