

State of Alaska Department of Administration Division of Retirement and Benefits	AlaskaCare Retiree Health Plan Amendment	Number: 2016-1
		Effective Date: January 1, 2016
	Amends:	Review Date:
	<u>Amends:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Services Requiring Precertification (2) Recognized Charge - Dental Expenses (3) Recognized Charge - Other Relevant Information About the Calculation of Medical/Dental/Vision/ Audio/Prescription Drug Expenses 	Distribution: Deputy Commissioner Division Director Chief Health Official Vendor Manager Appeals Supervisor Communications Supervisor Legal Counsel TPA File

The State of Alaska provides, by means of self-insurance, health benefits covering individuals entitled to coverage under AS 14.25, AS 22.25, AS 39.35 or former AS 39.37, and their dependents. Such benefits are set forth in the *Retiree Insurance Information Booklet* (the "Plan"). Under authority of AS 39.30.090-098, the Commissioner of Administration hereby amends the Plan as follows:

Section 1: Amended Provisions

1. Services Requiring Precertification

Deleted the following requirement for precertification under intensive outpatient programs for treatment of mental disorders and substance abuse:

- Amytal interview
- Electroconvulsive therapy

2. Recognized Charge – Dental Expenses

Replaced in whole the Dental Expenses section of the Recognized Charge provision found on pages xix - xx

○ Dental Expenses

As to dental expenses, the Recognized Charge for each service or supply provided by a network dentist, is the lesser of:

- 100% of the covered expense;
- 100% of the dentist's accepted filed fee with Delta Dental; or
- 100% of the dentist's billed charge.

For out-of-network dentists or dental care providers in the State, the Recognized Charge is the lesser of:

- what the dentist bills or submits for that service or supply; or
- 75% of the 80th percentile of the prevailing charge rate as determined by Delta Dental in accordance with its reimbursement policies; except in the case of services rendered by an endodontist, 100% of the 80th percentile of the prevailing charge rate as determine by Delta Dental in accordance with its reimbursement policies.

For out-of-network dentists or dental care providers outside the State, the Recognized Charge is the lesser of:

- what the dentist bills or submits for that service or supply; or
- the prevailing charge rate as determined by Delta Dental in accordance with its reimbursement policies.

An out-of-network dentist or dental care provider has the right to bill the difference between the Recognized Charge and the actual charge. This difference will be the covered person's responsibility.

3. Recognized Charge – Other Relevant Information About the Calculation of Medical/Dental/Vision/Audio/Prescription Drug Expenses.

Amend, to correct a typographical error, only the second bullet on page xx under section *Other Relevant Information About the calculation of Medical/Dental/Vision/Audio/Prescription Drug Expenses* section from the 80th percentile to the 90th percentile.

Section 2: Conflict

In the event of a conflict between the language contained in this Amendment and previously adopted language contained in the Plan, the provisions of this Amendment shall control.

Section 3: Effective Date.

This amendment is effective for claims submitted for payment with dates of service on or after January 1, 2016.

Adopted this 6th day of January, 2016.

By: 

John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner

