Limitations & Exclusions for Out of Area HMO Members:

The live/work eligibility rule applies to HMO group members only. Retirees are not eligible. Please note: Members who live outside of our service area may have limited or no coverage for *skilled nursing, home health, hospice, and durable medical equipment*. For information about the terms and conditions of coverage (including limitations of coverage for members who live outside our service area), please call **1-800-464-4000**.

Durable Medical Equipment:

Coverage for durable medical equipment is limited to the standard item that adequately meets the medical need of the member.

Health Plan determines whether DME will be rented or purchased and selects the vendor. The member must return the equipment to Health Plan or pay the fair market value when a Plan physician no longer prescribes the equipment.

The following equipment is specifically excluded:

- Comfort, convenience, luxury equipment or features
- Exercise or hygiene equipment
- Dental appliances
- Electronic monitors of the heart or lungs, except apnea monitors for newborns
- Devices for testing blood or other body substances, except blood glucose monitors for diabetics
- Non-medical items such as sauna baths or elevators
- Modifications to a home or car
- Repair or replacement of DME due to loss, theft, or misuse

The following equipment is covered:

If you live outside our Service Area, we cover the following DME items (subject to the Cost Sharing and all other coverage requirements that apply to DME for home use inside our Service Area) when the item is dispensed at a Plan Facility:

- Standard curved handle cane
- Standard crutches
- For diabetes blood testing, blood glucose monitors and their supplies (such as blood glucose monitor test strips, lancets, and lancet devices) from a Plan Pharmacy
- Insulin pumps and supplies to operate the pump (but not including insulin or any other drugs), after completion of training and education on the use of the pump
- Nebulizers and their supplies for the treatment of pediatric asthma
- Peak flow meters from a Plan Pharmacy

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