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EIA Health Benefits for YOU!



Do you know what you are entitled to?

Health Benefits that you can mention to your caseworker...



Dental:

- Teeth cleaning, exams and x-rays once/ year
- Restorative care up to \$600.00/year
- Dentures every 6 years
- Extractions as required
- Root canals on front teeth

To receive this benefit, see a dentist, indicate that you are on EIA & present a health services card (if you have one).

Optical:

- Eye exams every 2 years for those NOT covered by MB Health (MB health covers people under the age of 18 and over 65 and those with medical conditions)
- Eyeglasses every 3 years (replacement of lenses if your eyes change by at least -0.5 or +0.5. This will be determined by an eye doctor when examined)

Drugs:

- Most needed medications prescribed by your doctor

Test of Need: If you feel you need more money for the above 3 benefits, this test can be performed.

Single Grant for Health Costs: If a sudden health problem happens and your basic needs allowance does not cover it; a one-time additional allowance can be given to you.

Extended Health Services Assistance: If you are a single parent or have a disability but have found a job, you may be able to get 12 extra months of health benefits.

Physicians Fees:

- If you have a disability, EIA will pay for the form your doctor fills out proving you need the EIA health benefits.
- If you need a drivers license for medical or employment reasons a report from the doctor saying you are able to drive is covered by EIA
- All other medical reports are not covered by EIA, but if the doctor believes you need a report, he can wave the costs

Chiropractic: If you require more than 12 chiropractic visits/year that are already paid for by MB Health, you can have your situation assessed and EIA may pay for more visits

Health Transportation:

General

-EIA will pay for the cheapest possible mode of transportation if you have proof of a medical appointment. First this will consider public transit. Second, will be your own vehicle. Lastly, a taxi is considered.

Wheelchair-

-EIA will first pay for Handi-transit, next a personal or friend's vehicle, and lastly if pre-approved a private wheelchair transportation company

Ambulance-

-If you have a health services certificate, health services will pay for your ambulance ride without billing you first. If you do not have a health services certificate, the ambulance will send the bill to you, but you can bring the bill to your caseworker and they will pay or give you your money back.

Wheelchair Social Transportation-

-24 pre-planned social activities/year

Telephone Services: If a health care professional decides that you need a telephone for medical reasons, you can be given a telephone.

Medical Equipment: If a medical professional recommends that you need any of the following items, EIA will cover the cost- walkers, raised toilet seats, bath bars, urinals, bedpans, wheelchair ramps, prostheses, elastic stockings and hearing aids.

Foot Care: If you have a medical condition, like diabetes, where foot care is necessary a medical professional can prescribe you 9 visits/year at \$32/visit

EIA will now cover foot care for people in hospital! This is a NEW health benefit!

Hearing Aids: EIA covers \$500-\$1800 per hearing aid every 4 years (if charged a dispensing fee when you receive your hearing aids, EIA will cover \$250 of this). If you need an ear mold, EIA will cover \$48/ear. If major changes to your hearing happen, you can be assessed for new hearing aids before the 4 year waiting period is up.

Winter Boots: If you have a medical problem and your doctor decides that winter boots are important, you can receive \$100 every 3 years.

Addiction Program Support: Some coverage for travel, child-care, or shelter, while enrolled in an addiction program. Ask your caseworker for specifics. MB Health covers fees for addiction programs.

Prescription Food Diets: If your doctor decides that you need more money for your food budget due to a medical reason, these programs can give you additional assistance. Based on the type of diet you need, EIA will add from \$19.63-\$171.49/month. **IF YOU HAVE ANY TYPE OF MEDICAL CONDITION, IT DOES NOT HURT TO ASK IF THERE IS A PROGRAM THAT CAN HELP YOU.**

Prosthetics and Orthotics: EIA will cover the cost of these if MB health does not.

Smoking Medications: With a doctor's prescription these are covered.

Glucose Monitoring: If you have diabetes, and you need to measure your blood sugar daily, all supplies you will need are covered by EIA with a doctor's prescription.

Anti-Embolism Stockings (pressure socks): For certain conditions, like diabetes, these socks are used to prevent clots. If you have a prescription from your doctor for these socks, EIA will give you 2 pairs of sock per prescription.

