**Benefit Booklet** (Referred to as "Booklet" in the following pages)

# Trinidad Benham \$1,000 Deductible PPO Plan

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# Section 1. Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)

In this section you will find an outline of the benefits included in your Plan and a summary of any Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Copayments that you must pay. Also listed are any Benefit Period Maximums or limits that apply. Please read the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section for more details on the Plan's Covered Services. Read the "Limitations/Exclusions (What is Not Covered)" section for details on Excluded Services.

All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, Exclusions, limitations, and terms of this Booklet including any endorsements, amendments, or riders.

To get the highest benefits at the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from an In-Network **Provider.** Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowed Amount, which is the most the Plan will allow for a Covered Service. Except for Surprise Billing Claims, when you use an Out-of-Network Provider you may have to pay the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount in addition to any Coinsurance, Copayments, Deductibles, and non-covered charges. This amount can be substantial. Please read the "Member Payment Responsibility" section for more details.

Deductibles, Coinsurance, and Benefit Period Maximums are calculated based upon the Maximum Allowed Amount, not the Provider's billed charges.

Essential Health Benefits provided within this Booklet are not subject to lifetime or annual dollar maximums. Certain non-essential health benefits, however, are subject to either a lifetime and/or dollar maximum.

Essential Health Benefits are defined by federal law and refer to benefits in at least the following categories:

- Ambulatory patient services,
- Emergency services,
- Hospitalization,
- Maternity and newborn care,
- · Mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment,
- Prescription drugs,
- Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services and devices,
- Laboratory services,
- Preventive and wellness services, and
- Chronic disease management and pediatric services.

Such benefits shall be consistent with those set forth under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and any state or federal regulations issued pursuant thereto.

Benefit Period	Calendar Year
Dependent Age Limit	To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26. Please see the "Eligibility" section for further details.

Deductible	In-Network	Out-Of-Network	
Deductibles - Individual	\$1,000 Per Year Individual	\$2,000 Per Year Individual	
Deductibles - Family	\$2,000 Per Year Family	\$4,000 Per Year Family	
Deductible - Accumulation Method	Family amount can be satisfied by any combination of family members but an individual would never satisfy more than their own individual amount. Embedded.		
Deductible - Applied Method	Deductible amounts accumulate separa	tely for In and Out of Network	
Coinsurance	In-Network	Out-Of-Network	
Coinsurance - Plan	80%	60%	
Coinsurance - Member Responsible	20%	40%	
Preventive Level of Coinsurance - Plan	100%	Not Covered	
Preventive Level of Coinsurance - Member Responsible	0%	Not Covered	
	In-Network Out-Of-Network		
Out of Pocket	In-Network	Out-Of-Network	
Out of Pocket Out-of-Pocket Maximum - Individual	In-Network \$4,000 Per Year Individual	Sut-Of-Network \$11,200 Per Year Individual	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum - Individual	\$4,000 Per Year Individual	\$11,200 Per Year Individual \$22,400 Per Year Family combination of family members	
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plus 50% after deductible when no authorization is on file.

#### Important Notice about Your Cost Shares

In certain cases, if we pay a Provider amounts that are your responsibility, such as Deductibles, Copayments or Coinsurance, we may collect such amounts directly from you. You agree that we have the right to collect such amounts from you.

The tables below outline the Plan's Covered Services and the cost share(s) you must pay. In many spots you will see the statement, "Covered - At the benefit level of the services billed." In these cases you should determine where you will receive the service (i.e., in a doctor's office, at an outpatient hospital facility, etc.) and look up that location to find out which cost share will apply. For example, you might get physical therapy in a doctor's office, an outpatient hospital facility, or during an inpatient hospital stay. For services in the office, look up "Office and Home Visits." For services in the outpatient department of a hospital, look up "Outpatient Facility Services." For services during an inpatient stay, look up "Inpatient Services."

