San Francisco Labor Laws for SFO Contractors

Effective July 1, 2023

(Revised: November 2023)

Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO) Wages and Paid Time Off (PTO)

For a company that has 5 employees or greater, anywhere in the world. Includes subcontractors.

Any employee who works on a City contract for services:

- For-profit rate is \$20.22/hour as of 7/1/23
- Non-profit rate is \$18.93/hour as of 7/1/23
- 0.04615 hours of Paid Time Off (PTO) per hour worked (can be used as vacation or sick leave, and is vested and cashed out at termination)
- 0.03846 hours of Unpaid Time Off per hour worked allowed without consequence
- Employee must sign a "Know Your Rights" form
- Posting Requirement

Contact the MCO unit: mco@sfgov.org and (415) 554-7903

Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO)

For a company that has > 20 workers (for profit)/ > 50 workers (nonprofit), anywhere in the world – Includes subcontractors

Any employee who works at least 20 hours a week on a City contract for services:

- Either:
 - A) Offer a compliant health plan with no premium charge to the employee. See Minimum Standards OR
 - B) Pay \$6.35* per hour to SF General Hospital (not Healthy San Francisco and not a benefit to employees) OR
 - C) Pay \$6.35* per hour to covered employee. N/A to SFO and San Bruno Jail locations. Employee must live outside of SF <u>and</u> work on a City contract outside of SF. See HCAO for more details.
- Employee must sign a "Know Your Rights" form
- Posting Requirement

* Rate changes every July 1st

Contact the MCO unit: <u>hcao@sfgov.org</u> and (415) 554-7903

For more information, or to sign up for email updates on the MCO and HCAO, visit our website: SF.GOV/OLSE

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES – JULY 1, 2023

Minimum Compensation Ordinance

This employer is a contractor with the City and County of San Francisco. This contract agreement is subject to the Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO). If under this contract agreement you perform any work funded under an applicable contract, you must be provided no less than the Minimum Compensation outlined below.

THESE ARE YOUR RIGHTS ...

1. Minimum Hourly Compensation:

For contracts entered into or amended on or after October 14, 2007

- For-Profit Rate is **\$20.22/hour effective 7/1/23**
- Non-profits is **\$17.90/hour effective 7/1/22**
- Public Entities is **\$18.75/hour effective 7/1/22**
- Rates subject to change; your employer must pay the then-current rate posted on the OLSE web site: <u>https://sf.gov/information/understanding-minimum-compensation-ordinance</u>

For contracts entered into prior to October 14, 2007

- For work performed within the City Of S.F.: SF Minimum Wage (\$18.07/hour effective 7/1/23)
- For work performed outside of S.F.: \$15.50/hour

2. Paid Days Off:

- 12 paid days off per year for vacation, sick leave, or personal necessity
- The paid days off for part-time employees are prorated based on hours worked

3. Unpaid Days Off:

- 10 unpaid days off per year
- Unpaid days off for part-time employees are prorated based on hours worked

IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED CONTACT THE OFFICE OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT AT (415) 554-7903.

Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) City Hall, Room 430 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102 <u>https://sf.gov/information/understanding-minimum-compensation-ordinance</u> **GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT** PATRICK MULLIGAN, DIRECTOR



Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO) **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS – JULY 1, 2023**

This notice is intended to inform you of your rights under the Minimum Compensation Ordinance (MCO), Chapter 12P of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The MCO requires your employer to provide a prescribed minimum level of compensation be paid to employees of (1) contractors and their subcontractors providing services to the City and County; (2) public entities whose boundaries are coterminous with the City and County who have city contracts; and, (3) tenants and subtenants on Airport property and their subcontractors. The Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) is charged with enforcing the MCO. You will be asked to sign this document after you have reviewed the following information. Do not sign this document unless you fully understand your rights under this law.

THE MCO REQUIREMENTS

1. **Minimum Hourly Wage**

- For-Profit Rate is **\$20.22/hour effective 7/1/23**
- Non-profits is **\$17.90/hour effective 7/1/22**
- Public Entities rate is **\$18.75/hour effective 7/1/22**
- For contracts entered into prior to October 14, 2007, the rate for work performed within the City of S.F. is the San Francisco minimum wage (\$18.07/hour effective July 1, 2023). The rate for work performed outside of S.F. is \$15.50/hour.
- Rates are subject to change. Your employer is obligated to keep informed of the requirements and to notify employees in writing of any adjustment to the MCO wage.

Paid Days Off 2.

- 12 paid days off per year for vacation, sick leave or personal necessity
- The paid days off for part-time employees are prorated based on hours worked •

3. **Unpaid Days Off**

- 10 unpaid days off per year •
- Unpaid days off for part-time employees are prorated based on hours worked •
- Temporary and casual employees are not eligible for unpaid time off

RETALIATION PROHIBITED

Your employer may not retaliate against you or any other employee for trying to learn more about the MCO or exercising your rights under the law. If you believe that you have been discriminated or retaliated against for inquiring about or exercising your rights under the MCO, contact the OLSE at (415) 554-7903 to file a MCO complaint.

Do not sign this document unless you fully understand your rights under this law. If you have any questions about your employer's responsibilities or your rights under this Ordinance, contact the OLSE at (415) 554-7903 or visit https://sf.gov/information/understanding-minimum-compensation-ordinance for more information about this law.

Print Name of Employee: _____

Signature of Employee: Date:

Para asistencia en Español, llame al (415) 554-7903

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For a complete copy of the Minimum Compensation Ordinance, visit https://sf.gov/information/understandingminimum-compensation-ordinance.

