



FLORIDA OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION
Life and Health Product Review Unit

The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (Office) has developed the following worksheet to assist companies making PPACA (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)-compliant form filings. The Office encourages companies to download, complete, scan and upload this form as a part of the form filing submitted to the O682ffice via I-File. This will expedite the review process and increase speed to market. This worksheet will be updated on a continuing basis as additional federal guidance is issued. You are encouraged to use the most recently updated version. The worksheet may not contain all of the PPACA requirements. The Office offers this worksheet as guidance only, and should not be considered a directive by the Office.

HMO Small and Large Group Contract Worksheet
Florida Provisions (Blue); PPACA Provisions (Red)
(GP) Grandfather Plan; (NGP) Non-Grandfather Plan; (EHB) Essential Health Benefits;
(CFR) Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, unless otherwise indicated; (PHSA) Public Health Service Act

Statute/Rule	Description	Yes	No	N/A	Page #
690-191.051	Review filings for correct product codes, properly completed UDL, inclusion of all required documents for a complete review and other requirements. Incorrect product codes and incomplete filings will be returned as incomplete with a letter of explanation.				
690-191.051	Required information to be submitted within the filing.				
690-191.051	Provide the form number(s), date(s) of approval, Florida file number(s), (e.g. FLH 10-23456), and type of coverage of all policies or other related forms to be used or issued in connection with the form(s) submitted.				
690-191.051(2)	All contracts and related forms shall contain a unique form number in the lower left corner.				
	Required Policy Contents:				
690-191.033(1)(j)	Access to services. The contract shall state where and in what manner the comprehensive healthcare services may be obtained.				
690-191.039(17)	The names, addresses and phone numbers of physicians, clinics, hospitals, etc. must be provided to subscribers.				

<p>PPACA 1001 PHSA 2711 CFR 147.126 CFR 147.140</p>	<p>Annual and lifetime limits. Plans may not establish lifetime or annual limits on the dollar value of essential health benefits (EHB). Plans may still impose annual and lifetime limits on specific covered benefits that are not EHB. (Lifetime limits apply to all plans, including GP. Annual limits apply to all plans except individual GP).</p> <p>Issuers are not prohibited from excluding all benefits for a condition. However, if any benefits are provided for a condition, then the provisions related to annual and lifetime limits apply. Other requirements of Federal or State law may require coverage of certain benefits.</p> <p>A group health plan, or group or individual health insurance coverage that on March 23, 2010, did not impose an overall annual or lifetime limit on the dollar value of all benefits ceases to be a GP if the plan or health insurance coverage imposes an overall annual limit on the dollar value of benefits.</p>				
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682	Arbitration. If included, arbitration must be on a voluntary basis. Two or more parties 'may' agree in writing; cannot have binding arbitration in contracts.				
CFR 147.140(a)(2)	<p>Benefit and plan description/statements required to be in a GP. Plan materials provided to an insured or subscriber must describe the benefits provided under the plan, identify the plan as a "grandfathered health plan" within the meaning of PPACA Section 1251 and include contact information for questions or complaints.</p> <p>The following model language may be used:</p> <p><i>"This health plan believes this coverage is a PPACA grandfathered health plan. As permitted by the ACA, a grandfathered health plan means that your plan may not include certain consumer protections of the ACA that apply to other plans, for example, the requirements for the provision of preventive health services without any cost sharing. However, grandfathered health plans must comply with certain other consumer protections in the ACA, for example, the elimination of lifetime limits on benefits.</i></p> <p><i>Questions regarding which protections apply and which protections do not apply to a grandfathered health plan and what might cause a plan to change from grandfathered health plan status can be directed to the plan administrator at [insert contact info]. [For individual policies and nonfederal governmental plans, insert: You may also contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at www.healthreform.gov]"</i></p>				
641.31(3)(b)	Change in rates: A change in rates requires at least 30-days advance written notice to the subscriber.				
641.312 PPACA 1001 PHSA 2719 CFR 147.136 29 CFR 2560.503-1	<p>Claims procedures. Comply with Office rules administering the NAIC Uniform Health Carrier External Review Model Act, (April 2010), unless HMO contract is subject to the Subscriber Assistance Program under s. 408.7056, F.S., or provides the types of benefits or coverages provided under s. 627.6561(5)(b)-(e), F.S., issued in any market.</p> <p>The issuer is required to include a description of procedures and applicable time frames for claims, obtaining prior approval; preauthorization; and utilization review. Detailed procedures set forth in PPACA implementing regulations. Applicable to group and individual health plans that are NGP.]</p>				

<p>641.3921 641.3922 641.185(1)(h) 69O-191.039(14)</p>	<p>Conversion and termination of eligibility; conversion contracts.</p>				
<p>627.4235(1) 641.31(7) 69O-191.033(1)(q) 69O-191.039(10)</p>	<p>Coordination of benefits. A HMO is entitled to coordinate benefits on the same basis as an insurer under s. 627.4235. Under s. 627.4235, the contract must contain a coordination of benefits provision.</p>				
<p>641.19(5) 641.31(4), (12), (36) 69O-191.033(1)(g) 69O-191.035 69O-191.039(16)</p> <p>PPACA 1302(c) PHSA 2707 CFR 156.130(a)(2) 80 FR 10824-25</p>	<p>“Copayment” means a specific dollar amount, except as otherwise provided for by statute, that the subscriber must pay upon receipt of covered health care services. Copayments may not be established in an amount that will prevent a person from receiving a covered service or benefit as specified in the subscriber contract approved by the office.</p> <p>Group and non-group subscriber contracts shall include all elements contained in this section: co-payment features, if any.</p> <p>The contract shall clearly define the co-payment required to be paid by the subscriber/member. The contract shall clearly define any cost sharing features, the financial responsibility of the subscriber/member, and how the subscriber/member obligation is determined. In the case of a high deductible contract, as defined in Section 641.20185, F.S., the deductible established under the contract must be satisfied before the application of any co-payments.</p> <p>A HMO may increase the copayment for any benefit, or delete, amend, or limit any of the benefits to which a subscriber is entitled under the group contract only upon written notice to the contract holder at least 45 days in advance of the time of coverage renewal. The 45-day time limit does not apply if the changes are at the request of the contract holder.</p> <p><u>Cost-sharing annual limits.</u> For the 2016 Plan Year, all NGP group health plans must adopt an annual cost sharing limit for covered, in-network essential health benefits as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for self-only coverage, \$6,850. • for other than self-only coverage, \$13,700. <p>Beginning in PY 2016, self-only limits are embedded into family plans—the limit for self-only coverage applies to all individuals regardless of whether the individual is covered by a self-only plan or is covered by a plan that is other than self-only. In both of these cases, an individual’s cost sharing for EHB may never exceed the self-only annual limitation on cost sharing. (Reduced cost-sharing does not apply to group plans.)</p>				