COVID-19 Testing & Treatment	In-Netv	work	Out-Of-Network
COVID-19 Over-the-Counter Home Test Kits	Cove	ered	Covered - At the INN benefit level
Effective on or after 1/15/2022	Covered At 100%	%	
	Deductible No		
	Copayment N/A		
	Limit 8 Tes	sts Per Month	

Allergy	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Allergy Treatment		Covered	Covered
Includes allergy serum and injections.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Allergy Testing		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Ambulance		n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Emergency Ambulance		Covered	Covered
Includes Supplies Ambulance is only covered to nearest facility.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 80%
Ambulance is only covered to hearest identity.	Deductible	No	Deductible No
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Non-Emergency Ambulance		Covered	Covered
Includes Supplies Ambulance to and from facility only	Covered At	80%	Covered At 80%
Ambulance to and normacinity only	Deductible	No	Deductible No
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Ambulatory Surgical Centers	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Ambulatory Surgical Center		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Anesthesia	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Anesthesia		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Attention Deficit Disorders and Autism	In-N	Network	Out-Of-Network
ADD/ADHD		t the benefit level of the	Covered - At the benefit level of
Includes Autism Spectrum Disorder, Intellectual		ervices billed	the services billed
Disability, Developmental Delays and Learning Disabilities	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A

Bariatric Surgery	In-1	Network	Out-Of-Network
Bariatric Surgery		t the benefit level of the	Covered - At the benefit level of
	Se Limit	ervices billed	the services billed Limit N/A
Bariatric Travel and Lodging		t Covered	Not Covered
Dental Benefits		In-Network	Out-Of-Network
Dental		Covered	Covered
Dontai	Covered At		Covered At 80%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Diabetes Maintenance		In-Network	Out-Of-Network
Diabetes Education/Diabetic Nutritional Counseling Outpatient		Covered	Covered
When part of HCR services refer to Preventive Care Benefits.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Care benefits.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Diabetes Education/Diabetic Nutritional Counseling Office Professional		Covered	Covered
When part of HCR services refer to Preventive	Covered At	100%	Covered At 60%
Care Benefits.	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$25 Per Visit	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Diabetic Supply		Covered	Covered
Diabetic Supplies covered by pharmacy plan are not covered under medical - including	Covered At		Covered At 60%
lancets, syringes, insulin etc.	Deductible		Deductible Yes
Diabetic supplies not covered under Pharmacy	Copayment		Copayment N/A
are covered by the medical plan.	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Continuous Glucose Monitor not covered under Medical but under Prescription plan.			
Diagnostic X-ray, Lab, and Diagnostic Services (Non Routine)	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
DXL Outpatient Institutional and Professional		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
DXL Inpatient Institutional and Professional		Covered	Covered
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A

Diagnostic X-ray, Lab, and Diagnostic	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Services (Non Routine)			
DXL In Office		Covered	Covered
Sleep Study Covered	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A
DXL Independent Lab		Covered	Covered
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
High Diagnostic Imaging Independent Center		Covered	Covered
Includes MRI/MRA/CAT/PET.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
High Diagnostic Imaging Outpatient Institutional		Covered	Covered
Includes MRI/MRA/CAT/PET.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Durable Medical Equipment	li	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Durable Medical Equipment		Covered	Covered
Purchase & Rental	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Medical Supply		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Prosthetics		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Prosthetic Arms and Legs		Covered	Covered
For prosthetic devices (arms and legs), benefits are provided with the same deductible and	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
coinsurance as provided by Medicare.	Deductible	N/A	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$185 Per Limb	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A

Durable Medical Equipment	li	n-Network	Out-0	Of-Network
Orthotics	Ν	lot Covered	No	t Covered
Orthotics are not covered except for members with Diabetes.				
Wigs/Toupees	Ν	lot Covered	No	t Covered
Early Intervention		n-Network	Out-	Of-Network
Early Intervention - DME		Covered	No	t Covered
	Covered At	100%		
	Deductible			
	Copayment	N/A		
	Age Limit	3 years		
Early Intervention – Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy		Covered	No	t Covered
Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and	Covered At	100%		
Speech Therapy do not accumulate to the visit limits.	Deductible	No		
innus.	Copayment			
	Age Limit			
Emergency Care	-	n-Network	Out-	Of-Network
Emergency – Emergency Room Institutional		Covered	(	Covered
If admitted, the ER copay is waived.	Covered At	80%	Covered At	80%
	Deductible	No	Deductible	No
	Copayment	\$150	Copayment	\$150
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A
Emergency Care	In-N	letwork	Out-	Of-Network
Emergency – Emergency Room Physician		Covered	(	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At	80%
	Deductible	No	Deductible	No
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment	N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A
Hearing	In-N	letwork	Out-	Of-Network
Hearing Exam (non-routine)		Covered		Covered
Limit combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Covered At	80%	Covered At	60%
	Deductible		Deductible	
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment	N/A
	Limit	1 Occurrence Per Year	Limit	1 Occurrence Per Year

