

20.1 - General Guidelines for Benefits

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All benefits that are part of the Medicare Cost Plan must satisfy the following guidelines:

- All benefits must be directly health-related, that is, health care services or items whose primary purpose is to prevent or cure, actual or imminent, illness or injury for which the MA plan incurs a cost that is not solely administrative;*
- All benefits must be offered uniformly to all enrollees;*
- All benefits must be explicitly mentioned in the appropriate marketing vehicles.*