

Santa Monica College  
Comparison of PERSCare and PERS Choice for SMCFAs -SMCCD Art. 10.2

**Medicare Coverage**  
**2018 Plan Year**

For 2018, the following categories **ARE eligible for reimbursement** per 10.2.1 of the District-FA Agreement:

Check Box for each type of reimbursement	Benefit Category	Medicare PERSCare			Medicare Pers Choice			Eligible for Reimb.
		Member Pays	Comments	Covered by Plan	Member Pays	Comments	Covered by Plan	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blood Replacement	20%	20% Copay if not covered by Medicare	Pints #1-3 (80%)	0%	Not covered (Member pays customary charges for pints #1-3 or arranges to have blood replaced)	0	Pints #1-3 (80%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing Aid Services	20%	Per member	\$2,000/24 months	20%	Per member	\$1,000/36 months	80% of PERSCare allowance minus PERS Choice allowance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital (Inpatient)	0%	0-90 days <i>plus</i> reserve days (*lifetime max of 60 reserve days): No Charge	0-90 days*	0%	0-90 days <i>plus</i> reserve days (lifetime max of 60 reserve days): No Charge	0-90 days*	0
		20%	91+ days plus reserve days: 20% copay	91+ days*	100%	No coverage after 90 days plus reserve days	0	80% of expenses after day 90 (plus reserve days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospital (Outpatient)	0%	No charge for Medicare-approved services	100%	0%	No charge for Medicare-approved services	100%	0
		20%	20% copay for services beyond Medicare	80%	100%	No coverage for services beyond Medicare	0	80% of allowed PERSCare cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Health (Inpatient)	0%	No charge for Medicare-approved services	0-90 days*	0%	No charge for Medicare-approved services	100%	0
		20%	20% copay for services beyond Medicare maximums	91+ days*	100%	No coverage for services beyond Medicare	0	80% of allowed PERSCare cost
<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy	0%	No charge up to \$1,880 limit per year	\$0.00-\$1,880/yr	0%	No charge up to \$1,880 limit per year	\$0.00-\$1,880/yr	0
		20%	Expenses exceeding limit/year (\$5,000 lifetime maximum for Speech Therapy)	\$1,881+/yr	100%	Expenses exceeding limit/year	\$1,881+/yr	80% of allowed PERSCare cost/yr (\$5,000 lifetime maximum for Speech Therapy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Skilled Nursing Care	0%	1-100 days each benefit period (in a Medicare-approved facility)	1-100 days	0%	1-100 days each benefit period	1-100 days	0
		20%	101-365 days	80%	100%	101+ days	101+ days	80% of allowed cost for 101-365 days

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For 2018, the following categories are **NOT REIMBURSABLE** and are for informational purposes only:

Benefit Category	Medicare PERSCare			Medicare Pers Choice		
	Member Pays	Comments	Covered by Plan	Member Pays	Comments	Covered by Plan
Acupuncture	\$15	20 visits per year	1-20 visits	\$15	20 visits per year	1-20 visits
Ambulance	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Biofeedback	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Chiropractic	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Christian Science Treatment	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Diabetes Supplies	0%	Glucose monitors, test strips, lancets, etc.	n/a	0%	Glucose monitors, test strips, lancets, etc.	n/a
Diagnostic X-Ray/Laboratory	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Durable Medical Equipment	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Emergency Care/Services	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Gynecological Exam	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Heart Transplants	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Home Health Services	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Hospice Care	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Immunization	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Kidney Dialysis and Transplants	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Mental Health (Outpatient)	****	Medicare pays 50% of the approved amount for most charges.	n/a	*****	Medicare pays 50% of the approved amount for most charges.	n/a
Physical Therapy	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Physician Visits	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Podiatrists Services	0%	No Charge	n/a	0%	No Charge	n/a
Smoking Cessation Program	20%	Up to \$100 per calendar year for behavior modifying smoking cessation counseling or classes, etc.	n/a	100%	No allowance	n/a
Vision Care	****	Any amount in excess of Max Allowance: Exam Frams  Single Vision Lens Bifocal Lens Trifocal Lens Lenticular Lens Contact Lens	\$35.00 \$30.00  \$20.00 \$35.00 \$45.00 \$50.00 \$100.00	****	Any amount in excess of Max Allowance: Exam Frams  Single Vision Lens Bifocal Lens Trifocal Lens Lenticular Lens Contact Lens	\$35.00 \$30.00  \$20.00 \$35.00 \$45.00 \$50.00 \$100.00