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES – JULY 1, 2023

Health Care Accountability Ordinance

This employer is a contractor with the City and County of San Francisco. This contract agreement is subject to the Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO). The HCAO requires your employer to provide health plan benefits to covered employees, make payments to the City for use by the Department of Public Health (DPH), or, under limited circumstances, make payments directly to employees. If you work at least 20 hours per week on a City contract, you are a covered employee and your employer must choose one of the following options:

1. PROVIDE YOU WITH A HEALTH PLAN THAT MEETS THE MINIMUM STANDARDS OUTLINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

• Your employer cannot require you to contribute any amount towards the premiums for health plan coverage for yourself.

• Coverage must begin no later than the first of the month that begins after 30 days from the start of employment on a covered contract.

OR

2. PAY \$6.35 PER HOUR WORKED TO THE CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

• If you live within the City and County of San Francisco <u>or</u> work on a City contract within the City, the San Francisco Airport, or the San Bruno Jail, and your employer does not provide a health plan that meets the Minimum Standards, your employer must pay \$6.35/hour for every hour you work (up to 40 hours a week) to the City and County of San Francisco.

OR

3. PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$6.35 PER HOUR WORKED TO THE EMPLOYEE

• If you live outside the City and County of San Francisco <u>and</u> work on a City contract located outside of the City, and not at the San Francisco Airport or at the San Bruno Jail and your employer does not provide a health plan that meets the Minimum Standards, your employer must pay you an additional \$6.35/hour for every hour you work (up to 40 hours a week) to enable you to obtain health insurance coverage.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOUR RIGHTS ARE BEING VIOLATED CONTACT THE OFFICE OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT AT (415) 554-7903.

Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) City Hall, Room 430 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102 <u>https://sf.gov/information/understand-health-care-accountability-ordinance</u> GENERAL SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF LABOR STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT PATRICK MULLIGAN, DIRECTOR



Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO) <u>KNOW YOUR RIGHTS – JULY 1, 2023</u>

This notice is intended to inform you of your rights under the Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO), Chapter 12Q of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The HCAO requires your employer to provide health insurance to you. Your employer can do this by enrolling you in a health plan, by making payments to the City, or, under limited circumstances, by making payments directly to you. The Office of Labor Standards Enforcement (OLSE) is charged with enforcing this Ordinance. You will be asked to sign this document after you have reviewed the following information. Do <u>not</u> sign this document unless you fully understand your rights under this law.

THE HCAO COMPONENTS

- I. If you live in San Francisco (regardless of where you work) <u>or</u> if you work in San Francisco, at the San Francisco Airport, or at the San Bruno Jail, your employer must:
 - A. Offer you health coverage that meets the Minimum Standards starting on the first day of the month following 30 calendar days after your first day of work*; **OR**
 - B. For each month in which you averaged at least 20 hours of work per week, pay the City \$6.35 per hour for each hour you work, up to 40 hours or \$254 per week.
- **II.** If you do not live in San Francisco and do not work in San Francisco, at the San Francisco Airport, or at the San Bruno Jail, your employer must:
 - A. Offer you health coverage that meets the Minimum Standards starting on the first day of the month following 30 calendar days after your first day of work*; **OR**
 - B. For each month in which you averaged at least 20 hours of work per week, pay you \$6.35 per hour for each hour you work, up to 40 hours or \$254 per week, so that you can obtain health insurance coverage on your own.

*Note that your employer must offer at least one plan that does not require you to contribute any amount towards the cost of premiums for health plan coverage for yourself.

EXEMPTIONS FROM COVERAGE

Certain categories of employees, including but not limited to students, trainees, and employees of employers subject to Prevailing Wage requirements, are exempt under the HCAO. For more information, go to https://sf.gov/information/understand-health-care-accountability-ordinance or call (415) 554-7903.

VOLUNTARY WAIVER OF COVERAGE

Employees may refuse health coverage offered by an employer if the employee signs the Voluntary Waiver Form. Employees may revoke this voluntary waiver at any time.

RETALIATION PROHIBITED

Your employer may not retaliate against you or any other employee for trying to learn more about the HCAO or exercising your rights under the law. If you believe that you have been discriminated or retaliated against for inquiring about or exercising your rights under the HCAO, contact the OLSE at (415) 554-7903 to file an HCAO complaint.

Do <u>not</u> sign this document unless you fully understand your rights under this law. If you have any questions about your employer's responsibilities or your rights under this Ordinance, contact the OLSE at (415) 554-7903 or visit <u>https://sf.gov/information/understand-health-care-accountability-ordinance</u> for more information about this law.

Name of Employee

Date

Signature of Employee

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NOTE: For a complete copy of the Health Care Accountability Ordinance or the Minimum Standards, visit <u>https://sf.gov/information/understand-health-care-accountability-ordinance</u>



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San Francisco Health Care Accountability Ordinance (HCAO) Minimum Standards – Effective January 1, 2024

The following minimum standards are effective January 1, 2024. Health plans deemed compliant with the HCAO must either:

- (1) Meet all 16 minimum standards as described below, OR
- (2) Be a gold- and platinum-level plan written in California (or actuarial value of at least 76%), where:
 - A. the employer covers 100 percent of both the plan premium and medical services deducible. Employers may use any health savings/reimbursement product that supports coverage of the medical deductible; and
 - B. the plan covers all required covered services minimum standards (5, 8-16).