<p>CFR 156.130(c) 80 FR 10824</p> <p>CFR 156.130(g) CFR 147.138(b)(3)</p>	<p>Cost-sharing/out-of-network benefits:</p> <p>1. For plans using a network of providers, cost sharing paid by, or on behalf of, an enrollee for benefits provided outside of the network are not required to count toward the annual limitation on cost sharing.</p> <p>2. Any cost-sharing requirement expressed as a copayment amount or coinsurance rate imposed with respect to a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee for out-of-network emergency services cannot exceed the cost-sharing requirement imposed with respect to a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee if the services were provided in-network. However, a participant, beneficiary, or enrollee may be required to pay, in addition to the in-network cost-sharing, the excess of the amount the out-of-network provider charges over the greater of the amount 1) negotiated with in-network providers for the emergency service furnished; 2) the amount for the emergency service calculated using the same method the plan generally uses to determine payments for out-of-network services, or 3) that would be paid under Medicare for the emergency service. In all three cases, excluding any in-network copayment or coinsurance imposed with respect to the participant, beneficiary, or enrollee.</p> <p>3. Any cost-sharing requirement other than a copayment or coinsurance requirement (such as a deductible or out-of-pocket maximum) may be imposed with respect to emergency services provided out of network if the cost-sharing requirement generally applies to out-of-network benefits. A deductible may be imposed with respect to out-of-network emergency services only as part of a deductible that generally applies to out-of-network benefits. If an out-of-pocket maximum generally applies to out-of-network benefits, that out-of-pocket maximum must apply to out-of-network emergency services.</p>				
<p>PPACA 1001 PHSA 2713 CFR 147.130(a)(2)</p>	<p>Cost sharing for office visits. (N/A to GP). Insurers may have cost sharing for office visits. Examples of allowed cost sharing include the preventative service is billed separately from an office visit and the preventative service is not the primary purpose of the office visit and is not billed separately.</p> <p>Cost sharing for office visits is not allowed where the preventative service is the primary purpose of the visit and is not billed separately from the office visit.</p> <p>Plans that have a network of providers may impose cost sharing for preventive items and services delivered by out-of-network providers.</p> <p>A plan may impose cost sharing for a treatment not described in the regulations, even if that treatment results from an item or service that is described in the regulations.</p>				
<p>PPACA 1402</p>	<p>Cost sharing includes deductibles, coinsurance, co-payments, or similar charges; and any other expenditure required of an insured individual which is a qualified medical expense for EHB covered under the plan. Defines "qualified medical expense."</p>				
<p>641.31071(5)(a)</p>	<p>Creditable Coverage (GP). Coverage as outlined must be applied to reduce any pre-existing condition.</p>				
<p>641.31(23)</p>	<p>Defenses. "Time Limit on Certain Defenses" provision.</p>				
<p>690-191.033(1)(a) 690-191.039(1)</p>	<p>Definitions. Group and non-group subscriber contracts shall include definitions. When certificates or member handbooks are given to the subscriber in lieu of a subscriber contract, the certificate/member handbook must contain definitions.</p>				

<p>PPACA 1302(b)(4) CFR 156.125(a)</p> <p>80 FR 10822</p>	<p>Discrimination/benefit design.</p> <p>An issuer does not provide EHB if its benefit design, or the implementation of its benefit design, discriminates based on an individual's age, expected length of life, present or predicted disability, degree of medical dependency, quality of life, or other health conditions.</p> <p>Three examples of potentially discriminatory practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. attempting to circumvent coverage of medically necessary benefits by labeling them a pediatric service. 2. refusing to cover a single-tablet drug regimen or extended-release product customarily prescribed and just as effective as a multi-tablet regimen, absent an appropriate reason for such refusal. 3. placing most or all drugs that treat a specific condition on the highest cost tiers. 				
<p>641.31073</p> <p>PHSA 2705 CFR 146.121 CFR 147.110(a)</p>	<p>Discrimination/health status.</p> <p>Discrimination based on health status (GP). A HMO offering group coverage may not establish rules of eligibility to enroll based on certain specified health-status related factors.</p> <p>Discrimination based on health status is prohibited. (NGP) A plan may not establish rules for eligibility based on any of the following health-related factors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health status • Medical condition • Claims experience • Receipt of health care • Medical history • General information • Evidence of insurability (including conditions arising out of domestic violence or participation in activities such as motorcycling, snowmobiling, etc.) • Disability <p>Any other health-status related factor deemed appropriate by the HHS Secretary.</p>				
<p>627.419</p> <p>641.19(12)(d)</p> <p>641.31(28)</p> <p>PPACA 1201 PHSA 2706 CCIIO ACA FAQs – Set 15</p>	<p>Discrimination/providers</p> <p>Provider parity</p> <p>Physicians licensed under Chapters 458, 459, 460 and 461: allopathic, osteopaths, chiropractors and podiatrists. (Section 458 defines physician to mean a person who is licensed to practice medicine in this state.)</p> <p>A health maintenance organization may not discriminate against or fail to contract with a hospital, based solely on the fact that the hospital's medical staff is comprised of physicians licensed under chapter 459.</p> <p>Discrimination against providers. (N/A to GP). Issuers may not discriminate against any provider operating within their scope of practice. Note: This law does not require that a plan contract with any willing provider and does not prohibit tiered networks. QHPs must ensure a sufficient choice of providers in a manner consistent with network adequacy provisions.</p>				

45CFR146.111(a)(3)(i)-(iii)	Enrollment date. Means the first day of coverage or, if there is a waiting period, the first day of the waiting period. If an individual receiving benefits under a group health plan changes benefit packages, or if the plan changes group health insurance issuers, the individual's enrollment date does not change.				
CFR 146.117(a)(3) & (4)	Enrollment request. The plan must allow an employee a period of at least 30 days after an event to request enrollment for the employee or the employee's dependent. Events: loss of eligibility for coverage as a result of legal separation, divorce, cessation of dependent status, death of an employee, termination of employment, reduction in number of hours employment and any loss of eligibility for coverage.				
CFR 147.104(b)(1)(C) CFR 155.720(e) CFR 155.725(a)(e) & (h) CFR 155.720(e)	Effective date notification. For plan years beginning before 1/1/17, the SHOP must ensure that a QHP issuer notifies a qualified employee enrolled in a QHP through the SHOP of the effective date of coverage. For plan years beginning on or after 1/1/17, the SHOP must ensure that a QHP issuer notifies an enrollee enrolled in a QHP through the SHOP of the effective date of coverage. When a primary subscriber and his or her dependents live at the same address, a separate notice of the effective date of coverage need not be sent to each dependent at that address, provided that the notice sent to each primary subscriber at that address contains all required information about the coverage effective date for the primary subscriber and his or her dependents at that address.				
CFR 147.104(1)(i) CFR 155.725(a) & (h)(1) CFR 155.725(h)(2)	Effective dates of coverage/annual enrollment periods. Coverage in the group market, and large group market if coverage is offered through a SHOP, becomes effective consistent with dates applicable to SHOP in CFR 155.725. Coverage effective dates. SHOP must establish effective dates of coverage for qualified employees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolling in coverage for the first time, and • enrolling during the annual open enrollment period prior to the completion of the employer's plan year. Coverage effective dates applicable both inside and outside a SHOP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll 1st-15th day of month, effective Day 1 of following month • Enroll 16th-last day of month, effective Day 1 of 2nd following month 				

<p>641.31072</p> <p>CFR 147.106(b)(5)</p> <p>155.420(b)(1)-(2)</p> <p>CFR 155.420((b)(3)</p>	<p>Effective dates of coverage/special enrollment periods.</p> <p>If an individual seeks to enroll a dependent during the first 30 days of a dependent special enrollment period, coverage shall become effective in the case of marriage, not later than the first day of the first month beginning after the date the completed request for enrollment is received; in the case of a dependent's birth, as of the date of such birth; in the case of a dependent's adoption or placement for adoption, the date of such adoption or placement for adoption.</p> <p>Coverage must become effective consistent with dates in CFR 155.420, both inside and outside of (SHOP) Exchange</p> <p>Regular effective dates—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enroll 1st-15th day of month, effective Day 1 of following month • Enroll 16th-last day of month, effective Day 1 of 2nd following month <p>Special effective dates—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of event or may permit the enrollee to elect Day 1 of the following month: For birth, adoption or placement for adoption, or placement in foster care. • Day 1 of following month: For marriage or loss of minimum essential coverage. • The date of the triggering event or the regular effective dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ enrollment or nonenrollment is unintentional; ○ enrollment or nonenrollment is the result of error or misrepresentation or inaction of the Exchange or HHS QHP in which person was enrolled violated a material provision of the contract relative to the enrollee; ○ where enrollee meets other exceptional circumstances.or qualified individual was not enrolled in QHP coverage as a result of misconduct on the part of a non-Exchange entity providing enrollment assistance or activity. <p>A (SHOP) Exchange may set earlier effective dates for certain special enrollment periods.</p>				
<p>45CFR146.111(a)(3)(i)-(iii)</p>	<p>Enrollment date. Means the first day of coverage or, if there is a waiting period, the first day of the waiting period. If an individual receiving benefits under a group health plan changes benefit packages, or if the plan changes group health insurance issuers, the individual's enrollment date does not change.</p>				

