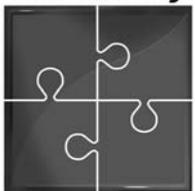


# Your HMO Benefit



**For Associates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico**

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**Summary Plan Description Insert  
Effective January 1, 2007**



# HMO Benefit

JCPenney is committed to providing Associates with healthcare that is affordable, simple and competitive. The HMO options are available to Associates in Hawaii and Puerto Rico. This insert to the Summary Plan Description (SPD) provides details about the HMO benefits.

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The HMO options are administered by either Health Plan Hawaii or Humana, depending on where you live. You may contact Health Plan Hawaii or Humana for more information, to request a free copy of the policy, exclusions, limitations and claims and appeals procedures, to request a list of primary care physicians (PCPs), or with a question regarding how a specific benefit works.



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This information is intended to be a summary of your benefits and does not include all plan and/or policy provisions, exclusions, and limitations. If there is a discrepancy between this document and the plan or policy, the terms of the plan or policy will govern. You may obtain a copy of the plan by contacting the Company. You may obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the insurer. The Company reserves the right to terminate or amend its benefit plans at any time.

## Benefits At-a-Glance

Medical Option	Eligibility	Coverage Levels	Key Features
<b>HMO</b>			
• <b>Puerto Rico</b>	All Benefits Eligible Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Only</li> <li>• Associate + Spouse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventive care generally covered at 100%</li> </ul>
• <b>Hawaii</b>	Associates who average 20 hours or more per week in a full calendar month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate + Child(ren)</li> <li>• Associate + Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No annual deductible</li> <li>• No excess charges</li> <li>• No claim forms</li> <li>• Primary Care Physicians (PCP) oversee and manage participant's healthcare</li> </ul>

### Eligibility

The Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) options are available only to Associates in Puerto Rico and Hawaii. See the “Eligibility & Enrollment” chapter in *Your Benefits Book 1 — Health and Welfare* for more information on eligibility and enrolling.

An HMO allows you to purchase coverage for your eligible dependents. Eligible dependents include:



- **Spouse** – The individual of the opposite gender to whom you are legally married under the laws of your home state.
- **Domestic Partner (DP)** – A same-gender spouse, civil union member or registered domestic partner under the laws of your home state, or a same-gender individual who has lived with you in a committed relationship for at least 12 months and that meets the other requirements listed in the Company’s domestic partner affidavit.
- **Child** – Your or your spouse’s/DP’s unmarried child(ren) under the age of 19, or if a full-time student under the age of 24, or any age if incapacitated before age 19 (age 24 if a full-time student). Children include natural born, legally adopted, placed for adoption, foster child(ren) or court-appointed ward(s) that live with you at least six months of the year and do not provide more than half of their own support.

### Option Overview

The HMO options provide you with a full range of healthcare services. Because your care — except for emergencies — is directed by an HMO network physician, your healthcare needs and expenses can be managed more closely.

**Each HMO has different benefits and requirements. This insert describes only general provisions that apply to all HMO participants. It is your responsibility to read the coverage description provided by your HMO for specific details. You should also review the Health Plan Comparison Chart included in your enrollment material.**

### What is an HMO?



A Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) is a managed care form of insurance, using hospitals, doctors and other providers with which the HMO has a contract. Typically, care provided in an HMO follows a set of care guidelines provided through the HMO’s network of providers. HMO providers manage their patients’ healthcare and work to reduce unnecessary services.

## HMO Considerations

### HMO Network

The HMO service area network (network) is the geographic area in which the HMO provides medical coverage. The network is determined by the number of primary care physicians (PCPs) or providers practicing within a specified number of miles from the center of a zip code. In metropolitan areas, the network has at least two (2) PCPs accepting new patients within a 15-mile radius and one hospital within a 30-mile radius. In rural areas, the network has at least two (2) PCPs accepting new patients within a 30-mile radius and one hospital within a 45-mile radius. At least 90% of the PCPs in a given network must be accepting new patients.

