



Special Footwear and Hearing Aid Rider

This Summary of Benefits is a brief overview of your plan's benefits only. For more detailed information about the benefits in your plan, please refer to your Certificate of Insurance or Evidence of Coverage (EOC), which explains the full range of covered services, as well as any exclusions and limitations for your plan.

Available as an Option

Anthem Blue Cross offers Special Footwear and Hearing Aid coverage as an option.

What Is Covered

Special Footwear

This benefit covers medically necessary special footwear for foot disfigurement resulting from bone deformity, motor impairment, paralysis or amputation. This includes disfigurement caused by cerebral palsy, arthritis, polio, spinabifida, diabetes, injury or development disability.

Hearing Aid Services

This benefit covers medically necessary hearing aid when ordered by or purchased as a result of a written recommendation from an otolaryngologist or a state-certified audiologist. The member is responsible for **20%** coinsurance. Member coinsurance is included in the annual out of pocket max.

Covered services include:

- Audiological evaluations to:
 - measure the extent of hearing loss; and
 - determine the most appropriate make and model of hearing aid.

These evaluations will be covered under the plan benefits for office visits to doctors.

- Hearing aids (monaural or binaural) including:
 - ear mold(s), the hearing aid instrument; and
 - batteries, cords and other ancillary equipment.
- Visits for fitting, counseling, adjustments and repairs for the covered hearing aid.

What Is Not Covered

Special Footwear

The benefit does not include footwear for the treatment of:

1. weak, strained or flat feet;
2. corns, calluses, bunions, hammertoes, fissures, plantar warts, cracks or ingrown toenails; or
3. conditions caused by external sources, such as ill-fitting shoes or repeated friction.

Hearing Aid Services

The benefit does not include the following:

1. Charges for a hearing aid which exceeds specifications prescribed for the correction of hearing loss;
2. Surgically implanted hearing devices (i.e., cochlear implants, audient bone conduction devices). Medically necessary surgically implanted hearing devices may be covered under your plan's benefits for prosthetic devices (see "Prosthetic Devices"); or
3. Charges for a hearing aid which is not determined to be medically necessary.

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