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FEP Member Benefit Clarification

For 2018 Skilled Nursing Facility

On January 1, 2018, we added a SNF benefit for our Standard Option Federal Employee Plan (FEP) members who do not have primary Medicare Part A. We have received questions about what the SNF benefit is for our FEP members and would like to clarify this information.

The new SNF benefit covers FEP members who have Medicare Part A as *secondary*, for a maximum of 30 days annually. This benefit will automatically apply to FEP members when **all** of the following conditions are met:

- Standard Option without primary Medicare Part A or with secondary Medicare Part A
- Member is enrolled in our Case Management program
- Precertification is obtained prior to SNF admission

Once the FEP SNF benefit is exhausted for the year, the member would still receive their Medicare benefit if eligible. The FEP claims processing system supports this benefit. Additionally, this benefit will show up for appropriate patients when you check their eligibility for care and services in Availity's eligibility and benefits portal.