<p>641.31(22)</p> <p>CFR 147.104(b)(1) CFR 147.104(a) CFR 155.725(b)</p> <p>CFR 155.725(e)</p> <p>CFR 155.725(c)</p>	<p>Enrollment periods/annual open enrollment.</p> <p>HMOs offering a group plan must have at least one open enrollment period of not less than 30 days every 18 months. Such open enrollment periods are required for as long as the group exists unless the HMO and the employer mutually agree to a shorter period of time than 18 months.</p> <p>(N/A to GP) A health insurance issuer in the group market must allow a qualified employer to purchase coverage for a small group health plan at any point during the year. Enrollment in the SHOP is on a rolling basis. Insurers may impose an annual enrollment period from November 15 to December 15 for plan sponsors unable to comply with a employer contribution or group participation rules as allowed under applicable state law and as permitted by §156.285.</p> <p>The SHOP must establish a uniform enrollment timeline and process for all QHP issuers and qualified employers to follow. The SHOP must provide advance notice to a qualified employer of the annual open enrollment period.</p> <p>The SHOP must provide qualified employers with a standard election period prior to completion of the employer's plan year and before the annual employee open enrollment period, in which the employer may change its participation in the SHOP for the next plan year.</p> <p>Employers may offer one health plan to their employees, or choose a coverage category, like Bronze or Silver, and allow employees to select any plan in that category. The plan year must consist of a 12-month period.</p> <p><u>Length:</u> The SHOP must establish a standardized annual open enrollment period for qualified employees prior to the completion of the applicable qualified employer's plan year and after that employer's annual election period.</p> <p>Enrollees must be provided 30 calendar days after the date of the qualifying event.</p> <p>A newly qualified employee must have at least 30 days from the beginning of his or her enrollment period to select a QHP. The enrollment period must end no sooner than 15 days prior to the date that any applicable employee waiting period longer than 45 days would end if the employee made a plan selection on the first day of becoming eligible.</p>				
<p>641.31072</p>	<p>Enrollment periods/special enrollment.</p> <p>Special enrollment period. (GP) A group contract shall permit an employee who is eligible, but not enrolled, for coverage or a dependent of such an employee if the dependent is eligible but not enrolled, to enroll for coverage if certain conditions are met.</p> <p><u>Length:</u> Employee special enrollment period. The employee must request enrollment not later than 30 days after the date of exhaustion or termination of prior coverage.</p> <p>Dependent special enrollment period shall be for not less than 30 days and begin on the later of the date dependent coverage is made available; or the date of the marriage, birth, or adoption (or placement).</p>				

<p>CFR 155.725(j)(2) CFR 155.420(d) 80FR 10798</p>	<p>Enrollment periods/special enrollment (continued).</p> <p>SHOP</p> <p><u>Qualifying events:</u> A SHOP Exchange must provide special enrollment periods, during which qualified employees or dependents may enroll in QHPs (or SADPs) and enrollees may change QHPs (or SADPs), if one of the following triggering events occur:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A qualified individual or dependent loses minimum essential coverage; is enrolled in any non-calendar year group health plan or individual health insurance coverage (outside of an Exchange, including grandfathered and transitional plans), even if the qualified individual or his or her dependent has the option to renew such coverage; loses pregnancy-related coverage under Medicaid; or loses medically needy coverage (Medicaid). [Note: See 26 CFR 54-9801-6(a)(3)(i)- (iii).; “loss of coverage” does not include voluntary termination or other loss due to nonpayment of premiums, including COBRA premiums and situations allowing for rescission.] 2. A qualified individual gains a dependent or becomes a dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption or in foster care; 3. A qualified individual's enrollment or non-enrollment in a QHP is unintentional, inadvertent, or erroneous and is the result of the error, misrepresentation, or inaction of an officer, employee, or agent of the Exchange or HHS, or its instrumentalities as evaluated and determined by the Exchange. In such cases, the Exchange may take such action as may be necessary to correct or eliminate the effects of such error, misrepresentation, or inaction; 4. Enrollee adequately demonstrates to the Exchange that the QHP in which he or she is enrolled substantially violated a material provision of its contract in relation to the enrollee; 5. A qualified individual or enrollee gains access to new QHPs as a result of a permanent move; 6. An Indian may enroll in a QHP or change from one QHP to another one time per month; 7. A qualified individual or enrollee demonstrates to the Exchange, in accordance with guidelines issued by HHS, that the individual meets other exceptional circumstances as the Exchange may provide; 8. Exchange determines that a qualified individual, enrollee, or dependent did not enroll in QHP coverage or is eligible but not receiving premium tax credits or reduced cost sharing as a result of misconduct on the part of a non-Exchange entity providing enrollment assistance. 9. A qualified employee or dependent becomes (newly) eligible for assistance under a SHOP, Medicaid or CHIP, or ineligible for coverage under Medicaid or CHIP <p>The SHOP must provide an employee who becomes a qualified employee outside of the annual open enrollment period an enrollment period beginning on the first day of becoming a qualified employee.</p>	
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<p>CFR 155.420(j) (3)</p>	<p>Enrollment periods/special enrollment (continued)</p> <p><u>Length:</u> The special enrollment period runs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 days from the date of the triggering event; (or .for qualifying events 3, 4, 7 and 8, an Exchange may define the length of the enrollment period as appropriate based on circumstances not to exceed 60 days. • 60 days from the date of the triggering event for those becoming newly eligible for assistance under a SHOP, Medicaid or CHIP or those losing eligibility for coverage under Medicaid or CHP. 				
<p>CFR 146.117(a)(3) & (4)</p>	<p>Enrollment request. The plan must allow an employee a period of at least 30 days after an event to request enrollment for the employee or the employee’s dependent. Events: loss of eligibility for coverage as a result of legal separation, divorce, cessation of dependent status, death of an employee, termination of employment, reduction in number of hours employment and any loss of eligibility for coverage.</p>				
<p>641.185(1)(h) 641.3111 690-191.039(14)</p>	<p>Extension of benefits provision. Termination of the contract by an HMO is without prejudice to any continuous loss commencing while coverage was in force. Extension of benefits upon contract termination for tally disabled subscribers. Extended benefits limited to accident/illness causing total disability and to pregnancy.</p>				
<p>641.31(15) 690-191.033(1)(f) 690-191.039(7)</p> <p>CFR 156.270(d)</p>	<p>Grace period. Contain a minimum grace period of 10 days for late payments.</p> <p>EXCHANGE ONLY (NGP). Individuals receiving an advanced premium tax credit and lose coverage due to non-payment of premium must be provided a 3-month grace period. The QHP must cover all allowable claims for the first month of the three-month grace period and may pend subsequent claims in the second and third months of the grace period. During the grace period, a QHP issuer will continue to collect subsidy payments on the delinquent enrollee’s behalf and return such payments of the premium tax credit for the 2nd and 3rd months of the grace period if the enrollee exhausts the grace period.</p>				
<p>641.185(1)(i) 641.31(5) 641.312 641.511 690-191.033(1)(o) 690-191.039(15)</p>	<p>Grievances. (GP) Every contract must contain an informal and formal grievance procedure and urgent grievance procedure. The contract shall include a clear and understandable description of the HMO method for resolving subscriber grievances.</p> <p>The Office may adopt rules to administer the provisions of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ Uniform Health Carrier External Review Model Act, issued by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and dated April 2010. This section does not apply to a health maintenance contract that is subject to the Subscriber Assistance Program under s. 408.7056 or to the types of benefits or coverages provided under s. 627.6561(5)(b)-(e) issued in any market.</p>				
<p>627.6699(5)</p> <p>PPACA 1201 PHSA 2702 CFR 146.150 CFR 147.104(a)</p>	<p>Guaranteed issue in small group market. (N/A to student health or bona fide association coverage.)</p> <p>A health insurance issuer that offers health insurance coverage in the small group or large group market in a State must offer to any individual or employer in the State all products that are approved for sale in the applicable market, and must accept any individual or employer that applies for any of those products.</p>				

