

June 2022 Guidelines Update

The Samaritan Given program is closing on July 31, 2022.

Section I. Opportunity to Switch Programs

Members will have the opportunity to switch to another Samaritan Given program through July 15, 2022. If they have not selected a program by that date, they will automatically be moved to Samaritan Basic (with Save to Share).

Section I.G. Membership Requirements

The guideline on sexual activity was clarified to read as follows:
Abstain from any sexual activity outside of traditional Biblical marriage as designed by God between one biological man and one biological woman, which precludes rejecting one's biological sex in any manner. If you are married, the marriage must be that of a traditional, Biblical nature between one biological man and one biological woman. GEN 1:27, 2:24 | MATT 19:5 | 1 COR 6:18.

Section III.C. Mobile App Not Available after Program Closing

We are pulling the mobile app from the Given program. References to the mobile app here and throughout the Guidelines have been removed accordingly.

Section III.O. Inactivating Membership

During the closing of Given, you will have 60 days to inactivate as a Samaritan member, with the latest inactivation date available being July 31, 2022.

Section VI. Sharing Bills Up Through and After Program Closes

We will continue to share bills with dates of service through the end of the program on July 31, 2022. Bills submitted after the closing date will still be eligible for sharing if the date of service on the bill is on or before July 31, 2022, and the patient was participating in Given at the time of service.

Section VI.B.28. Prescription Eligibility

Prescription charges are only eligible if the prescription was filled on or before the program closing date of July 31, 2022. The Given card will no longer be valid for prescription bills as of August 1, 2022.

Section XIII.A. Membership Start Date and Pre-existing Conditions

Language has been added to clarify the difference between a person's membership start date and a person's program start date.

Section XIII.B. Switching Health Care Sharing Programs

Samaritan Ministries is providing a switching form for the closing of Given which members will be able to use to request a switch to Classic or Basic.

Section XIII.B. Costs Involved

There are no fees for switching to Samaritan Classic or Basic. Additionally, your first monthly Share in Samaritan Classic/Basic will be waived.

Section XIII.B. AUA/Co-share Between Programs

AUA/co-share amounts in Given do not carry over to Samaritan Classic or Basic as these programs have no corresponding system to accommodate these values.

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Section II.F. Other Child Relatives

In addition to grandchildren, other child relatives may participate on a grandparent's membership so long as they meet certain requirements.

Sections III.G. Annual Share Deposit Review

Any changes to the share deposits will apply to all members participating in Given at the same time rather than being staggered according to the members' continuation dates.

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Section VI.B.24. Glasses and Contacts Eligible for Sharing

The initial purchase of glasses and contacts is eligible for sharing when needed for disease or injury, including subsequent purchases when due to disease/injury and there is a change in physical condition (not simply aging).

Section IX.B. Member Bill Submission Option

A new bill submission option is available on the [web app](#) for times when the provider does not use the membership card.

Section IX.E.1. Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC) Plans

As an exception to the general insurance responsibility rule (i.e., those who have insurance must submit charges to insurance first), members are encouraged to not submit bills to MEC plans.

Section IX.E.2. Prescription Drugs Cannot Be Run Through Insurance and Samaritan

If the member has insurance that covers prescriptions, he must use that insurance for the purchase and not Samaritan Ministries. He may not submit the charges through the membership card, whether they be the initial charges or remaining charges after being submitted to insurance.

Section XIII.A. Waived Signup Fee Extended

The switching fee is waived until January 1, 2023 (previously January 1, 2022).

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Section III.E. Monthly Share Deposit

The member's monthly share deposit is made *one month in advance*. In other words, the funds deposited on the selected deposit date (either the 10th, 15th, 20th, or 25th) are reserved for sharing the *following* calendar month.

Section VI. Sharing Medical Costs

There is no maximum dollar limit to sharing a member's or member household's medical bills, provided the bills are within the Guidelines. Samaritan Ministries reserves the right to determine what constitute fair and reasonable charges on the member's behalf.

Section VI.A.3. Blood Diseases

Blood diseases were added to the list of conditions which require a licensed medical provider's statement establishing that the condition was not pre-existing during the 36 months prior to membership start date.

Section VIII.D. Adopted Child

Additional clarifications added to explain eligibility of an adopted child's and birth mother's medical expenses.

Section IX.E. Other Sources of Bill Payment

Language added to clarify insurance payments will apply toward the therapy initial unshareable amount and therapy co-share.

Section XI.B. Resolution of All Other Issues

Except under specified circumstances, the Board of Directors will have the final decision on questions of membership eligibility.

Section XIII.A. Switching from Samaritan Classic/Basic to Samaritan Given

The switching fee is waived until January 1, 2022 (previously July 1, 2021).

Section XIII.B. Switching from Samaritan Given to Samaritan Classic/Basic

The switching fee is waived until January 1, 2022, as are the requirements that a member may only switch to another program at the continuation date or due to a qualifying life event (previously these were to take effect July 1, 2021).

State Legal Notices: Montana

Clarification that Samaritan Given is considered a health care sharing ministry, not health insurance.