



## IMPORTANT BENEFIT UPDATE

Subject: Podiatry Benefits  
Re: Health Choice Generations Membership

April 29, 2015

Dear Healthcare Provider:

The purpose of this letter to provide additional clarification regarding podiatry benefits for Health Choice Generations Members.

Traditional Medicare covers podiatrist services for medically necessary treatment of foot injuries or diseases (like hammer toes, bunion deformities, and heel spurs). As a Medicare Advantage Dual-SNP plan, Health Choice follows Traditional Medicare’s guidelines and offers the same coverage for medically necessary treatment of foot injuries or diseases. Authorization rules apply for medically necessary foot injuries and treatment of diseases.

Traditional Medicare generally doesn't cover routine foot care (like the cutting or removal of corns and calluses, the trimming, cutting, and clipping of nails, or hygienic or other preventive maintenance, including cleaning and soaking the feet). However, as of January 1, 2015, Health Choice has implemented a supplemental routine podiatry benefit for Health Choice Generations members. **Health Choice Generations members are entitled to four supplemental routine foot care visits per year.** Please see the CPT chart below for a listing of billable codes that apply to the supplemental routine podiatry benefit. **If the podiatry CPT code is listed in the chart below, an authorization is not required. If the CPT code is not listed in the chart below, an authorization is required.**

Description	CPT Codes
The cutting or removal of corns and calluses;	11055 , 11056, 11057
The trimming, cutting, clipping, or debriding of nails	11719, 11720, 11721, G0127,
Other hygienic and preventive maintenance care, such as cleaning and soaking the feet, the use of skin creams to maintain skin tone of either ambulatory or bedfast patients, and any other service performed in the absence of localized illness, injury or symptoms involving the feet.	G0245, G0246, G0247





**Please Note: Reimbursement for the supplemental routine podiatry benefits is restricted to healthcare providers with a podiatry specialty type.**

Health Choice acknowledges that a limited number of routine podiatry claims were inadvertently denied; however, our claims adjudication system has been updated and applicable claims will be reprocessed. Additionally, the podiatry services section of the preauthorization grid, located on the Health Choice Generations website, will be updated to reflect the updated prior authorization requirements.

This memo services as the official notice of the Health Choice Generations podiatry member benefits and update to the podiatry services prior authorization requirements. As always, thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to quality service. If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Service Representative.

Sincerely,  
Health Choice Management