FAQs – Travel Benefits, Reproductive Services

We recognize that you may have questions about access to abortion services and related health coverage following the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Dobbs. The Dobbs decision permits individual states to decide to set standards for abortion access, including whether to ban or allow abortion.

For individuals who reside in California, comprehensive reproductive health care is available and protected by state law. However, some of you or your dependents may live in or work remotely from other states. This FAQ is intended to answer the most common questions pertaining to benefits and access to services outside of California.

**Do the USC medical plans currently cover abortion services?**

Yes. Abortion and related prescription drugs are covered under all USC medical plans. The court’s decision has not changed the coverage provided in our plans. Your access to services may be impacted, however, depending on where you reside.

**Does USC cover travel benefits within the medical plans for a covered person who resides or is traveling for work in a state where abortion services are restricted?**

Yes. The following USC medical plans include travel benefits for certain covered medical services, including abortion services. This generally means that plan members who must travel a certain distance to obtain defined covered services may be entitled to reimbursement of certain travel expenses.

All plans, excluding Kaiser, have a $2,000 maximum limit per calendar year. In no event will the plans reimburse a covered member more than the Federal Travel Limits outlined in IRS publication 502.

- USC Trojan Care EPO Plan
- USC EPO Plus Plan
- USC PPO Plan
- Kaiser Permanente HMO Plan
- Anthem HMO Plan
- Anthem MyChoice HMO Plan

The USC PPO and USC EPO Plus medical plans will reimburse for covered travel expenses for plan members and those plan members’ covered dependents. The Kaiser Permanente HMO, Anthem HMO, Anthem MyChoice HMO, and USC Trojan Care EPO plans are for employees and their dependents who reside in California (these plans require employees to reside in the plan’s service area to be eligible for enrollment). As such, unless the provider directs members to receive services that require travel, these plans will generally not reimburse travel expenses for plan members who live outside the plan’s service area.
How can I find out more information about these benefits and others available to me and my dependents?

This FAQ document is intended to be a summary only. You may obtain additional information by calling the appropriate number below.

- USC Trojan Care EPO, USC EPO Plus, and USC PPO, members can call HealthComp at 855-727-5267
- Anthem HMO members can call HMO member services at 800-227-3771
- Anthem MyChoice HMO members can call HMO member services at 800-999-3643
- Kaiser HMO members can call HMO member services at 800-464-4000; 800-788-0616 (Spanish)