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RE: BENEFIT CHANGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013

Dear Valued Culinary Provider:

Please be advised the Culinary Health Fund will be implementing the following changes to our eligible participant and dependent benefits effective January 1, 2013.

Outpatient Laboratory Services - Participants and their dependents may use any contracted, non-Hospital affiliated, freestanding lab facility (CPL, LabCorp, Quest). Hospital laboratory services are covered for Hospital-based preoperative/diagnostic services only.

Orthotic Shoe Inserts - One (1) pair or two (2) inserts per eligible person are covered every five (5) years. Orthotic shoe inserts must be prescribed by a PPO podiatrist or PPO orthopedic physician. In addition, orthotic shoe inserts are only covered if provided by a PPO podiatrist, PPO physician or PPO orthotic provider.

Compression Stockings - The number of stockings covered per calendar year has changed to three (3) pair. Prior authorization for custom compression stockings is still required.

Life Saver Plan - The temporary Life Saver Plan (LSP) we started in 2009 ends on December 31, 2012.

Culinary Extra Clinic - The Circle of Care Program has ended. The new Medical Home Program, "Culinary Extra" is for eligible participants over 18 years of age with multiple chronic conditions.

Prescription Copayments - The copays for prescriptions when filled at a retail pharmacy have changed and are as follows:

- Tier 1 – Generic: \$10 copay
- Tier 2 – Brand: \$20 copay
- Tier 3 - Exclusive: \$35 copay

Please Note: Covered generic prescriptions are still **FREE** at the Culinary Pharmacy.

BRCA and other Genetic Testing – Reimbursement for genetic testing is only payable with prior authorization and only when it is medically necessary. In addition, genetic counseling may be required prior to genetic testing.

Elective Procedure or Surgery – No benefits are payable for services or supplies furnished in connection with an elective procedure or surgery when performed in a non-contracted Hospital or Ambulatory Surgery Center. In addition, any physician charges in connection with an elective procedure or surgery performed in a non-contracted Hospital or Ambulatory Surgery Center are not payable.

If you have any questions regarding this update, please feel free to contact Provider Services at (702) 892-7313, option 2.

Sincerely,

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