

CONCURRENT USE WITH THE BASIC PROGRAM

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I. POLICY

A. The beneficiary may elect to use the provisions of the Basic Program or the PFPWD for services or items that are allowable by both programs, however, the authorized service or item may not be provided concurrently by both programs. Likewise, a benefit authorized under PFPWD shall not be covered under the Basic Program during the PFPWD authorization period, which is defined as beginning on the date of issuance and continuing for not more than **twelve (12)** months.

B. Cost-sharing of a service or item is excluded from the Basic Program when the service or item was, or is being provided, through the Program for Persons with Disabilities.

C. In the absence of a PFPWD authorization, the PFPWD eligible beneficiary retains full access to the Basic Program, subject to all applicable program requirements.

D. The PFPWD beneficiary shall be advised in writing of a Basic Program claim denial because the service or item was authorized under the PFPWD and that the denied claim is being considered for (or is approved as) a PFPWD benefit.

E. The sponsor/beneficiary may request cancellation of an outstanding PFPWD authorization by written request to the appropriate contractor. Such cancellation shall be effective on the first day of the month following receipt of the request by the contractor.

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