



Surgery Benefit Program - BridgeHealth

Health Care Cost Management Corporation of Alaska, Inc. (HCCMCA) provides member health plans with a Surgery Benefit Program through BridgeHealth. Through its agreement with BridgeHealth, participating HCCMCA health plans have another option for their members to access high quality surgical care within BridgeHealth's nationwide network of 106 Centers of Excellence -- at no cost to the plan participants and at a savings of 30%-50% below the discounted PPO rate for the member health plans.

Goals

HCCMCA offers the Surgery Benefit Program to:

- Help plans enhance existing benefit options,
- Reduce costs for both health plans and their members,
- Lessen administrative burdens, and
- Promote improved care and outcomes when surgery is warranted.

How it Works

BridgeHealth saves plans money by bundling costs and pre-negotiating fixed case rates for high-dollar, non-urgent surgical treatment such as total hip or knee replacement, women's health, coronary artery bypass graft or spinal fusion.

According to BridgeHealth, the average price paid for knee replacement surgery in 2017 is \$47,667. However, BridgeHealth's negotiated case rate is \$22,158 – a savings of \$25,509, or over 50%.

For participating HCCMCA member plans, BridgeHealth offers a discounted per-employee, per-month fee, plus a percentage of the surgical cost.

HCCMCA charges a \$0.25 per-employee, per-month access fee to participate in the BridgeHealth Surgery Benefit Program.

Benefits

The HCCMCA Surgery Benefit Program through BridgeHealth is good for health plans and their members:

- Complete care coordination for plan members including decision support, scheduling and administrative assistance, and post-surgery follow-up care,

Keeping health care affordable for workers and their families

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Benefits (cont'd)

Communication with the health plan's carrier/administrator for eligibility verification, medical necessity and reporting,

Transparent pricing, objective quality measures, and plan member guidance to their best option,

Reduced costs, better quality care and minimal surgery-related complications.

"Our #1 priority is our participants. So, we strive to provide them with choices that will not only help them save money, but may also allow them to receive a higher quality of health care while doing so. Through BridgeHealth, our participants have access to some of the nation's top-rated surgeons, hospitals and surgery centers for less money out of their pockets. A BridgeHealth Care Counselor helps our participants with the arrangements. BridgeHealth is a win-win-win for our participants and our Fund...which means we're doing our job."

Greg Stokes

Alaska Electrical Health and Welfare Fund

Learn More

To learn more about the Surgery Benefit Program through HCCMCA and BridgeHealth, contact HCCMCA at (907) 474-4426 or (888) 474-4226 (toll free).

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