You may receive a free list of providers by calling the HMO or by logging on to the HMO's Web site. Please refer to your enrollment worksheet or your ID card (if you are currently enrolled) for your HMO's telephone number and/or Web site address.

### Other Considerations

- **Less Flexibility** – HMOs serve specific geographic areas. Except for emergency care, you must be treated by an HMO network physician or hospital to receive benefits. In most cases, if you receive treatment outside the service area or from a non-HMO medical care provider, you will pay the full cost of your treatment.
- **Predictable Cost for Services** – You pay a specified copayment for most services provided by an HMO network physician or hospital.
- **Wide Range of Services** – HMO medical care services vary, but most offer preventive, behavioral healthcare, routine and major medical care. Some HMOs also offer dental care.
- **Managed Care** – Your HMO PCP oversees and coordinates your overall healthcare, including referring you to HMO specialists.
- **No Claim Forms** – Usually, you don't have to file claims for medical care services provided by your PCP or another HMO provider.
- **No Excess Charges** – With a managed care program, you don't have to worry about certifying expenses or paying charges that are above the reasonable and customary (R&C) amount.
- **Annual Deductible** – Typically, there is no annual deductible for in-network care. It is your responsibility to check with your HMO for more information.

### Coverage for Dependents Who Live in Another City

If your covered dependent lives in another city (for example, a child who is away at school), call your HMO for information about HMO-affiliated providers in that area. If your dependent lives outside the HMO coverage area, benefits generally will **not** be available, except for emergency care, unless your dependent travels to a participating network area.

## Summary of Coverage

For the specific coverages available under your HMO, see the materials provided by the HMO or talk directly to an HMO representative. These materials are available automatically and without cost to all participants and beneficiaries who request them. Contact the HMO at the telephone number on your enrollment worksheet or ID card.

Each HMO, not JCPenney or the Medical Plan, is responsible for the medical care and services it arranges. Your coverage, other than eligibility, is described in the written materials available from the HMO. It is important to review your HMO's material carefully for all provisions and exclusions. If you do not have this information or you need more specific information, call your HMO directly.

## How the HMO Works

### Your Responsibilities

It is your responsibility to choose a physician in the HMO network to be your PCP. If you receive care from an HMO provider other than the PCP the HMO has you enrolled with, you may not receive reimbursement. Because your PCP closely manages your medical care, you don't assume as much responsibility for ensuring that the services you receive are covered expenses. However, if you choose to use medical care providers outside the HMO network, you will have to pay all expenses yourself.

### Choosing a Provider

You and your covered dependent must choose a PCP who will manage your healthcare needs. PCPs are usually internists, pediatricians, family doctors, or general practitioners. The PCP you select provides most of your routine medical care and some specialty care. If you need more complex or specialized treatment, your PCP will refer you to an HMO specialist. You and your covered dependents may each choose the same PCP or different PCPs.

For information on HMO healthcare providers and affiliated hospitals, look in your HMO enrollment package, check the HMO's Web site, or call the member services number on the back of your HMO ID card. Generally, you and your covered dependents must go to an HMO facility for treatment.

**If you do not select a PCP, one may be assigned for you. If you do not receive care from the PCP on file for you with the HMO, you may not receive reimbursement.**

### Changing Your Provider

Refer to your HMO booklet for rules on changing network providers. You may be limited in how often you may change, and how quickly the change goes into effect. After a change, usually a new ID card will be issued.

*Why do I need to choose a PCP?*



HMOs utilize a network of providers to oversee and manage participants' healthcare needs. Your PCP understands your situation and health needs and can ensure that you receive the appropriate level of treatment.

## Your HMO ID Card

You will receive an HMO ID card two to six weeks after your enrollment is complete. If you enroll during annual enrollment, you should receive your HMO ID card before your coverage effective date — which is January 1 of the plan year. Always show your HMO ID card when you visit a healthcare provider, including your PCP.

## Paying Your Expenses

You pay a copayment to the medical care provider each time you are treated. The HMO is responsible for the remaining expenses. The following table shows the ranges for the various copayment amounts charged and benefits provided by the HMOs offered by the Company. It is your responsibility to check with your HMO for the exact copayment amounts you are required to pay.

