

YSLETA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH PLAN TRANSPARENCY IN COVERAGE RULES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

To all eligible employees:

The Ysleta Independent School District is committed to providing our employees a competitive group health plan. However, we know that consumer out-of-pocket spending on healthcare in the U.S. has risen and is expected to continue to rise in the future.

In an effort to mitigate these rising costs, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 requires insurance companies, including Aetna, to be transparent regarding the billing rates for covered medical items and services of in-network providers (e.g., doctors and hospitals) and out-of-network historical payments. Aetna will make this information available on July 1, 2022 at the following link:

https://Health1.Aetna.com/app/public/#/one/insurerCode=AETNACVS_I&brandCode=ALICSI/machine-readable-transparency-in-coverage?searchTerm=15659067&lock=true

With access to this information, you are likely to be in a better position than in the past to use your consumer skills to control your out-of-pocket spending on healthcare. You will be able to evaluate your care options, and improve your overall health navigation experience, while being able to anticipate the cost of care. For example, you will be able to shop for the most reasonably priced MRI, lab facility, or other medical items and services, which may vary significantly in cost.

With 24-7 access to this data, we hope you feel empowered to make the best possible decisions for your unique health needs.

For more information on the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 click on the following link https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/133/text, refer to Sec. 107. Transparency Regarding In-Network and Out-of-Network Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Limitations.

If you have any questions, please contact Risk Management at 915-434-0474.