Additional Hearing Aid and Ancillary Equipment Benefit

Attachment to Benefit Summary (Uniform Benefits and Coverage Matrix)

Additional coverage for HMO and POS plans

How the Plan Works

In addition to the benefits set forth in the Benefit Summary (Uniform Benefits and Coverage Matrix), your group has added hearing aid benefits to your benefit plan. Coverage includes hearing aid services, subject to the conditions and limitations listed below. This rider provides a $2,000 allowance every 24 months towards the purchase of hearing aids and ancillary equipment. The calendar year deductible does not apply to the services provided in this hearing aid services benefit and hearing aid expenses in excess of the maximum allowance are not included in the calendar year out-of-pocket maximum amount.

Coverage Details

The hearing aid allowance includes:

- A hearing aid instrument, monaural or binaural, including ear mold(s) and the initial battery and cords
- Hearing aid examination (for evaluation and/or fitting, counseling, and adjustments)
- Hearing aid device checks
- Electroacoustic evaluations for hearing aids

Benefit Plan Design

Plan Options	Benefit Allowance
HMO and POS Plans	$2,000 allowance every 24 months

The following services are not covered:

- Purchase of batteries or other ancillary equipment, except those covered under the terms of the initial hearing aid purchase
- Charges for a hearing aid which exceed specifications prescribed for correction of a hearing loss
- Replacement parts for hearing aids, repair of hearing aid after the covered warranty period and replacement of a hearing aid more than once in any period of 24 months
- Surgically implanted hearing devices

All benefits are subject to the general provisions, limitations and exclusions listed in your *Evidence of Coverage*.

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Notice Informing Individuals about Nondiscrimination and Accessibility Requirements

Discrimination is against the law

Blue Shield of California complies with applicable state laws and federal civil rights laws, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Blue Shield of California does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Blue Shield of California:

- Provides aids and services at no cost to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (including large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, and other formats)
- Provides language services at no cost to people whose primary language is not English such as:
  - Qualified interpreters
  - Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact the Blue Shield of California Civil Rights Coordinator.

If you believe that Blue Shield of California has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability, you can file a grievance with:

Blue Shield of California
Civil Rights Coordinator
P.O. Box 629007
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762-9007

Phone: (844) 831-4133 (TTY: 711)
Fax: (844) 696-6070
Email: BlueShieldCivilRightsCoordinator@blueshieldca.com

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, our Civil Rights Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at **https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf**, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW.
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, DC 20201
(800) 368-1019; TTY: (800) 537-7697

Complaint forms are available at **www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html**.

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Notice of the Availability of Language Assistance Services

Blue Shield of California

IMPORTANT: Can you read this letter? If not, we can have somebody help you read it. You may also be able to get this letter written in your language. For help at no cost, please call right away at the Member/Customer Service telephone number on the back of your Blue Shield ID card, or (866) 346-7198.

IMPORTANTE: ¿Puede leer esta carta? Si no, podemos hacer que alguien le ayude a leerla. También puede recibir esta carta en su idioma. Para ayuda sin cargo, por favor llame inmediatamente al teléfono de Servicios al miembro/cliente que se encuentra al reverso de su tarjeta de identificación de Blue Shield o al (866) 346-7198. (Spanish)

重要通知：您能讀懂這封信嗎？如果不能，我們可以請人幫您閱讀。這封信也可以 用您所講的語言書寫。如需免费幫助，請立即撥打登列在您的Blue Shield ID卡背面上的 會員/客戶服務部的電話，或者撥打電話 (866) 346-7198。(Chinese)

QUAN TRỌNG: Quý vị có thể đọc lá thư này không? Nếu không, chúng tôi có thể nhờ người giúp quý vị đọc thư. Quý vị cũng có thể nhận lá thư này được viết bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Để được hỗ trợ miễn phí, vui lòng gọi ngay đến Ban Dịch vụ Hội viên/Khách hàng theo số ở mặt sau thẻ ID Blue Shield của quý vị hoặc theo số (866) 346-7198. (Vietnamese)

