

AMENDMENT

to the WEA Trust Preferred Provider Plan

If you are an insured under the Trust's Preferred Provider Plan, the Hearing Services and Routine Physical and Preventive Care Benefits provisions in Section 6, Specific Benefit Provisions, are amended.

The Hearing Services provision is amended to add the following covered services:

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- Hearing aids for your dependent child under age 18 who is certified as deaf or hearing impaired by a Physician or licensed audiologist, but **only** if we have authorized the hearing aid in advance. See Section 7 for information about our preauthorization requirements and reimbursement limits that apply. A hearing aid is an instrument or device, including related parts, attachments, or accessories, that is worn externally and designed to aid or compensate for impaired hearing. We cover the examinations, tests, or services for prescribing or fitting a hearing aid or device. Our reimbursement is limited to one hearing aid per ear in each three-year period.

The Hearing Services subsection entitled "Services Not Covered" is deleted and replaced with the following:

Services Not Covered

These are examples of services that are not covered:

- Batteries and cords.

These are examples of services we do not cover for you and your covered dependents age 18 and over:

- Hearing examinations or tests administered directly or indirectly for fitting a hearing aid or device.
- Hearing aids and devices, even when part of a cochlear implant evaluation.
- Services for, or in connection with, prescribing hearing aids or devices.

In the provision entitled Routine Physical and Preventive Care Benefits, the "Services Not Covered" subsection is amended as follows:

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- Office visits and routine hearing examinations or tests for, or in connection with, prescribing or fitting a hearing aid, except for dependent children under age 18.

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Amendment Effective Date—This amendment is effective upon renewal of the employer's underlying collectively bargained insurance agreement that occurs on or after January 1, 2010.