Medical Care	Copayment/Benefit
Physician's visit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PCP office visit (Routine care; diagnosis and treatment of an illness or injury; lab and X-ray during office visit)</li> <li>Specialist office visit</li> </ul>	\$14 - \$17 copayment*
Preventive care	Generally covered at 100% *
In-patient care	Generally covered at 100% *
Emergency room visit	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real emergency</li> <li>Non-emergency</li> </ul>	\$20 - \$30 copayment* Not covered*
Outpatient surgery	Varies depending on services*

\*Check with your plan for exact coverage.

If you receive care outside the HMO's network of healthcare providers — except in an emergency — you will have to pay all expenses yourself. If you require emergency care, you can visit a member hospital within your HMO network and pay a copayment as determined by your HMO. If you are outside of your HMO's network, emergency care is generally covered. It is your responsibility to understand your HMO's definition of "emergency" and to follow the correct procedures for emergency care.

### Deductibles

Generally, there is no annual deductible for in-network care with HMO coverage. However, your HMO may have separate deductibles for specific services, such as hospital admissions. Check with your HMO for any deductible amounts that may apply.

### Out-of-Pocket Maximum

The out-of-pocket maximum (OOPM) is the most you may pay for covered expenses during a plan year. Once you reach the OOPM, the HMO pays 100 percent of your eligible expenses for the rest of the year.

The HMO OOPMs range from \$1,000 to \$6,000. It is your responsibility to check with your HMO to see what your out-of-pocket maximum is.



### Key Terms:

**Copayment** – The amount you pay to your PCP or HMO provider at the time services are received.

**Deductible** – The amount you must pay in a plan year before the HMO will reimburse you for medical expenses. Typically, HMOs don't have annual deductibles for in-network care, but may have individual deductible for some services.

**Out-of-pocket maximum** – The most you pay for covered expenses for in-network care during a plan year.

## **Lifetime Maximum Benefit**

The Company does not set a lifetime maximum benefit on HMO coverage. However, your HMO may have a lifetime maximum benefit limit.

A lifetime maximum benefit applies to medical benefits provided by the Company. The Medical Plan will pay up to \$2 million in benefits during a participant's lifetime, including expenses for behavioral healthcare, prescription drugs, and expenses incurred during employment with any participating employer that participates in the Medical Plan. This includes benefits paid under the CDHP, PPO, and Out-of-Area under the Medical Plan and Prescription Drug Program.

## **Medically Necessary Services**

Medically necessary services or supplies are those widely accepted by the medical profession in the U.S. as effective, appropriate, and essential, based on recognized standards of the healthcare specialty involved. Each HMO determines whether a particular course of treatment is medically necessary. Do not contact the Company or PowerLine if you have a claim or question about what is medically necessary under your HMO — only your HMO can make this determination.

## **Reasonable and Customary Charges**

Reasonable and customary (R&C) charges are those within the range of fees typically charged by most healthcare providers in the area where treatment is provided. Because HMOs charge set fees for services, R&C limitations generally do not apply.

## **Experimental, Investigational or Unproven**

Each HMO determines whether a drug, device, procedure or treatment may be considered experimental, investigational or unproven. If it is determined to be experimental, investigational or unproven, the HMO may not offer the service or cover the expense. If you are unsure about whether a particular treatment falls into this category, contact your HMO for more details.

## **Pre-Certification**

Because your PCP closely manages your medical care, most HMOs do not require pre-certification. You should contact your HMO directly for further information or to see if pre-certification provisions apply.

## **Pre-Existing Conditions**

Most HMOs do not have pre-existing condition clauses and provide you with coverage from your first day of participation. However, you should check the HMO's coverage provisions if you or your dependents are concerned about pre-existing condition exclusions before you enroll in the HMO.

## **Covered Expenses**

Coverage varies widely from one HMO to another and is described in the written materials available from your HMO. It is important to carefully review the HMO's current booklet for all provisions and exclusions. If you do not have this information or you need more specific information (such as a list of benefits), contact the HMO directly.



