Kaiser Permanente Small Group
Evidence of Coverage Update Notification

To comply with requirements of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), Kaiser Permanente made changes to our coverage of mental health and chemical dependency services. As 2015 contracts renew or are amended, we’re revising Evidence of Coverage (EOC) documents to reflect those changes. Unless otherwise specified, the changes in this notification only apply to non-Medicare EOCs. For the purpose of this notification, “non-Medicare EOCs” means all EOCs other than Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage when Medicare is secondary coverage. These changes don’t affect rates or access to care.

Global changes

The following changes affect EOCs for all plans:

▷ We’ve added a disclosure of the cost share for chemical dependency day treatment and intensive outpatient services to the EOC. The cost share is $5 per day, except as described below under “Additional changes to specific plans.”

▷ When it’s prescribed by a plan physician, we cover care at licensed residential treatment facilities in our service area. Facilities must provide 24-hour individualized treatment for chemical dependency or mental health. The following services are covered when they’re above the level of custodial care at one of these facilities:

- individual or group chemical dependency or mental health counseling
- medical services
- room and board
- social services
- medication monitoring
- drugs prescribed by a plan provider as part of the patient’s care, in accord with our drug formulary guidelines, and administered in the facility by medical personnel
- discharge planning

This change also applies to Medicare EOCs.