

EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS WITH A RESIDENCE OUTSIDE OF THE EMPLOYER HEALTH PLAN NETWORK SERVICE AREA

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DESCRIPTION

This document provides coverage provisions for eligible employees and their dependents enrolled in the Summa Health Employee Medical Benefit Plan with a residence *outside of the* **NewHealthConnect Summa Health 20-county service area**, as defined under the Coverage Criteria section of this document.

The NewHealth*Connect* Summa Health 20-county network service area includes the following counties: Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Medina, Portage, Summit, Stark, Trumbull, Mahoning, Wayne, Huron, Erie, Holmes, Sandusky, Ottawa, Loraine, Ashland, Tuscarawas, and Carroll.

COVERAGE CRITERIA

- 1. To be eligible to access services using approved networks outside of the NewHealthConnect Summa Health 20-county service area, the following conditions must be met:
 - a. Eligible employees and dependents (legal spouse and/or child/ren up to age 26) must have a *permanent residence* outside of the 20-county network service area. *OR* Eligible employees and dependents (legal spouse and/or child/ren up to age 26) must have a *temporary residence* outside of the 20-county network service area while attending school on a full-time basis.
 - b. Employees and Dependents eligible for coverage outside of the 20-county network service area must be identified at the time of new hire enrollment or during each annual benefit enrollment. To be identified for this coverage, the *Residence Outside of the Service Area Request Form* must be fully completed and returned to Summa Health Employee Benefits at summabenefits@summahealth.org. for final validation and approval. Upon acceptance, your request to access services using approved networks outside of the 20-county network service area will be communicated to SummaCare accordingly.
 - c. If an employee or dependent enrolled on the Summa Health Employee Medical Benefit Plan moves to a residence outside of the 20-county network service area during the plan year and wishes to access services using an approved network outside of the service area, a request must be made in writing to the Summa Health Employee Benefits at summabenefits@summahealth.org.

- d. If you experience a qualifying life status event, you can change your benefit elections outside of the open enrollment period by reporting the change to the Summa Health Benefits Administration by completing a *Benefit Enrollment Change form and providing applicable event and eligibility documentation* within 31 days of the event date. The *Benefit Enrollment Change form* can be found on Summa@work under Human Resources>Benefits> Change Your Benefits.
- 2. Covered services for employees and their dependents residing outside of the NewHealth*Connect* Summa Health network service area, are provided at the in-network *Tier 2* coverage level if an approved network is utilized. The two approved networks are *Ohio PPO Connect* and *First Health* (outside of Ohio)





- a. To find a provider in the approved networks, visit SummaCare.com, click on the "Find A Doctor or Hospital" on the main page; click on 'Healthcare Providers Outside of the SummaCare Primary Service Area'.
- b. If the employee or dependent resides in Ohio, s/he must utilize the *Ohio PPO Connect* network. If the employee or dependent resides outside of Ohio, *First Health* network can be utilized.
- 3. For Tier 2 coverage details, see the Summa Health schedule of benefits in the 2021 Annual Enrollment Guide or the New Employee Enrollment Guide (both on Summa@work). Additional information can be found in the Summa Health Employee Medical Benefit Summary Plan Description located under Human Resources>> Benefits>> Medical Insurance on Summa@work.
- 4. Employees and dependents residing outside of the NewHealth*Connect* Summa Health network service area may opt to come into the Summa + or Tier I network at any time to receive the Summa + or Tier I benefit levels.

LIMITATIONS

1. Employees and their dependents living outside of the United States are covered for emergency & urgent care services only in accordance with the provisions of the plan document.

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