<p>641.185(1)(h) 641.31074 69O-191.033(1)(h) 69O-191.039(4)</p> <p>PHSA 2703 CFR 146.152 CFR 147.106(a)</p>	<p>Guaranteed renewability of coverage. (GP) Coverage must be guaranteed renewable, subject to certain exceptions.</p> <p>Guaranteed renewability of coverage (NGP). A health insurance issuer offering health insurance coverage in the small group or large group market is required to renew or continue in force the coverage at the option of the plan sponsor or the individual, as applicable. For group insurance, insurers must renew or continue coverage at the option of the individual except for non-payment of premium, fraud, termination of plan, movement outside of service area or association membership ceases.</p>				
<p>69O-191.033(1)(l) 69O-191.033(4)</p>	<p>Limitations, exclusions and exceptions. All contractual limitations, exclusions and exceptions shall be grouped together with captions in bold-faced type and shall be printed with at least the same prominence as provisions that describe benefits.</p>				
<p>PHSA 2702(c) CFR 156.230 80 FR 10830</p>	<p>Network adequacy. Provider network consists of only providers contracted as in-network. The general availability of out-of-network providers may not be counted for purposes of meeting network adequacy requirements.</p> <p>Reasonable access standard adopted in the <i>2015 Letter to Insurers in the Federally-facilitated Marketplaces (March 14, 2014)</i>. All services must be accessible without unreasonable delay consistent with the network adequacy provisions of section 2702(c) of the Public Health Service Act. (Applicable to QHP in FFE.) A provider directory is easily accessible when the general public is able to view all current providers on the issuer's public Web site through a clearly identifiable link or tab and without creating or accessing an account or entering a policy number; and the general public is able to easily discern which providers participate in which plans and which provider networks, where there are multiple networks.</p> <p>For Plan Years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, a QHP issuer must publish an up-to-date, accurate, and complete provider directory, including information on which providers are accepting new patients, the provider's location, contact information, specialty, medical group, and any institutional affiliations, in a manner that is easily accessible.</p>				
<p>69O-191.033(1)(p)</p>	<p>Other factors. Any other factors necessary for complete understanding of what is covered and what is excluded by the contract.</p>				
<p>69O-191.033(1)(d)</p>	<p>Payment frequency. Payment on monthly, quarterly or other basis, with provision for change of mode if applicable.</p>				
<p>CFR 144.103</p>	<p>Plan and product defined. A “plan” is defined as “the pairing of health insurance coverage benefits under the product with a particular cost-sharing structure, provider network, and service area.” The “product” comprises all plans offered with those characteristics and the combination of the service areas for all plans offered within a product constitutes the total service area of the product.</p> <p>The plan will be considered the same plan if it has the same cost-sharing structure as before the modification, or any variation is solely related to changes in cost of utilization, or is to maintain the same metal tier; continues to cover a majority of the same service area and provider network. A state may permit greater changes to the cost-sharing structure, or designate a lower threshold for maintenance of the same provider network or service area to still be considered the same plan.</p>				

PPACA 1201 & 1255 PHSA 2704 CFR147.108 CFR 144.103	Preexisting conditions (NGP). A plan may not impose any preexisting condition exclusions.				
690-191.039(17)	Provider contact information. The names, addresses and phone numbers of physicians, clinics, hospitals, etc. must be provided to subscribers.				
641.31(3)(b)	Rate change notice. A change in rates requires at least 30 days advanced written notice to the subscriber. (For group members, there may be a contractual agreement to have the employer provide the notice.)				
641.31(6) 690-191.033(1)(c)	Rate of payments. The rate of payments must be stated in the contract.				
641.305 641.4145 CFR 155.205	Readability. All HMO contracts must be printed in English. Policies must have a minimum score of 45 on Flesch reading ease test. Plain language requirement (Exchange standard). Issuers must provide applicants and enrollees information in plain language and in a manner that is accessible and timely. Required notices must meet certain specified standards.				
641.31(8); 690-191.033(1)(s); 690-191.039(12)	Reimbursement. Provisions relating to the right of reimbursement pursuant to s. 641.31(8), F.S., shall be allowed, providing it is not in conflict with any applicable Florida Statute or the decisions of courts of competent jurisdiction which eliminate or restrict such rights.				
CFR 147.106(f)(2)	Renewal of coverage. An issuer in the small group market renewing a NGP, or uniformly modifying a NGP, must provide to each plan sponsor written notice of the renewal at least 60 calendar days before the date of the coverage will be renewed in a form and manner specified by the HHS Secretary.				
CFR 155.725(i)	Renewal of coverage. A qualified employee enrolled in a QHP through a SHOP who remains eligible for coverage will remain in the QHP selected the previous year, unless the employee terminates coverage from such QHP in accordance with standards identified in §155.430, or enrolls in another QHP if such an option exists; or the QHP is no longer available to the qualified employee.				
641.3108 690-191.039(4) PPACA 1001 PHSA 2712 CFR 147.128	Rescissions. Rescissions (GP/NGP). Coverage may be rescinded only for fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact as prohibited by the terms of the coverage. 30-day notice must be made to policyholder prior to cancellation.				
641.51(5)	Second opinions. The subscriber has a right to a second second medical opinion from participating / non-participating physicians and a 40% co-pay for non-participating physicians.				
641.185(1)(l) 690-191.033(1)(i); 690-191.039(3)	Services to be furnished and where and in what manner the comprehensive health care services may be obtained.				
690-191.033(1)(r) 690-191.039(11)	Subrogation. Provisions relating to the right of subrogation shall be allowed if it is not in conflict with any applicable Florida Statute or the decisions of courts of competent jurisdiction which eliminate or restrict such rights.				
690-191.039(18)	Term of coverage. Shall be no less than 12 months unless otherwise requested by the subscriber in writing. HMOs shall not offer or initiate this request during initial solicitation or prior to renewal.				

<p>69O-191.042</p> <p>CFR 155.430(b)(1), (d)(1)-(2) 80 FR 10800</p>	<p>Termination of coverage by the member.</p> <p>Termination of coverage by the insured (including member) (NGP).</p> <p>Exchange-only products The Exchange must permit an enrollee to terminate his or her enrollment in a QHP, including termination as a result of obtaining other minimum essential coverage, with appropriate notice to the Exchange or the QHP.</p> <p>To the extent an enrollee may terminate under existing state laws, including “free look” cancellation laws, the enrollee may do so in accordance with such laws.</p> <p>The termination date is the date specified by the enrollee, if the enrollee provides reasonable notice. If the enrollee does not, the last day of coverage is 14 days after the date the enrollee requests termination. “Reasonable notice” is defined as notice occurring 14 days before the requested effective date of termination. If the enrollee requests an earlier termination date and the enrollee’s QHP issuer agrees to termination in fewer than 14 days, then the date of termination is on or after the date requested by the enrollee.</p>				
<p>641.3108 69O-191.042</p>	<p>Termination of coverage by an insurer.</p> <p>Except for nonpayment of premium or termination of eligibility, no HMO may cancel or otherwise terminate or fail to renew a health maintenance contract without giving the subscriber at least 45 days’ notice in writing of the cancellation, termination, or nonrenewal of the contract. The written notice shall state the reason or reasons for the cancellation, termination, or nonrenewal. All HMO contracts must contain a clause which requires that this notice be given.</p> <p>Upon written notice, an HMO may cancel or terminate the coverage of a subscriber for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subscriber’s behavior is disruptive, unruly, abusive, unlawful, fraudulent or uncooperative to the extent that his continuing membership in the HMO seriously impairs the HMO’s ability to furnish services to either the subscriber or other subscribers. Prior to disenrolling a member,. • Fraud or material misrepresentation in applying for or presenting any claim for benefits under the HMO contract; • Misuse of the HMO identification membership card by the subscriber; • Furnishing to the HMO, by the subscriber, incorrect or incomplete information for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining coverage by the HMO; • The subscriber leaves the geographical service area of the HMO with the intent to relocate or establish a new residence outside of the HMO’s geographic service area; • A dependent of the subscriber reaches the limiting age under the HMO contract, provided that the termination shall only apply to coverage of the dependent. 				

