

# Preventive Care Plan



## Preventive care

Receive routine immunization, wellness exams, & medicines at no-cost when in-network

Stay healthy by catching potential illnesses before they start

Arm yourself with the tools you need to make smart choices for your future

One of the most valuable benefits included with your benefit package is preventive care coverage which now covers 100% of eligible preventive service costs when performed in-network. That means that you pay nothing out of pocket for access to a variety of medical screenings, exams, and immunizations which may help reduce your risk of developing health conditions in the future and avoid expensive treatment down the road.

## *Understanding Preventive Care*

Preventive care is the first step in knowing how healthy you are. The goal is to “prevent” a serious health condition by detecting problems early on. Preventive care includes screenings, tests, medicines and counseling performed or prescribed by your doctor or other health care provider to test for conditions which may develop even when you don’t have signs or symptoms of an injury or illness. Your provider is able to deliver treatment which can prevent you from getting sick and by counseling you on beneficial lifestyle changes or offering prophylactic treatment.

## *Why is Preventive Care Important?*

- Detection of health conditions early, when they are more easily treatable
- Identification of potential risks to your future health
- Provide adults with immunizations for illnesses such as influenza and pneumonia, as well as booster shots and required immunizations for children

## *Difference Between Preventive and Diagnostic Services*

A preventive procedure starts with the intent of confirming your good health although you may appear asymptomatic. Diagnostic services differ in that they are requested in order to identify the cause of a reported health condition.

### **Services are considered Preventive Care when a person:**

- Does not have symptoms indicating an abnormality
- Has had a screening done within the recommended age and gender guidelines with the results being considered normal
- Has had a diagnostic service with normal results, after which the physician recommends future preventive care screenings using the appropriate age and gender guidelines
- Has a preventive service that results in diagnostic care or treatment being done at the same time and as an integral part of the preventive service (e.g. polyp removal during a preventive colonoscopy), subject to benefit plan provisions

### **Services are considered Diagnostic Care when:**

- Services are ordered due to current issues or symptoms(s) that require further diagnosis
- Abnormal test results on a previous preventive or diagnostic screening test requires further diagnostic testing or services
- Abnormal test results found on a previous preventive or diagnostic service requires the same test be repeated sooner than the normal age and gender guideline recommendations would require