Note that the requirements under the HCAO are distinct from the Healthy Airport Ordinance (HAO). More information on the HAO can be found here: <u>sf.gov/information/understanding-healthy-airport-ordinance</u>

	Benefit Requirement	Minimum Standard
1.	Premium Contribution	Employer pays 100 percent.
2.	Annual OOP Maximum	 In-Network: Employer must cover in-network out-of-pocket expenses up to 50 percent of plan's annual out-of-pocket maximum. These expenses must be covered on a first-dollar basis. Employers may use any health savings or reimbursement product that supports compliance with this minimum standard. OOP Maximum must include all types of cost-sharing (deductible, copays, coinsurance, etc.). The plan's out of pocket maximum cannot exceed the <i>California Patient-Centered Benefit Design</i> Out-of-Pocket limit for a silver coinsurance or copay plan during the plan's effective date. In 2024, the limit is \$8,750. <u>Out-of-Network:</u> Not specified.
3.	Medical Deductible	 <u>In-Network</u>: \$3,000 maximum. <u>Out-of-Network</u>: Not specified.
4.	Prescription Drug Deductible	 <u>In-Network</u>: \$300 maximum. <u>Out-of-Network</u>: Not specified.
5.	Prescription Drug Coverage	• Plan must provide drug coverage, including coverage of brand-name drugs.
6.	Coinsurance Percentages	 <u>In-Network</u>: 60 percent/ 40 percent. <u>Out-of-Network</u>: 50 percent/50 percent.

Benefit Requirement	Minimum Standard
7. Copayment for Primary Care Provider Visits	 <u>In-Network</u>: \$60 per visit. When coinsurance is applied See Benefit Requirement #6. <u>Out-of-Network</u>: Not specified.
8. Preventive & Wellness Services	 <u>In-Network</u>: Provided at no cost, per ACA rules. <u>Out-of-Network</u>: Subject to the plan's out-of-network fee requirements. These services are standardized by federal ACA rules at no charge to the member. The <u>California EHB Benchmark Plan</u> outlines the types of preventive services that are required.
9. Pre/Post-Natal Care	 <u>In-Network</u>: Scheduled prenatal exams and first postpartum follow-up consult is covered without charge, per ACA rules. <u>Out-of-Network</u>: Subject to the plan's out-of-network fee requirements. These services are standardized by federal ACA rules at no charge to the member. The California EHB Benchmark Plan outlines the types of pre- and post-natal services that are required.
10. Ambulatory Patient Services (Outpatient Care)	 When coinsurance is applied See Benefit Requirement #6. When copayments are applied for these services: Primary Care Provider: See Benefit Requirement #7. Specialty visits: Not specified.
11. Hospitalization	 When coinsurance is applied See Benefit Requirement #6. When copayments are applied for these services: Not specified.
12. Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services, including Behavioral Health	 When coinsurance is applied See Benefit Requirement #6. When copayments are applied for these services: Not specified.
13. Rehabilitative & Habilitative Services	 When coinsurance is applied See Benefit Requirement #6. When copayments are applied for these services: Not specified.
14. Laboratory Services	 When coinsurance is applied See Benefit Requirement #6. When copayments are applied for these services: Not specified.
15. Emergency Room Services & Ambulance	• Limited to treatment of medical emergencies. The in-network deductible, copayment, and coinsurance also apply to emergency services received from an out-of-network provider.
16. Other Services	 The full set of covered benefits is defined by the <u>California EHB Benchmark</u> <u>plan</u>.



CALIFORNIA EHB BENCHMARK PLAN

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Plan Type	Plan from largest small group product, Health Maintenance Organization
Issuer Name	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
Product Name	Small Group HMO
Plan Name	Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Small Group HMO 30 ID 40513CA035
Supplemented Categories (Supplementary Plan Type)	Pediatric Oral (State CHIP)Pediatric Vision (FEDVIP)
Habilitative Services Included Benchmark (Yes/No)	Yes
Habilitative Services Defined by State (Yes/No)	Yes: "Habilitative services" means medically necessary health care services and health care devices that assist an individual in partially or fully acquiring or improving skills and functioning and that are necessary to address a health condition, to the maximum extent practical. These services address the skills and abilities needed for functioning in interaction with an individual's environment. Examples of health care services that are not habilitative services include, but are not limited to, respite care, day care, recreational care, residential treatment, social services, custodial care, or education services of any kind, including, but not limited to, vocational training. Habilitative services shall be covered under the same terms and conditions applied to rehabilitative services under the policy.



BENEFITS AND LIMITS

Bene	fit Info	ormation						General Information		
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Benefit	EHB	Benefit Description (may be the same as the Benefit name)	Is the Benefit Covered?	Quantitative Limit on Service?	Limit Quantity	Limit Unit and/or Description	Minimum Stay	Exclusions	Explanations	Additional Limitations or Restrictions?
Primary Care Visit to Treat an Injury or Illness	Yes	Outpatient Care	Covered	No					Primary and specialty care consultations, exams treatment.	No
Specialist Visit	Yes	Outpatient Care	Covered	No					Primary and specialty care consultations, exams treatment.	No
Other Practitioner Office Visit (Nurse, Physician Assistant)	Yes	Outpatient Care	Covered	No					Primary and specialty care consultations, exams treatment.	No
	Yes	Outpatient Care	Covered	No						No
Outpatient Surgery Physician/Surgica I Services		Outpatient Care	Covered	No					Outpatient Surgery covered if provided in outpatient or ambulatory surgery center or in a hospital operating room, or any setting if license staff member monitors your vital signs as patient resumes.	No
	Yes	Hospice Care	Covered	No						No
Non-Emergency Care When Traveling Outside the U.S.			Not Covered							
Routine Dental Services (Adult)			Not Covered							
Infertility Treatment			Not Covered							
Long- Term/Custodial Nursing Home Care			Not Covered							
Private-Duty Nursing			Not Covered							
Routine Eye Exam (Adult)		Preventive care services	Covered	No					Eye exams for refraction and preventive vision screenings.	No
Urgent Care Centers or Facilities	Yes	Urgent Care	Covered	No						No
Home Health Care Services	Yes	Home Health Care	Covered	Yes	100	Visits per year		could provide safely/ effectively or care in home if	Up to 2 hours per visit (nurse, msw, phys/occ/sp therapist) or 3 hours for home health aide. Three visits per day.	No
Emergency Room Services	Yes	Emergency Services	Covered	No						No