*What if I need to see a specialist?*

If you have a medical condition or experience an injury or illness that requires specialist care, your PCP will provide you with a referral. Some HMOs allow women to see an OB/GYN within the plan without a specialist referral from their PCP. Check with your HMO for details.

## Medical Expenses

In addition to routine and major medical care, most HMOs provide coverage for preventive treatment – such as well-woman exams, mammograms, well-baby care, physical exams, prostate screenings, and medical tests. Coverage for behavioral healthcare/substance abuse treatment is also provided through most HMOs.

## Dental Expenses

Some HMOs cover certain dental expenses, but the coverage may not be as extensive as that offered under the Dental Plan. See the “Dental Plan” chapter for more information on dental benefits and the “Coordination of Benefits” section of the “Legal Notices” chapter in *Your Benefits Book 1 – Health and Welfare*.

## Prescription Drugs

Prescription drug benefits under the HMO options are provided through the HMOs.

## Behavioral Health Care/Substance Abuse Treatment

Behavioral healthcare and substance abuse treatment benefits under the HMO options are provided through the HMOs.

## Expenses Not Covered

For a list of expenses that are not covered, read the coverage description provided by your HMO or contact your HMO.

## General Information

The following information is important to your understanding of HMO processes.

**By participating in the Medical Plan, you and your dependents agree to all Medical Plan provisions, including but not limited to the HMO’s subrogation rights and right of reimbursement.**

## Filing a Claim or Appeal

Claims related to your eligibility for Medical Plan or The Hawaii Medical and Dental Plan coverage are determined by the Benefit Determination Review Team (BDRT). You should file a written claim for eligibility or enrollment (including name, Social Security Number, Unit Number, reason for claim, and plan involved) with the BDRT as soon as possible. Your claim should be submitted in writing or by completing the Claim Initiation Form. Call PowerLine at 1-888-890-8900 to request the form. Send your letter or Claim Initiation Form to the BDRT at:

JCPenney – Benefit Determination Review Team  
P.O. Box 1407  
Lincolnshire, IL 60069-1407

The BDRT will respond to any claim it receives within 60 days (unless the eligibility or enrollment claim arises in connection with a denied claim for healthcare or disability benefits in which case faster timeframes apply). If more time is needed to respond to your claim due to special circumstances, the BDRT will notify you that it needs an extension of up to 60 days.

If your claim for eligibility or enrollment in the benefit plans is denied, you have the right to file an appeal. When your claim is denied, you will be advised of the reasons for the denial and provided with information on how and when to file an appeal.

See the “Administrative Information” chapter for more information on filing an appeal of a denied claim for eligibility or enrollment.

## **HMO Benefit Claims**

Generally, you don't file claim forms for services provided by your PCP or another HMO provider. For information about coverage or a claim, call the HMO. The claims procedures for the HMO are provided automatically and without charge as part of the Certificate of Coverage, as a separate document.

The HMO itself governs benefits and providers. The HMO governs the benefit claims process and most administrative aspects of your coverage (except eligibility), including:

- Processes for filing benefit claims
- Appeal of denied benefit claims
- Collection of benefit overpayments
- Coordination of benefits between the HMO and any other coverage you or a covered dependent may have (including Medicare, Medicaid and Workers' Compensation insurance)
- Coverage of dependents who do not live with you
- Rights to reimbursement and subrogation when payments are available from other plans, insurance sources or legal settlements (including auto insurance), and
- Other administrative processes.

For information about specific services and reimbursement levels, as well as the rules for obtaining benefits, you should contact the HMO directly at the telephone number shown in your Enrollment Worksheet or ID card. Upon request, the HMO will send you written materials without charge that explain:

- The services provided
- Conditions under which services may be received or denied
- Claims procedures, and
- Procedures for review of denied claims.

## **Subrogation and Reimbursement**

Refer to your HMO materials for any subrogation or reimbursement rights that your HMO may claim against you or any other third party.

## **Failure to Provide Information**

If you fail or refuse to provide information required by the HMO, the HMO may cease paying all benefits until you cooperate. Refer to your policy or contact your HMO for more information.

