



Non-Covered Services

Abortion, unless the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term

Acupuncture

Air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers and purifiers

All transportation except by ambulance**

All travel

NOTE: For the exception for certain Prime travel expenses and non-medical attendants, see 32 CFR 199.17(p)(4)(vi) and the TRICARE Reimbursement Manual, Chapter 1, Section 30.

Alterations to living spaces or permanent features attached thereto**

Alternative medical care by non-certified providers

Artificial insemination

Autopsy and postmortem

Biofeedback for behavioral health

Breast implants for augmentation (cosmetic)

Chiropractic services

Cold therapy devices

Cosmetic surgery

Court or governmental directed inpatient stays that are not medically or psychologically necessary

Custodial care

Dental prostheses (except for some directly related to surgical correction of a cleft palate abnormality)

Dental care or oral surgery, except as specifically provided in 32 CFR 199.4(e)(10) or the TRICARE Policy Manual Chapter 4, Section 7.1 and Chapter 8, Section 13.1

Diagnostic tests to establish paternity or determine sex of an unborn child

Domiciliary care

Educational or vocational counseling**

Electrolysis

Elevators or chair lifts**

Employment-related physicals

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Enuretic conditioning programs

Exercise equipment, spas, whirlpools, hot tubs, swimming pools or health club memberships

Experimental procedures

Eye exercises or visual training (orthoptics)

Food, food substitutes, vitamins, or other nutritional supplements

Hair transplants

Hearing aids, except as provided for Active Duty and Active Duty Family Members

Hippotherapy

Housekeeping, homemaker or attendant services, sitter or companion

Inpatient stays to control or detain a runaway child

Intensive outpatient program

Items of clothing or shoes

Manual and basic electric breast pumps

Medical devices: Non-FDA approved devices or devices used for non-FDA approved purposes

Non-prescription contraceptives

Orthodontia/braces unless part of the medical or surgical correction of a severe congenital anomaly or when required in preparation for, or as a result of, physician-induced dental trauma

Orthopedic shoes, arch supports, shoe inserts, and other supportive devices for the feet, including special-ordered, custom-made built-up shoes, or regular shoes later built up (except for diabetics who have some coverage)

Personal comfort or convenience items

Radial keratotomy

Removal of corns or calluses

Respite care**

Routine eyeglasses, spectacles, contact lenses, or other optical devices (except for specific medical conditions)

Routine podiatry

Self-help, academic education or vocational training services** and supplies

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Services and supplies provided by nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, halfway houses, homes for the aged, or similar type of institution

Services or advice tendered by telephone in the absence of interactive audio and video telecommunication permitting real-time communication between physician and the TRICARE beneficiary

Services or supplies provided under a scientific or medical study, grant, or research program

Services payable under Workers' Compensation

Sex therapy, advice, counseling, behavior modification, psychotherapy for mental disorders involving sexual deviation

Smoking cessation drugs or programs

Sterilization reversal

Therapeutic absences from an inpatient facility

Treatment of dyslexia

Unproven procedures

Wigs/cranial prosthesis not required as a result of treatment of malignant disease

****Active Duty Family Members covered under the Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) program may have a limited benefit for these services.**

NOTE: Military Treatment Facilities may authorize services for Active Duty Service Members that are not covered benefits. In these circumstances, payment for the non-covered services will be allowed.