MAHALAGA: Nababasa mo ba ang sulat na ito? Kung hindi, maari kaming kumuha ng isang tao upang matulungan ka upang mabasa ito. Maari ka ring makakuha ng sulat na ito na nakasulat sa iyong wika. Para sa libreng tulong, mangyaring tumawag kaagad sa numerong telepono ng Miyembro/Customer Service sa likod ng iyong Blue Shield ID kard, o (866) 346-7198. (Tagalog)

Baa' ákohwiindzindooígí: Díí naaltsoosísh yíníłta'go bííníghah? Doo bííníghahgóó éí, naaltsoos nich'į' yiidóołtahígíí ła' nihee hólǫ́. Díí naaltsoos ałdó' t'áá Diné k'ehjí ádoolníił nínízingo bíighah. Doo bąąh ílínígó shíká' adoowoł nínízingó nihich'į' béésh bee hodíilnih dóó námboo éí díí Blue Shield bee néího'dílzinígí bine'déé' bikáá' éí doodagó éí (866) 346-7198 jį' hodíílnih. (Navajo)

중요: 이 서신을 읽을 수 있으세요? 읽으실 수 경우, 도움을 드릴 수 있는 사람이 있습니다. 또한 다른 언어로 작성된 이 서신을 받으실 수도 있습니다. 무료로 도움을 받으시려면 Blue Shield ID 카드 뒷면의 회원/고객 서비스 전화번호 또는 (866) 346-7198로 지금 전환하세요. (Korean)

ԿԱՐԵՎՈՐ Է. Կարողանում ե՞ք կարդալ այս նամակը: Եթե ոչ, ապա մենք կօգնենք ձեզ: Դուք պետք է նաև կարողանաք ստանալ այս նամակը ձեր լեզվով: Ծառայությունն անվճար է: Խնդրում ենք անմիջապես զանգահարել Հաճախորդների սպասարկման բաժնի հեռախոսահամարով, որը նշված է ձեր Blue Shield ID քարտի ետնի մասում, կամ (866) 346-7198 համարով: (Armenian)

ВАЖНО: Не можете прочесть данное письмо? Мы поможем вам, если необходимо. Вы также можете получить это письмо написанное на вашем родном языке. Позвоните в Службу клиентской/членской поддержки прямо сейчас по телефону, указанному сзади идентификационной карты Blue Shield, или по телефону (866) 346-7198, и вам помогут совершенно бесплатно. (Russian)

重要：お客様は、この手紙を読むことができますか？ もし読むことができない場合、弊社が、お客様をサポートする人物を手配いたします。 また、お客様の母国語で書かれた手紙をお送りすることも可能です。 無料のサポートを希望される場合は、Blue Shield IDカードの裏面に記載されている会員/お客様サービスの電話番号、または、(866) 346-7198にお電話をおかけください。 (Japanese)

مهم: آیا می‌توانید این نامه را بخوانید؟ اگر پاسخ‌تان منفی است، می‌توانیم کسی را برای کمک به شما در اختیارتان قرار دهیم. حتی می‌توانید نسخه مکتوب این نامه را به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک رایگان، لطفاً بدون فوت وقت از طریق شماره تلفنی که در پشت کارت شناسی Blue Shield تان درج شده است و یا از طریق شماره تلفن 346-7198 (866) با خدمات اعضا/مشتری تماس بگیرید. (Persian)

ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ: ਕੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ? ਜੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿਚ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਅਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਵਿਚ ਮਦਦ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ Blue Shield ID ਕਾਰਡ ਦੇ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ/ਕਸਟਮਰ ਸਰਵਿਸ ਟੈਲੀਫ਼ੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ, ਜਾਂ (866) 346-7198 ਤੇ ਕਾੱਲ ਕਰੋ। (Punjabi)

