

Member Handbook Update

The State of Michigan recently sent a letter to all Medicaid recipients about changes to Medicaid benefits, starting July 1, 2009. These changes are for some benefits for people who are 21 years and older (Executive Order 2009-22.) Medicaid will no longer pay for Chiropractic, Podiatry, Hearing Aids, and Vision Services. **There are no changes to benefits for members under the age of 21.**

CareSource values our members and will still cover these services through September 30, 2009, even though they are no longer covered by the Medicaid program:

Chiropractic (back care)

CareSource members age 21 and older — five visits per year

Hearing Services

CareSource members age 21 and older — one hearing exam per year. Hearing aids are not covered by Medicaid or CareSource; however, hearing exams will be covered.

Podiatry (foot care)

CareSource members age 21 and older — five visits per year. There are no limits to office visits for diabetic members.

Vision (eye care)

CareSource members age 21 and older — one eye exam per year

Glasses and contact lenses are not covered by Medicaid or CareSource. But, CareSource has arranged for members to get a discount on the purchase of glasses or contacts from a company called VSP. (Members have to pay for this.) The discounts include:

- ▶ 20% off frames, lenses and lens options
- ▶ 15% off contact lens exam

Members must use a CareSource provider for all of these benefits.