

AMENDMENT
TO THE
ALASKA COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION PLAN
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012

This Amendment changes prescription drug coverage under the Association Plan Policy. Effective July 1, 2012 certain Specialty Medications require prior authorization and must be purchased through the Policy's Pharmacy Benefit Manager. Keep this Amendment with your Policy so that when you go to look up information you will be reminded that certain information has changed.

Item #3 under *Part H Benefits - Covered Services and Supplies* is amended to read as follows:

- 1) Covered Services and Supplies include legend drugs and medicines requiring a physician's prescription.
 - a) Prior authorization is required for certain Specialty Medications before the prescription is dispensed.
 - b) Certain Specialty Medications must be purchased through the Policy's Pharmacy Benefit Manager.

Specialty Medications are drugs that are used to treat complex conditions and illnesses, such as cancer, growth hormone deficiency, hemophilia, hepatitis C, immune deficiency, multiple sclerosis, and rheumatoid arthritis. These drugs usually require special handling, special administration, or intensive patient monitoring. Medications used to treat diabetes are not considered specialty medications. Whether they are administered by a healthcare professional, self-injected, or taken by mouth, specialty medications require an enhanced level of service.

Contact Medco, the Pharmacy Benefit Manager, by calling (866) 544-3791 for information about prescription drugs and to obtain prior authorization for Specialty Medications.