

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO UPN MEMBERS WORKING IN THE HEALTH SECTOR

If you are turned down for PCA benefit improvements effective June 1 – please resubmit any unpaid claims on or after June 24.

Technical issues relating to the updating of information to our health benefits carrier may have delayed approval of some early claims.

Effective June 1 UPN members covered by the Provincial Collective Agreement have been entitled to the following improvements in benefits:

1. **Dual Dental** [Improved Benefit]: nurses may now claim dental benefits under their spousal benefit coverage.
2. **Orthotics** [Improved Benefit]: services of a podiatrist increases from \$200 to \$400 per year. Orthotic shoes/inserts will be provided every 5 years compared to previous benefit of once per member per lifetime.
3. **Contraceptive Coverage** [New Benefit]: benefit will include standard oral contraceptives and injectables.
4. **Psychologist Services** [New Benefit]: will include registered clinical counselors and registered psychologist to a maximum of \$900 per year.
5. **Vision** [Improved Benefit]: benefit is increased from \$225 to \$350 every two years. No coinsurance payment will be applied on vision care. In the past the coinsurance payment paid 80 percent of the \$225, now members will receive 100 percent of the \$350.

The improved and new benefits were effective June 1. However, because of technical issues relating to the updating of information to our health benefits carrier, some early claims made by members may have been sent back unpaid.

If this problem has occurred, please resubmit your claim to Pacific Blue Cross on or after June 24.