<p>CFR 147.106(a)-(b)</p>	<p>Termination of coverage by an insurer (continued).</p> <p>Market-wide (not applicable to GP) Exceptions to guaranteed renewability. An issuer may nonrenew or discontinue health insurance coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for nonpayment of premium, fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact, violation of participation or contribution rules, by the plan sponsor or individual; • if discontinuing a particular product or all coverage in a given market or all markets: • if no enrollees under the plan still live, reside, or work in the service area of the issuer (or in the area for which the issuer is authorized to do business); or • for coverage made available in the small or large group market only through one or more bona fide associations, if the employer's membership in the bona fide association ceases, but only if the coverage is terminated uniformly. 				
<p>CFR 155.430(b)(2) CFR 156.270</p>	<p>Exchange-only products Termination of coverage by the Exchange or insurer for NGP. The Exchange may initiate termination of an enrollee's coverage in a QHP, and must permit a QHP issuer to terminate such coverage or enrollment, in the following circumstances with the following termination dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The enrollee is no longer eligible for coverage. In this case, the termination date is the last day of QHP coverage or eligibility; • Non-payment of premium, and the 3-month grace period required by 45 CFR 156.270 for advance payment of premium tax credits or any other applicable grace period has expired. In this case, the termination date is the last day of the first month of the 3-month grace period. • Non-payment of premium, and some other applicable grace period has been exhausted. In this case, the termination date is the date consistent with existing state laws regarding grace periods. • The enrollee changes plans during an open or special enrollment period. In this case, the last day of coverage in the prior QHP is the day before the effective date of coverage in the new QHP, including any retroactive enrollments/termination dates. • Death of the enrollee, with the effective date being the date of death. • The enrollee's coverage has been rescinded per 147.128 because the individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) performs an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud, or the individual makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of the plan or coverage. In this case, the issuer must provide a 30-day advance notice to each participant per 45 CFR 147.128(a) 				
<p>CFR 155.430(b)(2)(vi)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The QHP terminates or is decertified by the Exchange. • Any of the reasons for termination of coverage under CFR 147.106 (i.e., exceptions to guaranteed renewability). 				

<p>CFR 156.270(b)</p> <p>80 FR 10809</p> <p>CFR 155.430(c)</p>	<p>Termination notice. If a QHP issuer terminates an enrollee's coverage in accord with §155.430(b)(2)(i), (ii), or (iii), the QHP issuer must, promptly and without undue delay provide the enrollee with a notice of termination of coverage that includes the termination effective date and reason for termination.</p> <p>When a primary subscriber and his or her dependents live at the same address, a separate notice need not be sent to each dependent at that address, so long as the notice sent to each primary subscriber at that address contains all the required information about the termination for that primary subscriber and each of his or her dependents at that address.</p> <p>QHP issuers must maintain records of termination of coverage and send termination information to HHS, promptly and without undue delay.</p>				
<p>641.51(8)</p>	<p>Termination/other than cause. If a contract between an HMO and a provider is terminated for any reason other than for cause, each party shall allow HMO subscribers for whom treatment was active, to continue coverage through completion of medically necessary treatment, until the subscriber picks another provider, or during the next open enrollment period offered by the HMO, not to exceed 6 months or through postpartum care if pregnant.</p>				
<p>627.411</p>	<p>Terrorism exclusion. Terrorism cannot be excluded; companies must pay benefits to policyholders injured or killed by terrorist acts.</p>				
<p>641.31071 690-191.024(22) 690-191.033(1)(e) 690.191.039(2) & (8)</p> <p>PPACA 1251(a)(4)(A)(i) PHS 2708 CFR 146.111(a)(3)(iii) CFR 147.116(b)</p>	<p>Waiting periods. Group and non-group subscriber contracts shall include eligibility requirements for enrollment, including waiting periods for receiving services and any other restrictions.</p> <p>“Waiting period” is defined as “that period of time which may be specified in the policy and which must follow the date a person is initially insured under the policy before the coverage or coverages of the policy shall become effective as to such person.”</p> <p>Waiting periods may not exceed 90 days. Defines waiting period as “the period that must pass before coverage for an employee or dependent who is otherwise eligible to enroll under the terms of a group health plan can become effective. If an employee or dependent enrolls as a late enrollee or special enrollee, any period before such late or special enrollment is not a waiting period.” [Also applies to GP, per section 1251(a)(4)(A)(i).]</p> <p>If a group plan conditions eligibility of an employee by a specified number of hours of service per period, the period may not exceed 12 months and the number of cumulative hours-of-service may not exceed 1200 hours.</p>				
	<p>Mandated Coverages: Essential Health Benefits</p>				

<p>PPACA 1302 PHSA 2707 CFR 147.150(a) CFR 156.110(a)(1)-(10)</p>	<p>Essential health benefits. NGP; N/A to GP. Applicable to “small group” (as defined by PPACA). Health insurance issuers offering health insurance coverage in the individual market, both inside and outside of an Exchange, must offer a core package of items and services, known as “essential health benefits,” within at least the following 10 categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ambulatory patient services 2. Emergency services 3. Hospitalization 4. Maternity and newborn care 5. Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment 6. Prescription drugs 7. Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices 8. Laboratory services 9. Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management 10. Pediatric services, including oral and vision care 				
<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(A)</p>	<p>Ambulatory services. (NGP) Ambulatory services. Further guidance needed.</p>				
<p>641.31(12) 641.513(3) 690-191.024(6)</p> <p>PPACA 1001 & 1302(b)(1)(B) PHSA 2719A CFR 147.138(b)</p>	<p>Emergency services.</p> <p>(GP) The contract shall cover out-of-network emergency services without prior authorization by the HMO.</p> <p>The contract must cover emergency services and must not require prior authorization and limit coverage to only services and care at participating providers. Plan or issuer must provide coverage for services without imposing any administrative requirement or limitation on coverage that is more restrictive than the requirements or limitations that apply to emergency services received from in-network providers, with cost-sharing that is no greater than that which would apply for a participating provider, and without regard to any other restriction other than an exclusion or coordination of benefits, an affiliation or waiting period, and cost-sharing.</p> <p>The insured will be required to pay any excess out-of-network provider charges beyond the greatest of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount negotiated with in-network providers for the emergency services furnished, excluding any in-network copayments or coinsurance or, if more than one amount, then the median amount. • The amount for the emergency service calculated using the same method of the plan generally used to determine payments for out-of-network services (such as usual, customary and reasonable), excluding any in-network copayments or coinsurance. • The Medicare rate, excluding any in-network copayments or coinsurance. 				

