

## ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS

How will benefits be ensured?

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### Original list of Essential Health Benefits

1. Ambulatory patient service
2. Emergency services
3. Hospitalization
4. Maternity and newborn care
5. Mental health and substance use disorder services including behavioral health treatment
6. Prescription drugs
7. Rehabilitative and habitative services and devices
8. Laboratory services
9. Preventative and wellness services and chronic disease management
10. Pediatric services including oral and vision care

The ACA was implemented with this generic list of essential benefits. These categories were broad by design. Initially there was very little clarification on what was encompassed in each, which lead to a lot of widely varying interpretation.