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If your provider's prescription allows for generic substitution and you select a brand-name drug, your expenses for the difference in cost-share do not count toward your catastrophic protection out-of-pocket maximum (see Section 5(f) for additional information).

Carryover

If you change to this PHSB plan during Open Season from a plan with a catastrophic protection benefit, the effective date of the change is January 1 and covered expenses that apply to this Plan's catastrophic protection benefit starts on January 1.

Note: If you change PSHB Plans during Open Season, the effective date of your new PSHB Plan is January 1 of the next year, and a new catastrophic protection accumulation starts on January 1. If you change plans at another time during the year, you must begin a new catastrophic protection accumulation under your new plan.

If you change options in this Plan during the year, we will credit the amounts already accumulated toward the catastrophic protection out-of-pocket limit of your prior option to the catastrophic protection out-of-pocket limit of your new option. If you change from Self Only to Self Plus One or Self and Family, or vice versa, during the calendar year, please call us about your out-of-pocket accumulations and how they carry over.

If we overpay you

We will make diligent efforts to recover benefit payments we made in error but in good faith. We may reduce subsequent benefit payments to offset overpayments.

We will generally first seek recovery from the provider if we paid the provider directly, or from the person (covered family member, guardian, custodial parent, etc.) to whom we sent our payment.

If we provided coverage in error, but in good faith, for prescription drugs purchased through one of our pharmacy programs, we will request reimbursement from the contract holder.

When Government facilities bill us

Facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense, and the Indian Health Service are entitled to seek reimbursement from us for certain services and supplies they provide to you or a family member. They may not seek more than their governing laws allow. You may be responsible to pay for certain services and charges. Contact the government facility directly for more information.

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