<p>641.19(7) 69O-191.024(15)</p> <p>PPACA 1001 PHSA 2719A 42 USC 1395dd</p> <p>641.19(6) 69O-191.024(6) 69O-191.024(13) 69O-191.033(1)(m)</p> <p>PPACA 1001 PHSA 2719A 42 USC 1395dd</p>	<p>Definitions of emergency medical services and care.</p> <p>The terms “emergency medical services” and “stabilize” have the meaning as defined in PHSA 2719A and 42 USC 1395dd.</p> <p>Definition of emergency medical condition. The contract shall also contain a definition of emergency services per 69O- 191.024(6), including provisions covering in and out of area emergencies and minimum services.</p> <p>The term “emergency medical condition” has the meaning as provided in PHSA 2719A and 42 USC 1395dd.</p>				
<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(C)</p>	<p>Hospitalization.</p> <p>Further federal guidance needed.</p>				
<p>641.31(18)</p> <p>641.31(9) 69O-191.045</p>	<p>Maternity and newborn care.</p> <p>Maternity care. Contracts that cover normal maternity care shall provide the option to cover services of nurse-midwives, midwives licensed per Chapter 467 and birth centers. Must not limit coverage for length of a maternity/newborn stay in a hospital or for out-of-hospital follow-up care to any time period less than that which is medically necessary.</p> <p>Newborn children coverage from the moment of birth.</p>				

<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(D) PHSA 2725 CFR 146.130 CFR 156.115(a)(2)</p>	<p>Maternity and newborn care (continued).</p> <p>Maternity care: Any health policy that provides for maternity care may NOT restrict benefits for a hospital stay in connection with childbirth to less than <u>48 hours</u> following a vaginal delivery or <u>96 hours</u> following a delivery by cesarean section. (Newborn’s and Mother’s Health Protection Act (NMHPA) of 1996.). Hospital length of stay begins at the time of delivery if delivery occurs in a hospital and at time of admission if delivery occurs outside the hospital. In the case of multiple births, it begins at time of the last delivery. This section does not apply to any issuer that does not provide benefits for hospital lengths of stay in connection with childbirth for a mother or her newborn child.</p> <p>No prior authorization required for the 48/96 hour hospital stay. EXCEPTION: This does not apply if the provider, in consultation with the mother, decides to discharge the mother or the newborn prior to the minimum length of stay. The issuer may not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deny a mother or her newborn child eligibility or continued eligibility to enroll in or renew coverage solely to avoid the requirements of this section; • Provide payments or rebates to a mother to encourage her to accept less than the minimum protections under this section; • Penalize (for example, take disciplinary action against or retaliate against), or otherwise reduce or limit the compensation of, an attending provider because the provider furnished care to a covered individual in accordance with this section; • Restrict benefits for any portion of a hospital length of stay in a manner that is less favorable than the benefits provided for any preceding portion of the stay; • Provide monetary or other incentives to an attending provider to induce the provider to furnish care to a covered individual in a manner inconsistent with this section; and • Require a mother to give birth in a hospital; or stay in the hospital for a fixed period of time following childbirth. <p>Notice requirement. An issuer must notifies covered individuals of their rights using the “Statement of Rights Under the Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act.” These notice requirements do not apply with respect to coverage regulated under a state law if it provides for the same 48/96-hour hospital length of stay, requires maternity and pediatric care in accordance with guidelines for care following childbirth and requires that the hospital length of stay is left to the decision of the attending provider in consultation with the mother.</p>				
<p>627.668 627.669 627.6699(12)(b)7. Small Group</p>	<p>Mental and nervous disorders and substance abuse.</p> <p>Optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders and substance abuse (GP and applicable to major medical only.) Inpatient hospital benefits, partial hospitalization benefits, and outpatient benefits consisting of durational limits, dollar amounts, deductibles, and coinsurance factors shall not be less favorable than for physical illness generally, with several exceptions. These benefits must be made available to the policyholder funder a group plan for an appropriate additional premium. Substance abuse benefits in the form of an intensive treatment program must also be made available under a group plan for an additional premium.</p>				

<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(E) PPACA 1311(j) PHSA 2726 CFR 146.136 CFR 156.115(a)(3)</p>	<p>Mental and nervous disorders and substance abuse (continued).</p> <p>(GP/NGP) Provide MHSA disorder services, including behavioral health treatment, in compliance with PPACA, the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act and corresponding regulations.</p> <p>“Mental health benefits” (and “substance use disorder benefits”) (MHSA) means benefits with respect to items or services for mental health conditions (substance use disorders), as defined under the terms of the plan or health insurance coverage and in accord with applicable Federal/State law.</p> <p>Any condition (disorder) defined by the plan or coverage as being or not being a mental health condition (substance use disorder) must be defined consistent with generally recognized independent standards of current medical practice.</p> <p>The PPACA, through the MHPAE, defines parity in terms of the aggregate lifetime and annual dollar limits placed on medical/surgical benefits and financial requirements and treatment limitations.</p> <p>The PPACA annual and lifetime dollar limits include mental health and substance abuse disorders (MH/SUD) as part of the EHB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the plan places no limits or limits on less than 1/3rd of all medical /surgical benefits, then no such limits may be imposed on MH/SUD benefits. • If the plan places a limit on at least 2/3rds of all medical/surgical benefits, it must either: 1) apply the limits both to the medical/surgical benefits to which it would apply and to MH/SUD benefits in a manner that does not distinguish between MH/SUD; or 2) not include limitson MH/SUD benefits that are less than those placed on medical/surgical benefits. <p>Plans covering MHSA treatment services in addition to medical or surgical services may not impose financial requirements and treatment limitations upon mental health and substance abuse treatment services that are more restrictive than the predominant requirements and limitations that apply to substantially all medical and surgical services. Financial requirements include deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and out-of-pocket maximum, but excludes aggregate lifetime and annual dollar limit.</p> <p>If a NGP provides coverage for MHSA disorders, it may not impose less favorable benefits limitations than medical/surgical coverage.</p> <p>MHSA services may not be subject to separate cost-sharing requirements, and if a plan provides for out-of-network coverage of medical and surgical services, it must also provide out-of-network coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>PPACA includes both a small employer exemption and an increased cost exemption (actual cost increase of of more than 2% in first year and 1% in each plan year thereafter) from the requirements of the mental health parity provisions in CFR 146.136.</p>				
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<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(F); CFR 156.122(a)</p>	<p>Prescription drug benefits.</p> <p>To provide essential health benefits, a health plan must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. cover at least the greater of one drug in each U.S. Pharmacopeia category and class; or the same number of drugs in each category and class as the EHB–benchmark plan. (“Drug count standard”) 2. submit its formulary drug list to the Exchange and the State. 3. beginning in 2017, use a pharmacy and therapeutic (P & T) committee system meeting certain specified standards. Health plans must establish and maintain formulary drug lists in compliance with committee standards. 	
<p>CFR 156.122(c) 80 FR 10818</p>	<p><u>Exceptions Processes</u> (applies to non-formulary drugs; complements external review process in CFR 147.136 for denial of drugs on formulary) (“Review must begin following receipt of information sufficient to begin review”)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. External Exception Request Review (formulary drugs). For Plan Years beginning on or after 1/1/16, if a health plan denies a request for a standard exception or expedited exception, the health plan must have a process for having the original exception request reviewed by an independent organization. The health plan must make its determination on the external exception request within 72 hours if the original request was a standard exception request and 24 hours if it was an expedited exception request. If granted, the health plan must provide coverage for the duration of the prescription (standard exception) and the exigency (expedited exception). 2. Exceptions processes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Standard exception request. A health plan must notify the enrollee and prescribing physician of the determination within 72 hours after receiving the request. If granted, the plan must treat the non-formulary drug as an EHB, including by counting any cost sharing, and provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the prescription including refills. b. Expedited exception request. A health plan must have a process for requesting an expedited review based on exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist “when an enrollee is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize the enrollee’s life, health, or ability to regain maximum function or when an enrollee is undergoing a current course of treatment using a non-formulary drug.” The coverage determination must be made within 24 hours after receipt of the request. 	
<p>CFR 156.122(d) 80 FR 10819</p>	<p><u>List of Covered Drugs</u></p> <p>For Plan Years beginning on or after 1/1/16, a health plan must publish an up-to-date, accurate, and complete list of all covered drugs on the formulary drug list, including any tiering structure and any restrictions on the manner in which a drug can be obtained in a manner easily accessible to plan enrollees, and others. Restrictions include prior authorization, step therapy, quantity limits and access restrictions. Issuers are encouraged, but not required, to provide detailed cost-sharing information.</p>	
<p>CFR 156.122(e) 80 FR 10821</p>	<p><u>Accessing benefits.</u> For Plan Years beginning on or after 1/1/17, a plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must give enrollees the option of accessing prescription drug benefits at in-network retail pharmacies. • may charge enrollees a different cost sharing amount for obtaining a covered drug at a retail pharmacy, but all cost sharing, <i>including any difference between the cost-sharing for mail order and for retail</i>, must count towards the plans annual limit on cost sharing and must be taken into account when calculating the AV of the health plan. 	

