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## New Process for Hip and Knee Surgeries on the CDHP

The Public Employees' Benefits Program (PEBP) is pleased to announce we have partnered with hospitals and surgery centers in Nevada to provide you access to high quality lower cost hip and knee replacement surgeries.

This new program is available July 1, 2017 for Consumer Driven Health Plan (CDHP) participants who **reside in Nevada**. This new program continues to put you in control of your healthcare. You will have the flexibility to have these surgeries performed using in-network or out-of-network providers. However, you will pay a lower out-of-pocket cost by choosing one of the following exclusive facilities.

### *Exclusive Facilities for Elective Hip Replacement*

#### **Northern Nevada**

Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center  
Renown South Meadows Medical Center

#### **Southern Nevada**

North Vista Hospital  
St. Rose Dominican Hospital  
Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center

### *Exclusive Facilities for Elective Knee Replacement*

#### **Northern Nevada**

Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center  
Sierra Surgery Hospital  
Renown South Meadows Medical Center

#### **Southern Nevada**

North Vista Hospital  
St. Rose Dominican Hospital  
Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center  
Nevada Orthopedic & Spine Center

If you are planning to have hip or knee replacement surgery after July 1, 2017, you will need to confirm if your doctor performs surgery at one of the above locations. If your doctor does **not** perform surgery at an exclusive facility, you will have two options to receive the care you need:

**Option 1:** You can select a new doctor who performs surgery at an exclusive facility. PEBP's Utilization Management vendor Hometown Health Partners, who pre-certifies your surgery, will assist you in locating a high quality doctor who performs surgery at an exclusive facility. The facility will be reimbursed at 80 percent coinsurance after deductible and 100% after satisfying your maximum out-of-pocket level for the year.

**Option 2:** You can choose to have your hip or knee replacement surgery at a non-exclusive facility. By choosing a non-exclusive facility, we will pay the non-exclusive facility the same amount we would pay an exclusive facility, whether it is in-network or out-of-network. Choosing this option will result in your responsibility to pay any amount above what the plan pays for your surgery.

For example, a hip replacement surgery performed at a non-exclusive facility may charge up to \$85,000 compared to an exclusive facility who may charge \$25,000 for the same service. By using a non-exclusive facility, you **will** be responsible for the remaining balance.

We recognize the preferred facilities shown above may be inconvenient for some of you – especially those who live in rural Nevada. To help, we may reimburse you and one companion for certain travel costs when the surgery is performed at an exclusive facility greater than 50 miles from your home. Travel reimbursement rules are outlined in our Plan Year 2018 Master Plan Document available online at [www.pebp.state.nv.us](http://www.pebp.state.nv.us).

PEBP strives to find ways to provide you with high quality healthcare while reducing costs to you and the program. This new partnership for hip and knee replacement is another step in that direction and our goal of ensuring we provide you high quality, low cost providers on the CDHP.

If you have any questions, please contact PEBP's Utilization Management vendor, Hometown Health Providers at (775) 982-3232 or (888) 323-1461.