

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.3807 Basic core package of benefits; standards for plans K and L; applicability of section.

Sec. 3807.

(1) Every insurer issuing a medicare supplement insurance policy in this state shall make available a medicare supplement insurance policy that includes a basic core package of benefits to each prospective insured. An insurer issuing a medicare supplement insurance policy in this state may make available to prospective insureds benefits pursuant to section 3809 that are in addition to, but not instead of, the basic core package. The basic core package of benefits shall include all of the following:

(a) Coverage of part A medicare eligible expenses for hospitalization to the extent not covered by medicare from the sixty-first day through the ninetieth day in any medicare benefit period.

(b) Coverage of part A medicare eligible expenses incurred for hospitalization to the extent not covered by medicare for each medicare lifetime inpatient reserve day used.

(c) Upon exhaustion of the medicare hospital inpatient coverage including the lifetime reserve days, coverage of 100% of the medicare part A eligible expenses for hospitalization paid at the applicable prospective payment system rate or other appropriate medicare standard of payment, subject to a lifetime maximum benefit of an additional 365 days. The provider shall accept the insurer's payment as payment in full and may not bill the insured for any balance.

(d) Coverage under medicare parts A and B for the reasonable cost of the first 3 pints of blood or equivalent quantities of packed red blood cells, as defined under federal regulations unless replaced in accordance with federal regulations.

(e) Coverage for the coinsurance amount, or the copayment amount paid for hospital outpatient department services under a prospective payment system, of medicare eligible expenses under part B regardless of hospital confinement, subject to the medicare part B deductible.

(2) Standards for plans K and L are as follows:

(a) Standardized medicare supplement benefit plan K shall consist of the following:

(i) Coverage of 100% of the part A hospital coinsurance amount for each day used from the sixty-first day through the ninetieth day in any medicare benefit period.

(ii) Coverage of 100% of the part A hospital coinsurance amount for each medicare lifetime inpatient reserve day used from the ninety-first day through the one hundred fiftieth day in any medicare benefit period.

(iii) Upon exhaustion of the medicare hospital inpatient coverage, including the lifetime reserve days, coverage of 100% of the medicare part A eligible expenses for hospitalization paid at the applicable prospective payment system rate, or other appropriate medicare standard of payment, subject to a lifetime maximum benefit of an additional 365 days. The provider shall accept the insurer's payment as payment in full and may not bill the insured for any balance.

(iv) Medicare part A deductible: coverage for 50% of the medicare part A inpatient hospital deductible amount per benefit period until the out-of-pocket limitation is met as described in subparagraph (x).

(v) Skilled nursing facility care: coverage for 50% of the coinsurance amount for each day used from the twenty-first day through the one hundredth day in a medicare benefit period for posthospital skilled nursing facility care eligible under medicare part A until the out-of-pocket limitation is met as described in subparagraph (x).

(vi) Hospice care: coverage for 50% of cost sharing for all part A medicare eligible expenses and respite care until the out-of-pocket limitation is met as described in subparagraph (x).

(vii) Coverage for 50%, under medicare part A or B, of the reasonable cost of the first 3 pints of blood or equivalent quantities of packed red blood cells, as defined under federal regulations, unless replaced in accordance with federal regulations until the out-of-pocket limitation is met as described in subparagraph (x).

(viii) Except for coverage provided in subparagraph (ix) below, coverage for 50% of the cost sharing otherwise applicable under medicare part B after the policyholder pays the part B deductible until the out-of-pocket limitation is met as described in subparagraph (x).

(ix) Coverage of 100% of the cost sharing for medicare part B preventive services after the policyholder pays the part B deductible.

(x) Coverage of 100% of all cost sharing under medicare parts A and B for the balance of the calendar year after the individual has reached the out-of-pocket limitation on annual expenditures under medicare parts A and B of \$4,000.00 in 2006, indexed each year by the appropriate inflation adjustment specified by the secretary of the United States department of health and human services.

(b) Standardized medicare supplement benefit plan L shall consist of the following:

(i) The benefits described in subdivision (a)(i), (ii), (iii), and (ix).

(ii) The benefit described in subdivision (a)(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), and (viii), but substituting 75% for 50%.

(iii) The benefit described in subdivision (a)(x), but substituting \$2,000.00 for \$4,000.00.

(3) This section applies to medicare supplement policies or certificates delivered or issued for delivery with an

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