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### **Another CarePlus Benefit**

In a recent bulletin we addressed the hearing aid benefit of up to \$4000 available through CarePlus. But CarePlus offers many other benefits that you may not be aware of. Sometimes our members share experiences where they have benefitted from using CarePlus. Here are two examples:

- An AASBCR member recently had cataract surgery that also involved laser surgery to correct astigmatism and CarePlus covered \$950 per eye for the surgery. Medicare does not cover this type of surgery to correct astigmatism.

- Another retiree, whose husband is legally blind due to Age-related Macular Degeneration, found that CarePlus would cover **OrCam My Eye**, a new device to help people with AMD manage life better.

CarePlus covers many experimental services that are not covered by Medicare or other health insurance. In addition to enhanced hearing coverage, these include, but are not limited to, stem cell transplants, including bone marrow and cells derived from umbilical cord blood, vaccines required for international travel and for treatment of certain diseases, occupational and speech therapy, CT for early detection of COPD, laser treatment for epilepsy, gene transfer therapy and many others.

There are over 10 pages in the CarePlus SPD, listing the services. It is impossible for AASBCR® to describe every benefit to our members but it might be worthwhile for you to check it out yourself. Remember for the 2019 Plan Year you and your eligible dependent will not pay for the CarePlus program.



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