<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(G) CFR 156.115(a)(5) CFR 156.110(f)</p>	<p>Rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices.</p> <p>Rehabilitative services and devices are an EHB but not defined in law. They generally mean “relearning existing skills or functions.”</p> <p>Habilitative services and devices defined using the same definition of habilitative services from the Uniform Glossary of Health Coverage and Medical Terms, effective beginning with PY 2016.</p> <p>Covers health care services and devices that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who is not walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings;</p> <p>May not impose limits on coverage of habilitative services and devices that are less favorable than any such limits imposed on coverage of rehabilitative services and devices; and</p> <p>For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, cover habilitative and rehabilitative services and devices with separate limits for each.</p>				
<p>PPACA 1302(b)(1)(H) CFR 156.110(a)(8)</p>	<p>Laboratory services.</p> <p>Further guidance needed</p>				

<p>PPACA 1001 & 1302(b)(1)(I) PHSA 2713 CFR 156.110(a)(9) CFR 147.130 CFR 156.115(a)(4)</p> <p>641.31095</p> <p>CFR 147.130</p> <p>641.31(26) 69O-191.037 59B-17.001</p> <p>CFR 147.130</p> <p>641.31(27)</p> <p>CFR 147.130</p> <p>CFR 147.131</p> <p>Joint FAQ 5/11/15 (HHS, Labor, Treasury)</p> <p>Joint FAQ 5/11/15 (HHS, Labor, Treasury)</p>	<p>Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management.</p> <p>Covers preventive services without cost-sharing requirements including deductibles, co-payments and co-insurance. Covered preventive services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of A or B in the current recommendations of the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF); • Immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the CDC; • Evidence-informed preventive care and screenings in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) guidelines for infants, children, adolescents, and women. <p>Current recommendations of the USPSTF regarding breast cancer screening, mammography, and prevention. Issuers must provide 60 days advance notice to enrollees before the effective date of any material modification in preventive benefits [PHSA 2715 (75 Fed Reg 41760)]</p> <p>Mammograms: The contract must provide coverage at specified intervals. Requires application to present option to purchase coverage without underwriting.</p> <p>Provides screenings every 1 to 2 years for women over 40 w/no cost-sharing if by in-network provider as part of preventive services.</p> <p>Diabetes (GP). Shall cover equipment, supplies and outpatient self-management training and education to treat diabetes.</p> <p>Diabetes, Type 2 screening for adults as part of preventive services with no cost sharing if performed by in-network provider. Diabetes coverage is included as an EHB with no cost sharing.</p> <p>Osteoporosis.</p> <p>Screening for women over age 60 depending on risk factors as part of preventive services, no cost sharing if performed by in-network provider.</p> <p>Contraceptives. Religious employers or organization are not required to provide approved contraception services for women through the group contract, however, the organization will establish, maintain, or arrange an accommodation with respect to the federal requirements by offering a separate individual policy to cover contraception services.</p> <p>Plans and issuers must cover without cost sharing at least one form of contraception in each of the methods (currently 18) that the FDA has identified for women in its current Birth Control Guide. This coverage must also include the clinical services, including patient education and counseling, needed for provision of the contraceptive method.</p> <p>Cancer screening. For women at increased risk for having a potentially harmful mutation in genes that suppress tumors – the BRCA-1 or BRCA-2 cancer susceptibility gene, a plan or issuer must cover the preventive screening, genetic counseling, and BRCA genetic testing with no cost-sharing, as long as the woman had not been diagnosed with BRCA-related cancer.</p>				
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<p>641.31(30)</p> <p>641.31(34)</p> <p>1302(b)(1)(J); PHS 2722(c)(1) and 2791(c)(2); CFR 156.110(a)(10)</p> <p>CFR 156.115(a)(6)</p>	<p>Pediatric services, including oral and vision care.</p> <p>HMO contracts providing coverage, benefits, or services for a member of the family of the subscriber must, as to such family member's coverage, benefits, or services, also provide that the benefits applicable for children include coverage for child health supervision services from the moment of birth to age 16 years.</p> <p>(GP) Any contract that provides coverage for anesthesia and hospitalization must provide for dental care to a person under age 8 if the dental condition is likely to result in a medical condition that if left untreated and the child's dentist and physician determine dental treatment in a hospital or ambulatory surgical center is necessary due to the complex nature of the procedure or due to a significant or undue medical risk.</p> <p>Dental and vision may be provided through a mix of comprehensive coverage plans or stand-alone coverage (45 CFR 156.150 and 1311(d)(2)(B)(ii) of PPACA) separate from the major medical coverage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEDVIP – Vision plan covers routine eye exams with refraction, corrective lenses and contact lenses. • FEDVIP – Dental (or Oral) plan coverage cleanings and fillings as well as advanced dental services such as root canals, crowns and medically necessary orthodontia. • Benefits available under the state CHIP Plan if one exists. <p>Pediatric services must be covered until the end of the month in which the enrollee turns 19.</p>				
Benefits Other Than Essential Health Benefits					
<p>690-191.033(1)(n) 690-191.039(5)</p>	<p>Additional family members. Provision for adding new family members.</p>				
<p>641.31(17) 690-191.039(6) 690-191.045</p>	<p>Adopted child or adopted newborn: Coverage from the moment of placement or the moment of birth of newborn.</p>				
<p>641.31098</p> <p>CFR 146.130</p> <p>PPACA 1311(j); PHSA 2726; CFR 146.136; CFR 56.115(a)(3)</p>	<p>Autism (GP; large group only). Well-baby and well-child screening for diagnosing autism. Treatment by speech, occupation and physician therapy and applied behavioral analysis. Limited to treatment prescribed by treating physicians in accordance with treatment plan. \$36,000 annual limit, not to exceed \$200,000 in total lifetime benefits.</p> <p>Screening for children at 18 and 24 months as part of preventive services. No cost sharing if performed by in-network provider.</p> <p>Included within mental health and substance abuse disorder services, including behavioral health treatment are an EHB (and therefore applicable to groups of 50 or less). If a plan provides coverage for mental health and substance abuse disorders, the plan may not impose less favorable benefits limitations on those benefits than on medical/surgical coverage.</p>				
<p>627.4236</p>	<p>Bone marrow transplant. An HMO may not exclude coverage for procedures recommended by the referring physician and the treating physician under a policy exclusion for experimental, clinical investigative, educational, or similar procedures. Coverage must include costs associated with the donor-patient (e.g., extraction costs) to the same extent as costs associated with the insured, except that the insurer may limit to the reasonable cost of searching for the donor.</p>				

627.66122 627.6699(12)(d)7 Small Group	Breast cancer. Routine follow-up care for a person who has been previously determined to be free of breast cancer does not constitute medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment.				
627.6419	An insurer may not deny the issuance or renewal of, or cancel a policy, nor include exception or exclusion of benefits in a policy solely because the insured has been diagnosed as having a fibrocystic condition.				
641.313	Cancer treatment drugs. An insurer may not exclude coverage of any drug prescribed for the treatment of cancer on the ground the drug is not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a particular indication, if the drug is recognized for the treatment of that indication.				
641.313	Plans providing coverage for cancer treatment medications must also cover those that are orally administered and may not apply cost-sharing requirements that are less favorable than those for intravenous treatment medications.				
641.31(30)	Child health supervision services				
641.31(35)	Cleft lip and cleft palate for children.				
PPACA 1201 PHSA 2709	Clinical trial participation (N/A to GP). A plan may not deny coverage for a “qualified” individual participating in an “approved clinical trial” for cancer or a life-threatening disease or condition, may not deny or limit coverage of routine patient costs for items and services provided in connection with the trial, and may not discriminate against participants in a clinical trial. Plans may not deny coverage because a member is participating in an approved clinical trial conducted outside of the state in which the member lives. Plans are not required to cover treatments that fall outside of the designated class of approved clinical trials, and A “qualified individual” is someone who is eligible to participate in an “approved clinical trial” and either the individual’s doctor has concluded that participation is appropriate or the individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that their participation is appropriate. An “approved clinical trial” is defined as a Phase I, II, III or IV clinical trial for the prevention, detection or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening condition or disease (or other condition described in PPACA.				
Joint FAQ 5/11/15 (HHS, Labor, Treasury)	Colonoscopies. Issuers cannot impose cost-sharing for anesthesia services performed in connection with preventive colonoscopies				

