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# AlaskaCare Benefit Clarification

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| **Benefit Title** | Compound Medications | **Group Number** | 866219-All |
| **Effective Date** | January 1, 2014 | **Date Submitted** | February 24, 2014 |

**Applicable Benefit Plan (check all that apply):**

☒ Active ☒ Retiree ☐ Long-Term Care

☐ Medical ☐ Dental ☐ Vision ☐ Audio ☒ Pharmacy ☐ Other

**Description:** Coverage of prescription compound medications that do not contain at least one ingredient that is an FDA legend drug.

**AlaskaCare Insurance Information Booklet Reference(s):**

- January 1, 2014 amendment: page 14-16, Medically Necessary Services and Supplies
- 2003 Retiree Insurance Information Booklet: page 32-35, Prescription Drugs
- January 1, 2014 AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan: page 32-33, Medically Necessary Service and Supplies; page 77, Pharmacy Benefit Exclusions

**Decision:** Under the pharmacy benefit Aetna to process or reprocess claims for compound prescription that contain bio-identical hormones, an active ingredient that is a bulk powder and not an FDA approved medication, and thyroid compounds containing a bulk powder active ingredient as appropriate for employees, retirees or dependents.

**Plan Administrator Approval:**

Signature Mike Barnhill Title Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administration Date 8/19/14

**Comments:**

**This benefit clarification applies to the AlaskaCare Employee Health Plan effective January 1, 2014 and the AlaskaCare Retiree Health Plan as amended January 1, 2014.**

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