## **Help with HMO Matters**

If you have problems or questions related to your HMO, first call your HMO's member services department at the phone number provided on the back of your HMO ID card. In most cases, member services will be able to resolve your problem or concern.

If you are not satisfied with the answer you receive from your HMO, call PowerLine and ask to speak to an advocate. An advocate is a PowerLine specialist who understands HMO billing, benefits administration and claims processing. An advocate will help you work with the HMO to resolve your problem. If you appeal the HMO's decision about your benefit coverage, a PowerLine advocate can also help you work through the HMO's appeal process.

## **Coordination of Benefits**

If you and any of your dependents are covered by more than one group health plan or any other insurance plan or policy, reimbursements are coordinated between plans so that benefits are not duplicated.

When you are covered by more than one health plan or any other insurance plan or policy, the plan that pays benefits first is called the "primary plan". The primary plan pays benefits without considering what the other plan may pay. Because HMOs vary greatly on administration of this clause, it is your responsibility to contact your HMO directly for more information.

## **When Coverage Ends**

Generally, coverage ends after:

- You or your dependent loses eligibility
- You go on an unpaid leave
- Premiums are not paid
- Your employment ends
- You or your dependent dies
- The benefit is no longer offered by your participating employer
- The HMO option is amended to end coverage for a group or class that includes you or your dependents
- The HMO option is cancelled or ends and is not replaced, or
- You make a misrepresentation or fraudulent claim for benefits.

If your coverage ends, you and your covered dependents may be eligible to continue coverage under COBRA.

## Continuing Your Coverage

You may be able to continue your benefits coverage for you and/or your eligible dependents under certain circumstances. If you:

- **Lose Benefits Eligible Status** – See “Life Events and Your Coverage” at the end of this chapter and the “Legal Notices” chapter for more information.
- **Begin or Return from a Leave of Absence** – See “Life Events and Your Coverage” at the end of this chapter and the “Time Away from Work” chapter for more information.
- **Leave or Retire from the Company** – See “Life Events and Your Coverage” at the end of this chapter and the “Eligibility and Enrollment” chapter for more information.
- **Become Disabled** – See “Life Events and Your Coverage” at the end of this chapter and the “Eligibility and Enrollment” chapter for more information.
- **Die** – See the “Eligibility and Enrollment” chapter for more information.

## Converting Coverage

Generally, Medical Plan coverage cannot be converted from group insurance to an individual policy. However, your HMO may allow you to convert your HMO coverage to an individual policy, if required by state law. Call your HMO’s member services number on the back of your HMO ID card for information.

In addition, individual health insurance coverage may be available to anyone who wants to purchase it and avoid a break in coverage. A break in coverage of 63 or more days could result in limitations on coverage of pre-existing conditions. Call your state insurance department for information on individual healthcare coverage available in your state.

## Additional Important Information

Additional information related to your coverage, benefits, rights and responsibilities under the Medical Plan, as well as information about the Medical Plan’s administration, can be found in the “Eligibility and Enrollment” and “Administrative Information” chapters of *Your Benefits Book 1 – Health and Welfare*.

## Life Events and Your Coverage

Within 60 days of a life event, you must notify PowerLine of any change of status. Proof of the event may be required. Any change requested must be consistent with your life event.