641.31(41) 627.6562	Dependent Coverage. If dependent coverage is included, the policy must insure a dependent child at least until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches the age of 25. Such a policy must also offer the policyholder or certificateholder the option of insuring the child until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches age 30.				
641.31(29)(a)-(b) PHSA 2714 CFR 147.120 CFR 155.710(e) Joint FAQ 5/11/15 (HHS, Labor, Treasury)	<p>Attainment of limiting age: Coverage does not terminate if child continues to be incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental retardation or physical handicap and is chiefly dependent on the member for support.</p> <p>(GP,NGP) Requires all plans offering dependent coverage to allow dependent children to remain on their parent’s plan until age 26. Eligible children are defined based on their relationship with the participant such as financial dependency, residency, student status, employment, eligibility for other coverage and marital status. Adult children up to age 26 may not be defined for purposes of eligibility other than in terms of the relationship between the child and insured. Policy terms for dependent coverage cannot vary based on the age of a child. Coverage of grandchildren not required.</p> <p>A qualified employee is eligible to enroll his or her dependents in coverage through a SHOP if the offer from the qualified employer includes an offer of dependent coverage.</p> <p>If a plan or issuer covers dependent children, they must provide recommended preventive services for those dependent children. This includes recommended services related to pregnancy, including preconception and prenatal care.</p>				
PHSA 2728 CFR 147.145	Dependent student.coverage for dependent student on medically necessary leave of absence (“Michelle’s Law”). Issuer cannot terminate coverage within certain specified timeframes, cannot change benefits, and must include with any notice regarding a requirement for certification of student status for coverage. Defines “medically necessary leave of absence.”				
641.31(33)	Dermatologist. Must provide direct access to dermatologist for up to five (5) visits and testing annually.				
641.31(29)	Handicapped children. A child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental retardation or physical handicap and who is chiefly dependent on the policyholder for support and maintenance may continue to be covered as a dependent beyond the attaining age.				
641.3007(5) 627.6699(6)(d)	Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection (GP). Contract shall not exclude or limit coverage for HIV infection.				
641.31(37)	Massage therapist. If the contract provides coverage for massage, it must cover the services of a licensed massage therapist.				

<p>641.31(32)</p> <p>641.31(31) 627.6699(12)(b)7.</p> <p>PHSA 2727</p>	<p>(GP) Mastectomies. A policy that provides coverage for mastectomies must also provide coverage for prosthetic devices and breast reconstructive surgery incident to the mastectomy. (Breast cancer treatment.)</p> <p>Length of stay and out-patient coverage. The contract may not limit inpatient hospital coverage for mastectomies to any period that is less than is determined by the treating physicians.</p> <p>Provides coverage for reconstructive surgery after mastectomy (Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act). If covers mastectomy, then must also cover reconstructive surgery in a manner determined in consultation with provider and patient. Coverage must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed (all stages). • Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance and includes coverage for lymphedema. • Prostheses; and • Treatment of physical complications at all stages of mastectomy. <p>This benefit can be subject to annual deductibles and coinsurance provisions if consistent with those established for other medical/surgical benefits under the coverage. The issuer is prohibited for denying a patient eligibility to enroll or renew coverage solely to avoid these requirements; penalizing or offering incentives to an attending provider to induce the provider to furnish care inconsistent with these requirements. Notice about the availability of mastectomy-related benefits must be given at issue and annually.</p>				
<p>641.31(21)</p>	<p>Nurse anesthetist. Contract providing anesthesia coverage, benefits and services, shall offer to the subscriber, if requested and available, the services of a certified registered nurse anesthetist.</p>				
<p>641.19(12)(e) 641.51(11)</p> <p>PPACA 1001 PHSA 2719A CFR 147.138(a)(3) & (4)(C)</p>	<p>OB/GYN (GP). Female subscriber may select MD/Osteopath/OB-GYN as primary care physician. Female subscriber must be allowed, without prior authorization, a visit to a contracted OB/GYN physician an annual visit and follow- up care if medically necessary.</p> <p>The NGP may not require authorization or referral for obstetrical or gynecological care by a participating health care professional specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. A notice must be provided with the summary plan descriptions or in the policy, certificate or contract.</p>				
<p>641.31(20) 641.19(12)(d)-(e)</p>	<p>Ophthalmologists.</p>				
<p>641.31(19) 690-191.033(6)</p>	<p>Optometrists.</p>				
<p>641.19(12)(d)-(e) 641.31(28)</p>	<p>Osteopaths.</p>				
<p>641.31(24)</p>	<p>Osteopathic hospitals. HMO contracts that provide for inpatient and outpatient services must provide as an option services of an osteopathic hospital when services are available in the service area.</p>				
<p>641.19(12)(d) and (e)</p>	<p>Podiatrists</p>				
<p>641.19(12)(e)</p> <p>PPACA 1001 PHSA 2719A CFR 147.138(a)</p>	<p>Primary care physician. Each subscriber upon request may designate a physician under ch. 458, 459, 460 and 461 as their primary care physician.</p> <p>Primary care provider (N/A to GP). A plan that provides for designation of a primary care provider must allow the choice of any participating primary care provider, who is available to accept them, including pediatricians.</p>				

641.31094	TMJ (Temporomandibular joint). Nondiscrimination of coverage for surgical procedures involving bones and joints of the jaw and facial region.				
	Other Provisions				
PPACA 1303(a), (b)(1) & (2)(A)-(C)	<p>State opt-out of abortion coverage. A state may elect to prohibit by law abortion coverage in QHP offered through an Exchange.</p> <p>“Nothing in PPACA” requires a QHP to provide coverage of services for abortions, but a QHP may include coverage, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a plan chooses to cover abortion services currently permitted under the Hyde Amendment i.e., life endangerment, rape and incest) the plan does not have to follow any specific segregation requirements. Federal subsidies are allowed to go towards those abortion services. • If a plan chooses to cover abortion services beyond those currently permitted under the Hyde Amendment, the plan issuer may not use federal subsidies to pay for these abortion services and must comply with PPACA segregation requirements.(Note: PPACA requires a QHP to segregate funds in a separate allocation account to pay for coverage of certain elective abortion services that cannot be paid for with federal funds. A QHP must also submit a plan to the state insurance commissioner that details its process and methodology for complying. 				
	Small Group Only				
PPACA 1302 PHSA 2707 CFR 147.150(a)	Essential Health Benefits (See section of checklist entitled “Mandated Coverages: Essential Health Benefits”). Since they apply only to small groups, other provisions applicable only to EHBs such as annual limits and cost sharing only apply to small groups.				
627.6692	Continuation of coverage. Group policies covering fewer than 20 employees must allow an employee to continue coverage for 18 months (or 29 months for disabled individuals; 36 months for divorced and widowed spouses, military only) after their group coverage would otherwise terminate, subject to payment of up to 115% of the group premium. (Comparable to the federal COBRA law for employers with 20 or more employees.)				
627.6699(3)(h)	Eligible employee means an employee who works full time, having a normal workweek of 25 or more hours, and has met any applicable waiting period requirements.				
29 U.S.C. 1002, referenced by 42 U.S.C. 300gg-91(d)(5)	Defines employee as an individual employed by an employer.				