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Emergency Transportation/ Ambulance	Yes	Emergency Transportation/ Ambulance	Covered	No					Emergency transportation and ambulance when reasonable person would believe medical condition that required ambulance services or if treating physician determines you must be transported to another facility b/c condition not stabilized and services not available.	No
Inpatient Hospital Services (e.g., Hospital Stay)	Yes	Inpatient Hospital Services (e.g., Hospital Stay)	Covered	No					Hospital Inpatient Services - services at plan hospital when services generally provided at acute care gen hospital in service area.	No
Inpatient Physician and Surgical Services	Yes	Inpatient Physician and Surgical Services	Covered	No					Hospital Inpatient Care - covers services of plan physicians and consultation and treatment by specialists	No
Bariatric Surgery	Yes	Bariatric Surgery	Covered	No					Surgery must be medically necessary to treat obesity and patient must complete pre-surgical education. Covers travel if live more than 50 miles from facility to which patient referred.	No
Cosmetic Surgery			Not Covered							
Skilled Nursing Facility	Yes	Skilled Nursing Facility Care	Covered	Yes	100	Days per benefit period				No
Prenatal and Postnatal Care	Yes	Prenatal and Postnatal Care	Covered	No					Scheduled prenatal exams and first postpartum follow-up consult is covered without charge	No
Delivery and All Inpatient Services for Maternity Care	Yes	Hospital Inpatient Care	Covered	No						No
Mental/Behavior al Health Outpatient Services	Yes	Mental Health Services	Covered	No					For diagnosis or treatment of mental disorders - as identified in DSM.	No
Mental/Behavior al Health Inpatient Services	Yes	Mental/Behavioral Health Inpatient Services	Covered	No					Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization and intensive psychiatric treatment programs	No
Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services	Yes	Substance Abuse Disorder Outpatient Services	Covered	No				Services in specialized facility not otherwise described in EOC	Chemical Dependency Services - Outpatient chemical dependency. Includes day-treatment, intensive outpatient programs, individual and group counseling, and medical treatment for withdrawal symptoms. Includes transitional residential recovery services.	No
Substance Abuse Disorder Inpatient Services	Yes	Substance Abuse Disorder Inpatient Services	Covered	No					Chemical Dependency Services - Inpatient detoxification	No
Generic Drugs	Yes	Generic Drugs	Covered	No					Outpatient Prescription Drugs, Supplies, and Supplements	No
Preferred Brand Drugs	Yes	Outpatient Prescription Drugs, Supplies, and Supplements	Covered	No					Kaiser does not use preferred/non-preferred categories. Kaiser categorizes drugs as generic, brand, or compound and formulary/ nonformulary. There is higher Cost Sharing than for Generic Drugs.	No



