



Provider Alert

To: Sharp Health Plan Performance Network Providers and Office Staff
From: Sharp Health Plan
Date: January 24, 2025
Subject: CalPERS Travel, Lodging & Meals Benefits

Effective Jan 1, 2025, coverage for eligible members will include CalPERS Travel & Lodging Benefits. These benefits include Travel, Lodging & Meals. **To be eligible Member must be a CalPERS Commercial or Medicare member who is referred to an out of area provider that is at least 50 miles from the member's residence.**

All services, except abortion require prior authorization.

Eligible services: Abortion services, Bariatric surgery, Gender-affirming care, Organ, and tissue transplants. Acute or specialty inpatient pediatric care (except direct admission to the neonatal intensive care unit, NICU, or pediatric intensive care unit, PICU). Outpatient pediatric hematology and oncology (except direct admission to the NICU or PICU).

CalPERS Travel Benefit Exclusions & Limitations: Members must pay travel and lodging expenses upfront and submit a claim with travel and lodging receipts/expenses to Sharp Health Plan using the CalPERS Travel & Lodging Reimbursement form. The travel reimbursement is for costs incurred and paid by the member and not reimbursed or paid by another party. Excludes limousine and car services, premium economy, business or first-class airfare, and transportation to or from outside the U.S. Mileage is calculated from the member's home to the facility at the current IRS mileage rate.

Travel & lodging reimbursement are not offered for non-covered services.

Services received must be legal in the state in which they are rendered. Expenses for tobacco, alcohol, telephone, and recreation are excluded.

Please refer members with questions to our Customer Care team at customer.service@sharp.com

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Best regards,
Sharp Health Plan
Provider Account Management