If You ...	What Happens to Your Medical Coverage
<b>Average 20 or more hours per week in a calendar month</b>	<p>If you are an Associate in Hawaii, you are automatically enrolled the The Hawaii Medical and Dental Plan with “Associate Only” coverage. Coverage is effective the first of the month following the calendar month in which you average 20 or more hours per week.</p> <p>You remain eligible and enrolled unless your regular schedule is permanently reduced to less than 20 hours per week and you call PowerLine to cancel your participation.</p>
<b>Become Benefits Eligible</b>	<p>If you are an Associate in Puerto Rico, you may enroll yourself and your eligible dependents in the Medical Plan. ABC Medical, Dental and Term Life coverage will automatically be cancelled.</p>
<b>Lose Benefits Eligible status</b>	<p>If you are an Associate in Puerto Rico, coverage ends for you and your covered dependents on the date you lose Benefits Eligible status. You and/or your dependents may elect COBRA continuation coverage and/or enroll in certain ABC options. You must enroll for ABC options within 30 days and within 60 days for COBRA coverage.</p>
<b>Get married/form a partnership</b>	<p>You may enroll, add, or drop coverage for yourself and/or your new dependent(s).</p>
<b>Have a spouse/DP who loses benefits coverage</b>	<p>You may enroll, add or drop coverage for yourself and your family. You cannot change your coverage option if you are already enrolled.</p>
<b>Get divorced/separated/annulment/terminate partnership</b>	<p>You may enroll, drop or change coverage options for yourself and your children. Spouse/DP coverage ends on the last day of the month in which the divorce or legal separation occurs or the partnership ends unless otherwise required by state law. A QMCSO may require you or your spouse/DP to cover your children. See “Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSO)” in the “Legal Notices” chapter for more information.</p>
<b>Have or adopt a child</b>	<p>You may enroll, add or drop coverage for yourself and/or your new dependent(s).</p>
<b>Have a child who loses eligibility</b>	<p>Child coverage ends on the last day of the month before he or she reaches age 19 or age 24 if a full-time student or is no longer incapacitated. Child coverage also ends on the first of the month in which your child marries.</p>

If You ...	What Happens to Your Medical Coverage
<b>Become disabled</b>	Coverage ends on the last day of the month in which employment ends, unless you and/or your dependents continue coverage under COBRA. You may be eligible to continue coverage if your employment ends because you are determined to be Social Security disabled and have 10 years of total service.
<b>Go on an approved leave of absence</b>	Coverage ends on the last day of the month in which your unpaid leave begins or for which a full month's premium was paid. You or your dependents may continue your coverage through direct billing. See the "Time Away From Work" chapter in <i>Your Benefits Book 1 — Health and Welfare</i> for more details.
<b>Return from an approved leave of absence</b>	If you continued coverage during your leave, coverage continues on a before-tax basis (after-tax if an Associate in Puerto Rico) after you return. If you stopped coverage during your leave, coverage in effect immediately before you went on leave automatically begins again on the first day of the month in which you return to work. See the "Time Away from Work" chapter in <i>Your Benefits Book 1 — Health and Welfare</i> for more details.
<b>Leave the Company</b>	Coverage ends on the last day of the month in which your employment ends, unless you and/or your dependents continue coverage under COBRA. You may be eligible for coverage as a retired or disabled Associate if you were hired before January 1, 2002.
<b>Retire</b>	<p>You may continue coverage as a retiree if you were hired or rehired before January 1, 2002 and if on the date your employment ends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You are between ages 55 and 65</li> <li>• You are Benefits Eligible and already enrolled in the Medical Plan or can provide proof of creditable coverage</li> <li>• You have at least 10 years of total service, with five consecutive years immediately before you retire, and</li> <li>• Your age plus years of total service is equal to 80 points or more.</li> </ul> <p>Alternatively, you and your dependents may choose to continue coverage under COBRA. <b>However, if you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you will not be able to enroll in the Medical Plan as a retiree at a later date.</b> Request a Retiree Benefits Book from PowerLine for additional information.</p>

For a complete list of life events, refer to the "Eligibility & Enrollment" chapter in *Your Benefits Book 1 — Health and Welfare*.

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## WINNING TOGETHER Principles

### **associates** .....

We value, develop, and reward the contributions and talents of all associates

### **integrity** .....

We act only with the highest ethical standards

### **performance** .....

We provide coaching and feedback to perform at the highest level

### **recognition** .....

We celebrate the achievements of others

### **teamwork** .....

We win together through leadership, collaboration, open and honest communication, and respect

### **quality** .....

We strive for excellence in our work, products, and services

### **innovation** .....

We encourage creative thinking and intelligent risk taking

### **community** .....

We care about and are involved in our communities

### **we do this for our** .....

#### **customers** .....

We build lasting relationships by offering superior service and value

#### **shareholders** .....

We aspire to superior financial performance

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