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		(may be the same as	Benefit	Limit on	Quantity	and/or	Stay			Limitations or
		the Benefit name)	Covered?	Service?		Description				Restrictions?
Non-Preferred	Yes	Outpatient	Covered	No					Kaiser does not use preferred/non-preferred	No
Brand Drugs		Prescription Drugs,							categories. Kaiser categorizes drugs as generic,	
		Supplies, and							brand, or compound and formulary/ nonformulary.	
		Supplements							There is coverage for non-formulary if non-formulary	
									is medically necessary.	
Specialty Drugs	Yes	Outpatient	Covered	No						No
		Prescription Drugs,								
		Supplies, and								
		Supplements								
Outpatient	Yes	Physical,	Covered	No						No
Rehabilitation		occupational, speech								
Services		therapy								
Habilitation	Yes	Habilitation Services	Covered	No				Certain limitations on types of care givers for	CA Health and Safety Code sec. 1367.005 (Stats 2012,	No
Services								behavioral health treatment as described in H&S	ch. 854) requires that individual or small group health	
								Code section 1374.73.	care service plans provide habilitative services, to the	
									extent required under state law and as required by	
									federal rules and regulations in section 1302(b) of the	
									ACA.	
Chiropractic Care			Not Covered							
Durable Medical	Yes	Durable Medical	Covered	No				Prior authorization required		No
Equipment		Equipment for Home								
		Use - plan formulary								
		guidelines or medical								
		necessity								
Hearing Aids			Not Covered							
Diagnostic Test	Yes	Outpatient imaging,	Covered	No						No
(X-Ray and Lab		laboratory and								
Work)		special procedures								
Imaging (CT/PET	Yes	Outpatient imaging,	Covered	No						No
Scans, MRIs)		laboratory and								
		special procedures								
Preventive Care/	Yes	Outpatient imaging,	Covered	No						No
Screening/Immun		laboratory and								
ization		special procedures								
Routine Foot			Not Covered						Medically necessary foot care is covered.	
Care										
Acupuncture	Yes	Outpatient Care	Covered	No					Typically only for treatment of nausea or as part of	No
									comp. pain management program.	
Weight Loss		Weight Loss	Covered	No						No
Programs		Programs								
Routine Eye Exam	Yes	Routine eye exam	Covered	Yes	1	Visit per year			California has chosen FEDVIP to supplement	No
for Children						-			benchmark for pediatric vision care.	
Eye Glasses for	Yes	Eye Glasses for	Covered	Yes	1	Pair of glasses			California has chosen FEDVIP to supplement	No
Children		Children				(lenses and			benchmark for pediatric vision care.	
						frames) per				
						year				
Dental Check-Up	Yes	Dental Check-Up for	Covered	Yes	1	, Visit per 6			Supplemented using California CHIP.	No
for Children		Children				months				
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		(may be the same as		Limit on	Quantity	and/or	Stay		•	Limitations or
		the Benefit name)	Covered?	Service?		Description	•			Restrictions?
Rehabilitative	Yes	Rehabilitative Speech	Covered	No						No
Speech Therapy		Therapy								
Rehabilitative	Yes	Rehabilitative	Covered	No						No
Occupational and		Occupational and								
Rehabilitative		Rehabilitative								
Physical Therapy		Physical Therapy								
Well Baby Visits	Yes	Well Baby Visits and	Covered	No						No
and Care		Care								
	Yes	Laboratory	Covered	No						No
Outpatient and		Outpatient and								
Professional		Professional Services								
Services										
X-rays and	Yes	X-rays and Diagnostic	Covered	No						No
Diagnostic		Imaging								
Imaging										
Basic Dental Care	Yes	Basic Dental Care -	Covered	No					Limitations, including dollar limits, may apply, see	No
- Child		Child	Coursed	N -					EHB benchmark plan documents.	N -
Orthodontia - Child	Yes	Orthodontia - Child	Covered	No					Limitations, including dollar limits, may apply, see	No
Child									EHB benchmark plan documents. Covered only if	
									child meets eligibility requirements for medically	
									necessary orthodontia coverage under California Children's Services (CCS).	
Major Dental	Yes	Major Dental Care -	Covered	No					Limitations, including dollar limits, may apply, see	No
Care - Child	res	Child	covereu	NO					EHB benchmark plan documents.	NO
Basic Dental Care		Cillia	Not Covered						Lind benchmark plan documents.	
- Adult										
Orthodontia -			Not Covered							
Adult										
Major Dental			Not Covered							
Care – Adult										
Abortion for			Not Covered							
Which Public										
Funding is										
Prohibited										
Transplant	Yes	Transplant	Covered	No						No
Accidental Dental			Not Covered							
		Dialysis	Covered	No						No
Allergy Testing		Allergy Testing	Covered	No						No
Chemotherapy		Chemotherapy	Covered	No						No
Radiation	Yes	Radiation	Covered	No						No
Diabetes	Yes	Diabetes Education	Covered	No						No
Education										
Prosthetic	Yes	Prosthetic Devices	Covered	No						No
Devices										<u> </u>
	Yes	Infusion Therapy	Covered	No						No
Treatment for	Yes	Treatment for	Covered	No						No
Temporomandib		Temporomandibular								
ular Joint		Joint Disorders								
Disorders										



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		(may be the same as	Benefit	Limit on	Quantity	and/or	Stay			Limitations or
		the Benefit name)	Covered?	Service?		Description				Restrictions?
Nutritional			Not Covered							
Counseling										
Reconstructive	Yes	Reconstructive	Covered	No						No
Surgery		Surgery								
Clinical Trials	Yes	Clinical Trials	Covered	No						No
Diabetes Care	Yes	Diabetes Care	Covered	No					Diabetes Equipment, Supplies, Prescription Drugs,	No
Management		Management							Education.	
Inherited	Yes	Inherited Metabolic	Covered	No					Phenylketonuria	No
Metabolic		Disorder - PKU								
Disorder - PKU										
Off Label	Yes	Off Label Prescription	Covered	No						No
Prescription		Drugs								
Drugs										
Dental	Yes	Dental Anesthesia	Covered	No						No
Anesthesia										
Prescription	Yes	Prescription Drugs	Covered	No						No
Drugs Other		Other								
Coverage for	Yes	Coverage for Effects	Covered	No						No
Effects of		of Diethylstilbestrol								
Diethylstilbestrol										
Organ	Yes	Organ Transplants	Covered	No						No
Transplants										
Mastectomy-		Mastectomy-Related	Covered	No						No
Related Coverage		Coverage								



