

THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 218 of 1956

500.3811 Basic core benefits; availability; sale of certain benefits prohibited; designations, structure, language, and format; other designations; requirements; applicability of section.

Sec. 3811.

(1) An insurer shall make available to each prospective medicare supplement policyholder and certificate holder a policy form or certificate form containing only the basic core benefits as provided in section 3807.

(2) Groups, packages, or combinations of medicare supplement benefits other than those listed in this section shall not be offered for sale in this state except as may be permitted in section 3809(1)(k).

(3) Benefit plans shall contain the appropriate A through L designations, shall be uniform in structure, language, and format to the standard benefit plans in subsection (5), and shall conform to the definitions in this chapter. Each benefit shall be structured in accordance with sections 3807 and 3809 and list the benefits in the order shown in subsection (5). For purposes of this section, "structure, language, and format" means style, arrangement, and overall content of a benefit.

(4) In addition to the benefit plan designations A through L as provided under subsection (5), an insurer may use other designations to the extent permitted by law.

(5) A medicare supplement insurance benefit plan shall conform to 1 of the following:

(a) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan A shall be limited to the basic core benefits common to all benefit plans as defined in section 3807.

(b) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan B shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807 and the medicare part A deductible as defined in section 3809(1)(a).

(c) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan C shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, medicare part B deductible, and medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (c), and (h).

(d) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan D shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country, and the at-home recovery benefit as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (h), and (j).

(e) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan E shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country, and preventive medical care as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (h), and (i).

(f) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan F shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, medicare part B deductible, 100% of the medicare part B excess charges, and medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (c), (e), and (h). A standardized medicare supplement plan F high deductible shall include only the following: 100% of covered expenses following the payment of the annual high deductible plan F deductible. The covered expenses include the core benefits as defined in section 3807, plus the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, the medicare part B deductible, 100% of the medicare part B excess charges, and medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (c), (e), and (h). The annual high deductible plan F deductible shall consist of out-of-pocket expenses, other than premiums, for services covered by the medicare supplement plan F policy, and shall be in addition to any other specific benefit deductibles. The annual high deductible plan F deductible is \$1,790.00 for calendar year 2006, and the secretary shall adjust it annually thereafter to reflect the change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the 12-month period ending with August of the preceding year, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.00.

(g) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan G shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, 80% of the medicare part B excess charges, medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country, and the at-home recovery benefit as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (d), (h), and (j).

(h) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan H shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, basic outpatient prescription drug benefit, and medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (f), and (h). The outpatient drug benefit shall not be included in a medicare supplement policy sold after December 31, 2005.

(i) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan I shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, 100% of the medicare part B excess charges, basic outpatient prescription drug benefit, medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country, and at-home recovery benefit as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (e), (f), (h), and (j). The outpatient drug benefit shall not be included in a medicare supplement policy sold after December 31, 2005.

(j) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan J shall include only the following: the core benefits as defined in section 3807, the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, medicare part B deductible, 100% of the medicare part B excess charges, extended outpatient prescription drug benefit, medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country, preventive medical care, and at-home recovery benefit as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (c), (e), (g), (h), (i), and (j). A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan J high deductible plan shall consist of only the following: 100% of covered expenses following the payment of the annual high deductible plan J deductible. The covered expenses include the core benefits as defined in section 3807, plus the medicare part A deductible, skilled nursing facility care, medicare part B deductible, 100% of the medicare part B excess charges, extended outpatient prescription drug benefit, medically necessary emergency care in a foreign country, preventive medical care benefit and at-home recovery benefit as defined in section 3809(1)(a), (b), (c), (e), (g), (h), (i), and (j). The annual high deductible plan J deductible shall consist of out-of-pocket expenses, other than premiums, for services covered by the medicare supplement plan J policy, and shall be in addition to any other specific benefit deductibles. The annual deductible shall be \$1,790.00 for calendar year 2006, and the secretary shall adjust it annually thereafter to reflect the change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers for the 12-month period ending with August of the preceding year, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$10.00. The outpatient drug benefit shall not be included in a medicare supplement policy sold after December 31, 2005.

(k) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan K shall consist of only those benefits described in section 3807(2)(a).

(l) A standardized medicare supplement benefit plan L shall consist of only those benefits described in section 3807(2)(b).

(6) This section applies to medicare supplement policies or certificates delivered or issued for delivery on or after June 2, 1992 with an effective date for coverage prior to June 1, 2010.

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