

Section 4 - Benefits and services

Medi-Cal benefits covered by PHC California

What your health plan covers

This chapter explains your covered services as a member of PHC California. Your covered services are free as long as they are medically necessary and provided by an innetwork provider. You must ask us for pre-approval (prior authorization) if the care is out-of-network except for sensitive services, emergencies and some urgent care services. Your health plan may cover medically necessary services from an out-of-network provider. But you must ask PHC California for pre-approval (prior authorization) for this. Medically necessary services are reasonable and necessary to protect your life, keep you from becoming seriously ill or disabled, or reduces severe pain from a diagnosed disease, illness or injury. For more details on your covered services, call 1-800-263-0067 (TTY 711).

Some of the basic health benefits PHC California offers are listed below. Benefits with a star (*) may need pre-approval.

- Acupuncture*
- Acute (short-term treatment) home health therapies and services
- Adult immunizations (shots)
- Allergy testing and injections
- Ambulance services for an emergency
- Anesthesiologist services
- Asthma prevention
- Audiology*
- Behavioral health treatments*
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Chiropractic services*
- Chemotherapy & Radiation therapy
- Cognitive health assessment
- Community health worker services
- Dialysis/hemodialysis services
- Durable medical equipment (DME)*
- Emergency room visits

- Enteral and parenteral nutrition*
- Family planning office visits and counseling (you can go to a nonparticipating provider)
- Habilitative services and devices*
- Hearing aids
- Home health care*
- Hospice care*
- Inpatient medical and surgical care*
- Lab and radiology*
- Long-term home health therapies and services*
- Maternity and newborn care
- Major organ transplant*
- Occupational therapy*
- Orthotics/prostheses*
- Ostomy and urological supplies
- Outpatient hospital services

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- Outpatient mental health services
- Outpatient surgery*
- Palliative care*
- PCP visits
- Pediatric services
- Physical therapy*
- Podiatry services*
- Pulmonary rehabilitation
- Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing
- Rehabilitation services and devices*

- Skilled nursing services
- Specialist visits
- Speech therapy*
- Surgical services
- Telemedicine/Telehealth
- Transgender services*
- Urgent care
- Vision services*
- Women's health services

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Outpatient (ambulatory) services

Cognitive health assessments

PHC California covers an annual brief cognitive health assessment for members who are 65 years of age or older, and are otherwise not eligible for a similar assessment as part of an annual wellness visit under the Medicare Program. A cognitive health assessment looks for signs of Alzheimer's disease or dementia.