



## AlaskaCare Benefit Clarification

<b>Benefit Title</b>	Orthotics	<b>Group Number</b>	866219-30, 31, and 32
<b>Effective Date</b>	January 1, 2014	<b>Date Submitted</b>	3/25/2014

**Applicable Benefit Plan (check all that apply):**

- Active   
  Retiree   
  Long-Term Care  
 Medical   
  Dental   
  Vision   
  Audio   
  Pharmacy   
  Other

**Description:** Coverage of orthotics and supportive devices of the feet.

**AlaskaCare Insurance Information Booklet Reference(s):**

- **2003 AlaskaCare Retiree Insurance Information Booklet:** Page 54, Medical Expenses Not Covered

**Decision:** With the exception of orthopedic shoes, allow coverage for orthotics and supportive devices of the feet when medically necessary.

**Plan Administrator Approval:**

Signature

Title Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Administration

Date

9/11/14

**Comments:** These medications should continue to be covered under the medical benefits (versus pharmacy) when the medication is administered by any person acting within his or her capacity as a health care professional.

**This benefit clarification applies to the AlaskaCare Retiree Health Plan as amended January 1, 2014.**

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