

Howard: Kaiser's responses are as follows:

### **Habilitative Services For Adults**

Please respond to the following questions:

**1. What are the visit limits/restrictions for the three therapy groups?**

There are no specified limits or restrictions on therapy when associated with Habilitative Services - services are limited based on medical necessity and appropriateness of treatment

**2. Are there any additional benefits that are worth noting that the policy covers in this category?**

No there are not. All coverage is based on medical necessity as determined appropriate within the definition of covered habilitative services.

**3. It appears Kaiser has an exclusion related to the coverage of "Assistive Technology Services and Devices" as referenced in 45 CFR 156.110(a)(7), please provide additional information about the coverage of this benefit in the relevant KP plans.**

The identified exclusion was an oversight and will be corrected. As noted in the habilitative services definition we cover "Health Care Services and devices that help a person keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living".

**4. Do you currently have a single combined deductible for rehabilitative and habilitative services, and what are the limits for these services?**

Yes, here is a single combined deductible for all covered benefits, including rehabilitative and habilitative services, as shown on the cost share summary for each plan. For habilitative there are no defined limits beyond medical necessity but for rehabilitation limitations are outlined below.

### **Rehabilitation Physical, Occupation, and Speech Therapy Limitations:**

- Occupational therapy is limited to treatment to achieve and maintain improved self-care and other customary activities of daily living.
- Speech therapy is limited to treatment for speech impairments due to injury or illness.
- Physical therapy is limited to the restoration of a physical function that was lost due to injury or illness.

### **Durable Medical Equipment**

**Are there any additional Durable Medical Equipment (DME) worth noting that the relevant KP plans cover?**

There are no additional DME items worth noting beyond: Oxygen and Equipment, Positive Airway Pressure Equipment, Apnea monitors, Asthma Equipment, Bilirubin Lights (for infants under 3 years of age) which are not always covered under traditional DME benefits

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