OTHER BENEFITS

Bene	fit Inf	ormation						General Information		
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Benefit		Benefit Description	Is the	Quantitative	Limit	Limit Unit	Minimum	Exclusions	Explanations	Additional
		(may be the same as	Benefit	Limit on	Quantity	and/or	Stay		•	Limitations or
		the Benefit name)	Covered?	Service?	_ ,	Description	,			Restrictions?
Allergy injections	Yes	Allergy injections	Covered	No						No
Voluntary	Yes	Voluntary	Covered	No						No
Termination of		Termination of	0010100							
Pregnancy		Pregnancy								
Dental and	Yes	Dental and	Covered	No					Preparations for radiation therapy and Dental	No
Orthodontic	105	Orthodontic Services	covered	10					anesthesia for children under age 7, developmentally	
Services									disabled, or health is compromised, status or	
									underlying condition and procedure doesn't ordinarily	
									require anesthesia.	
Asthma Supplies	Yes	Asthma Supplies and	Covered	No						No
and Equipment		Equipment								
Dialysis Care	Yes	Dialysis Care	Covered	No						No
Hearing	Yes		Covered	No						No
Screenings &	105	Exams - preventive	covered	10						110
Exams -		care services								
preventive care										
services										
Ostomy and	Yes	Ostomy and	Covered	No						No
Urological		Urological Supplies	0010100							
Supplies										
AIDS Vaccine	Yes	AIDS Vaccine	Covered	No						No
HIV Testing	Yes	HIV Testing	Covered	No						No
Alzheimer's	Yes	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	Covered	No						No
Disease		Treatment	0010100							
Treatment										
Breast Cancer	Yes	Breast Cancer	Covered	No						No
Screening,		Screening, Diagnosis,								
Diagnosis,		Treatment,								
Treatment,		Prosthetic Devices or								
Prosthetic		Reconstructive								
Devices or		Surgery								
Reconstructive										
Surgery										
Cancer Screenings	Yes	Cancer Screenings	Covered	No						No
Cervical Cancer	Yes	Cervical Cancer	Covered	No						No
Screenings		Screenings								
Contraceptive	Yes	Contraceptive	Covered	No						No
Methods	L	Methods								
Laryngectomy-	Yes	Laryngectomy-	Covered	No						No
Prosthetic		Prosthetic Devices								
Devices										
Maternity	Yes	Maternity Coverage	Covered	No						No
Coverage										
Maternity-	Yes	Maternity-Prenatal	Covered	No						Yes
Prenatal Alpha		Alpha Fetoprotein								
Fetoprotein	1	Programs								
Programs	1									
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Benefit		Benefit Description		Quantitative	Limit	Limit Unit	Minimum	Exclusions	Explanations	Additional
		(may be the same as	Benefit	Limit on	Quantity	and/or	Stay			Limitations or
		the Benefit name)	Covered?	Service?		Description				Restrictions?
Genetic Disorders	Yes	Genetic Disorders of	Covered	No						No
of the Fetus		the Fetus								
Osteoporosis	Yes	Osteoporosis	Covered	No						No
Prostate Cancer	Yes	Prostate Cancer	Covered	No						No
Screening and		Screening and								
Diagnosis		Diagnosis								
Surgical	Yes	Surgical Procedures	Covered	No						No
Procedures for		for the Jawbone								
the Jawbone										



PRESCRIPTION DRUG EHB-BENCHMARK PLAN BENEFITS BY CATEGORY AND CLASS

CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
ANALGESICS	NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS	10
ANALGESICS	OPIOID ANALGESICS, LONG-ACTING	3
ANALGESICS	OPIOID ANALGESICS, SHORT-ACTING	8
ANESTHETICS	LOCAL ANESTHETICS	2
ANTI-ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AGENTS	ALCOHOL DETERRENTS/ANTI-CRAVING	3
ANTI-ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AGENTS	OPIOID ANTAGONISTS	2
ANTI-ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AGENTS	SMOKING CESSATION AGENTS	0
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS	GLUCOCORTICOIDS	1
ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENTS	NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS	10
ANTIBACTERIALS	AMINOGLYCOSIDES	7
ANTIBACTERIALS	ANTIBACTERIALS, OTHER	13
ANTIBACTERIALS	BETA-LACTAM, CEPHALOSPORINS	14
ANTIBACTERIALS	BETA-LACTAM, OTHER	4
ANTIBACTERIALS	BETA-LACTAM, PENICILLINS	11
ANTIBACTERIALS	MACROLIDES	3
ANTIBACTERIALS	QUINOLONES	5
ANTIBACTERIALS	SULFONAMIDES	4
ANTIBACTERIALS	TETRACYCLINES	4
ANTICONVULSANTS	ANTICONVULSANTS, OTHER	1
ANTICONVULSANTS	CALCIUM CHANNEL MODIFYING AGENTS	2
ANTICONVULSANTS	GAMMA-AMINOBUTYRIC ACID (GABA) AUGMENTING AGENTS	4
ANTICONVULSANTS	GLUTAMATE REDUCING AGENTS	3
ANTICONVULSANTS	SODIUM CHANNEL AGENTS	5
ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS	ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS, OTHER	0
ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS	CHOLINESTERASE INHIBITORS	2
ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS	N-METHYL-D-ASPARTATE (NMDA) RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST	1
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	ANTIDEPRESSANTS, OTHER	5
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	MONOAMINE OXIDASE INHIBITORS	2
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	SEROTONIN/NOREPINEPHRINE REUPTAKE INHIBITORS	6
ANTIDEPRESSANTS	TRICYCLICS	8
ANTIEMETICS	ANTIEMETICS, OTHER	9
ANTIEMETICS	EMETOGENIC THERAPY ADJUNCTS	3
ANTIFUNGALS	NO USP CLASS	10
ANTIGOUT AGENTS	NO USP CLASS	4
ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS	ERGOT ALKALOIDS	2



CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS	PROPHYLACTIC	3
ANTIMIGRAINE AGENTS	SEROTONIN (5-HT) 1B/1D RECEPTOR AGONISTS	2
ANTIMYASTHENIC AGENTS	PARASYMPATHOMIMETICS	2
ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS	ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS, OTHER	2
ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS	ANTITUBERCULARS	6
ANTINEOPLASTICS	ALKYLATING AGENTS	7
ANTINEOPLASTICS	ANTIANGIOGENIC AGENTS	2
ANTINEOPLASTICS	ANTIESTROGENS/MODIFIERS	2
ANTINEOPLASTICS	ANTIMETABOLITES	2
ANTINEOPLASTICS	ANTINEOPLASTICS, OTHER	5
ANTINEOPLASTICS	AROMATASE INHIBITORS, 3RD GENERATION	3
ANTINEOPLASTICS	ENZYME INHIBITORS	3
ANTINEOPLASTICS	MOLECULAR TARGET INHIBITORS	12
ANTINEOPLASTICS	MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES	1
ANTINEOPLASTICS	RETINOIDS	2
ANTIPARASITICS	ANTHELMINTICS	3
ANTIPARASITICS	ANTIPROTOZOALS	10
ANTIPARASITICS	PEDICULICIDES/SCABICIDES	1
ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS	ANTICHOLINERGICS	3
ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS	ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS, OTHER	2
ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS	DOPAMINE AGONISTS	4
ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS	DOPAMINE PRECURSORS/L-AMINO ACID DECARBOXYLASE INHIBITORS	2
ANTIPARKINSON AGENTS	MONOAMINE OXIDASE B (MAO-B) INHIBITORS	2
ANTIPSYCHOTICS	1ST GENERATION/TYPICAL	10
ANTIPSYCHOTICS	2ND GENERATION/ATYPICAL	5
ANTIPSYCHOTICS	TREATMENT-RESISTANT	1
ANTISPASTICITY AGENTS	NO USP CLASS	4
ANTIVIRALS	ANTI-CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) AGENTS	3
ANTIVIRALS	ANTI-HIV AGENTS, NON-NUCLEOSIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS	5
ANTIVIRALS	ANTI-HIV AGENTS, NUCLEOSIDE AND NUCLEOTIDE REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS	11
ANTIVIRALS	ANTI-HIV AGENTS, OTHER	3
ANTIVIRALS	ANTI-HIV AGENTS, PROTEASE INHIBITORS	9
ANTIVIRALS	ANTI-INFLUENZA AGENTS	4
ANTIVIRALS	ANTIHEPATITIS AGENTS	11
ANTIVIRALS	ANTIHERPETIC AGENTS	4



CATEGORY	CATEGORY CLASS	
ANXIOLYTICS	ANXIOLYTICS, OTHER	3
ANXIOLYTICS	SSRIS/SNRIS (SELECTIVE SEROTONIN REUPTAKE INHIBITORS/SEROTONIN	3
	AND NOREPINEPHRINE REUPTAKE INHIBITORS)	
BIPOLAR AGENTS	BIPOLAR AGENTS, OTHER	5
BIPOLAR AGENTS	MOOD STABILIZERS	5
BLOOD GLUCOSE REGULATORS	ANTIDIABETIC AGENTS	5
BLOOD GLUCOSE REGULATORS	GLYCEMIC AGENTS	1
BLOOD GLUCOSE REGULATORS	INSULINS	6
BLOOD PRODUCTS/MODIFIERS/VOLUME EXPANDERS	ANTICOAGULANTS	3
BLOOD PRODUCTS/MODIFIERS/VOLUME EXPANDERS	BLOOD FORMATION MODIFIERS	5
BLOOD PRODUCTS/MODIFIERS/VOLUME EXPANDERS	COAGULANTS	1
BLOOD PRODUCTS/MODIFIERS/VOLUME EXPANDERS	PLATELET MODIFYING AGENTS	6
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	ALPHA-ADRENERGIC AGONISTS	4
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	ALPHA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS	4
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	ANGIOTENSIN II RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	1
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	ANGIOTENSIN-CONVERTING ENZYME (ACE) INHIBITORS	2
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	ANTIARRHYTHMICS	9
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	BETA-ADRENERGIC BLOCKING AGENTS	6
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKING AGENTS	6
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS, OTHER	2
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DIURETICS, CARBONIC ANHYDRASE INHIBITORS	2
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DIURETICS, LOOP	3
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DIURETICS, POTASSIUM-SPARING	1
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DIURETICS, THIAZIDE	4
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DYSLIPIDEMICS, FIBRIC ACID DERIVATIVES	2
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DYSLIPIDEMICS, HMG COA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS	4
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	DYSLIPIDEMICS, OTHER	3
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	VASODILATORS, DIRECT-ACTING ARTERIAL	2
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS	VASODILATORS, DIRECT-ACTING ARTERIAL/VENOUS	3
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS	ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER AGENTS, AMPHETAMINES	3
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS	ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER AGENTS, NON- AMPHETAMINES	1
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS	CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS, OTHER	1
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS	FIBROMYALGIA AGENTS	0
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM AGENTS	MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AGENTS	5
DENTAL AND ORAL AGENTS	NO USP CLASS	6



CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
DERMATOLOGICAL AGENTS	NO USP CLASS	20
ENZYME REPLACEMENT/MODIFIERS	NO USP CLASS	8
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	ANTISPASMODICS, GASTROINTESTINAL	4
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS, OTHER	3
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	HISTAMINE2 (H2) RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	3
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME AGENTS	0
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	LAXATIVES	1
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	PROTECTANTS	2
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS	PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS	2
GENITOURINARY AGENTS	ANTISPASMODICS, URINARY	1
GENITOURINARY AGENTS	BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERTROPHY AGENTS	5
GENITOURINARY AGENTS	GENITOURINARY AGENTS, OTHER	3
GENITOURINARY AGENTS	PHOSPHATE BINDERS	2
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (ADRENAL)	GLUCOCORTICOIDS/MINERALOCORTICOIDS	16
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (PITUITARY)	NO USP CLASS	3
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (PROSTAGLANDINS)	NO USP CLASS	1
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (SEX HORMONES/MODIFIERS)	ANABOLIC STEROIDS	0
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (SEX HORMONES/MODIFIERS)	ANDROGENS	4
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (SEX HORMONES/MODIFIERS)	ESTROGENS	2
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (SEX HORMONES/MODIFIERS)	PROGESTINS	5
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (SEX HORMONES/MODIFIERS)	SELECTIVE ESTROGEN RECEPTOR MODIFYING AGENTS	1
HORMONAL AGENTS, STIMULANT/REPLACEMENT/MODIFYING (THYROID)	NO USP CLASS	2
HORMONAL AGENTS, SUPPRESSANT (ADRENAL)	NO USP CLASS	1
HORMONAL AGENTS, SUPPRESSANT (PARATHYROID)	NO USP CLASS	1
HORMONAL AGENTS, SUPPRESSANT (PITUITARY)	NO USP CLASS	5
HORMONAL AGENTS, SUPPRESSANT (SEX HORMONES/MODIFIERS)	ANTIANDROGENS	3
HORMONAL AGENTS, SUPPRESSANT (THYROID)	ANTITHYROID AGENTS	2
IMMUNOLOGICAL AGENTS	IMMUNE SUPPRESSANTS	15
IMMUNOLOGICAL AGENTS	IMMUNIZING AGENTS, PASSIVE	2