ប្រការសំខាន់៖ តើអ្នកអាចលិខិតនេះ បានដែរឬទេ? បើមិនអាចទេ យើងអាចឲ្យគេជួយអ្នកក្នុងការអានលិខិតនេះ។ អ្នកក៏អាចទទួលបានលិខិតនេះជាភាសារបស់អ្នកផងដែរ។ សម្រាប់ជំនួយដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទភ្លាមៗទៅកាន់លេខទូរស័ព្ទសេវាសមាជិក/អតិថិជនដែលមាននៅលើខ្នងប័ណ្ណសម្គាល់ Blue Shield របស់អ្នក ឬតាមរយៈលេខ (866) 346-7198។ (Khmer)

المهم: هل تستطيع قراءة هذا الخطاب؟ أن لم تستطع قراءته، يمكننا إحضار شخص ما ليساعدك في قراءته. قد تحتاج أيضاً إلى الحصول على هذا الخطاب مكتوباً بلغتك. للحصول على المساعدة بدون تكلفة، يرجى الاتصال الآن على رقم هاتف خدمة العملاء/أحد الأعضاء المدون على الجانب الخلفي من بطاقة الهوية Blue Shield أو على الرقم 346-7198 (866).(Arabic)

TSEEM CEEB: Koj pos tuaj yeem nyeem tau tsab ntawv no? Yog hais tias nyeem tsis tau, peb tuaj yeem nrhiav ib tug neeg los pab nyeem nws rau koj. Tej zaum koj kuj yuav tau txais muab tsab ntawv no sau ua koj hom lus. Rau kev pab txhais dawb, thov hu kiag rau tus xov tooj Kev Pab Cuam Tub Koom Xeeb/Tub Lag Luam uas nyob rau sab nraum nrob qaum ntawm koj daim npav Blue Shield ID, los yog hu rau tus xov tooj (866) 346-7198. (Hmong)

สำคัญ: คุณอ่านจดหมายฉบับนี้ได้หรือไม่ หากไม่ได้ โปรดขอความช่วยจากผู้อ่านได้ คุณอาจได้รับจดหมายฉบับนี้เป็นภาษาของคุณ หากต้องการความช่วยเหลือโดยไม่มีค่าใช้จ่าย โปรดติดต่อฝ่ายบริการลูกค้า/สมาชิกทางเบอร์โทรศัพท์ในบัตรประจำตัว Blue Shield ของคุณ หรือโทร (866) 346-7198 (Thai)

महत्वपूर्ण: क्या आप इस पत्र को पढ़ सकते हैं? यदि नहीं, तो हम इसे पढ़ने में आपकी मदद के लिए किसी व्यक्ति का प्रबंध कर सकते हैं। आप इस पत्र को अपनी भाषा में भी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। नि:शुल्क मदद प्राप्त करने के लिए अपने Blue Shield ID कार्ड के पीछे दिए गये मेंबर/कस्टमर सर्विस टेलीफोन नंबर, या (866) 346-7198 पर कॉल करें। (Hindi)

ສິ່ງສຳຄັນ: ທ່ານສາມາດອ່ານຈົດໝາຍນີ້ໄດ້ບໍ? ຖ້າອ່ານບໍ່ໄດ້, ພວກເຮົາສາມາດໃຫ້ບາງຄົນຊ່ວຍອ່ານໃຫ້ທ່ານຟັງໄດ້. ທ່ານຍັງສາມາດຂໍໃຫ້ແປຈົດໝາຍນີ້ເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານໄດ້.ສຳລັບຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອແບບບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ, ກະລຸນາໂທຫາເບີໂທຂອງຝ່ายບໍລິການສະມາຊິກ/ລູກຄ້າໃນທັນທີເບີໂທລະສັບຢູ່ດ້ານຫຼັງບັດສະມາຊິກ Blue Shield ຂອງທ່ານ, ຫຼືໂທໄປຫາເບີ(866) 346-7198. (Laotian)