CATEGORY	CLASS	SUBMISSION COUNT
IMMUNOLOGICAL AGENTS	IMMUNOMODULATORS	7
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE AGENTS	AMINOSALICYLATES	2
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE AGENTS	GLUCOCORTICOIDS	5
INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE AGENTS	SULFONAMIDES	1
METABOLIC BONE DISEASE AGENTS	NO USP CLASS	7
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS	OPHTHALMIC PROSTAGLANDIN AND PROSTAMIDE ANALOGS	2
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS	OPHTHALMIC AGENTS, OTHER	3
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS	OPHTHALMIC ANTI-ALLERGY AGENTS	2
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS	OPHTHALMIC ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES	6
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS	OPHTHALMIC ANTIGLAUCOMA AGENTS	9
OTIC AGENTS	NO USP CLASS	2
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES, INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS	5
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	ANTIHISTAMINES	4
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	ANTILEUKOTRIENES	1
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	BRONCHODILATORS, ANTICHOLINERGIC	2
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	BRONCHODILATORS, PHOSPHODIESTERASE INHIBITORS (XANTHINES)	2
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	BRONCHODILATORS, SYMPATHOMIMETIC	5
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	MAST CELL STABILIZERS	1
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	PULMONARY ANTIHYPERTENSIVES	4
RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS	RESPIRATORY TRACT AGENTS, OTHER	3
SKELETAL MUSCLE RELAXANTS	NO USP CLASS	2
SLEEP DISORDER AGENTS	GABA RECEPTOR MODULATORS	1
SLEEP DISORDER AGENTS	SLEEP DISORDERS, OTHER	1
THERAPEUTIC NUTRIENTS/MINERALS/ELECTROLYTES	ELECTROLYTE/MINERAL MODIFIERS	4
THERAPEUTIC NUTRIENTS/MINERALS/ELECTROLYTES	ELECTROLYTE/MINERAL REPLACEMENT	7



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2023-2024 HCAO Minimum Standards: Common Clarifications

Minimum Standard	Clarification
Type of Plan	 All gold- and platinum-level plans written in California are deemed compliant if the plan satisfies the following Minimum Standards:
	the employer covers 100 percent of both the plan premium and medical services deducible. Employers may use any health savings/reimbursement product that supports coverage of the medical deductible; and
	 the plan covers all required covered services standards (5, 8-16)
	• Plans may be reviewed by designated DPH staff to determine whether the plan complies with all requirements for covered services.
1. Premium Contribution Employer pays 100% of the premium contribution.	Refers <u>only to individual medical</u> coverage and not vision/dental.
	 No money may come out of an employee's paycheck to pay the premium contribution.
	• Employer is only required to offer at least 1 HCAO compliant health plan for which the employer must pay 100% of the premium contribution for the covered employee.
	• Employer has the discretion to offer any additional health plans for which there can be an option for employees to contribute to their premiums.
 2. Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum <u>In-Network:</u> Employer must cover in-network out-of-pocket expenses up to 50 percent of plan's annual out-of-pocket maximum. These expenses must be covered on a first-dollar basis. Employers may use any health savings or reimbursement product that supports compliance with this minimum standard. OOP Maximum must include all types of cost-sharing (deductible, copays, coinsurance, etc.). The plan's out of pocket maximum cannot exceed the <i>California Patient-Centered Benefit Design</i> Out-of-Pocket limit for a silver coinsurance or copay plan during the plan's effective date. In 2023, the limit is \$8,750. 	 If a HRA or HSA is utilized to cover the employee's in-network out-of-pocket expenses, there is no need to pre-fund the full out-of-pocket expenses amount.
	• Employer may use a third-party administrator or other appropriate option to manage reimbursement of employees' medical expenditures that count towards the in-network out-of- pocket expenses as long as employees' protected health information remain private and confidential in accordance with state and federal laws.
	• Employers are encouraged to discuss the optimal reimbursement mechanism with their benefits administrator. While not required, employers are strongly encouraged to provide an employer-funded mechanism, such as a pre-funded debit card, to beneficiaries to cover out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. copays) upfront.
	• Example of how standard would be applied to a health plan: If a plan's annual out-of-pocket maximum for in-network services is \$8,000, then the employer must cover the initial \$4,000 of the employees in-network health expenses that count towards the OOP Maximum.

Minimum Standard		Clarification
16. Other Services The full set of covered benefits is defined by the California EHB Benchmark plan.	•	Although all gold- and platinum-tier health plans are considered automatically compliant under the HCAO Minimum Standards, they must still offer coverage for the full set of covered benefits as defined by the <u>California EHB Benchmark plan</u> .
	•	Health plans offered by out-of-state contractors doing business with or in the City and County of San Francisco must provide coverage for the services covered by the California EHB Benchmark plan.

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