Hearing	In-N	letwork	Out-	Of-Network
Hearing Aid Services for Members Under		Covered	(	Covered
19 years of Age Limit combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Covered At	80%	Covered At	60%
	Deductible		Deductible	
	Copayment		Copayment	
		1 Per Ear Every 3		1 Per Ear Every 3
		years		years
Hearing Aid Services for Members 19		Covered	(	Covered
years of Age and Older Limit combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Covered At	80%	Covered At	60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible	
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment	N/A
	Limit 1	1 Per Ear Every 3	Limit 1	1 Per Ear Every 3
		Years		Years
	Limit 2	\$5,000 Per Year	Limit 2	\$5,000 Per Year
Home Health/Home Infusion/PDN	In-N	letwork	Out-	Of-Network
Home Health Care		Covered		Covered
Limit does not apply to PT/OT/ST when performed as part of Home Health Care.	Covered At		Covered At	
	Deductible		Deductible	
Limit combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Copayment		Copayment	
	Limit 1	60 Visits Per Year		60 Visits Per Year
	Limit 2	4 Hours Maximum Per Visit	Limit 2	4 Hours Maximum Per Visit
Home Infusion Therapy		Covered		Covered
Home Infusion Therapy: Services do NOT count toward the Home Health visit maximum.	Covered At		Covered At	
	Deductible		Deductible	
	Copayment		Copayment	
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A
Private Duty Nursing	N	lot Covered	No	ot Covered
Hospice/Bereavement	In-N	letwork	Out-	Of-Network
Hospice		Covered		Covered
Member able to be referred to Hospice, if life expectancy up to 12 months, and continue	Covered At		Covered At	
disease- modifying treatments after Hospice	Deductible		Deductible	
engagement has begun.	Copayment		Copayment	
	Limit		Limit	N/A
Respite Care and Bereavement Counseling		Covered		Covered
	Covered At		Covered At	
	Deductible		Deductible	
	Copayment		Copayment	
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A

Inpatient Care - Institutional	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Inpatient Accommodations and Ancillaries		Covered	Covered
Pre-auth waived for emergency admit.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Inpatient Surgery Includes Maternity.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
molddoo Matornity.	Copayment	N/A	Copayment \$500 Per Admissior
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Inpatient Physical Medical Rehab		Covered	Covered
Limit combined with Skilled Nursing Facility	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
and Inpatient Physical Medical Rehab.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
Limit combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Copayment	N/A	Copayment \$500 Per Admission
	Limit	90 Days Per Year	Limit 90 Days Per Year
Skilled Nursing Facility		Covered	Covered
Limit combined with Skilled Nursing Facility and Inpatient Physical Medical Rehab.	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
Limit combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Copayment		Copayment \$500 Per Admission
		90 Days Per Year	Limit 90 Days Per Year
Medical While Hospitalized (Inpatient professional services)	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Inpatient Professional Medical Care		Covered	Covered
For well newborn, no separate deductible and/or co-pay is applied. The charge is applied to the	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
mother's claims only. Includes Therapies	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Inpatient Institutional		Covered	Covered
Inpatient Accommodations and Ancillaries	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Pre-auth waived for emergency admit.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment \$500 Per Admissior
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Residential Treatment Centers		Covered	Covered
Inpatient Accommodations and Ancillaries	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Pre-auth waived for emergency admit.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment \$500 Per Admission
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Outpatient Institutional		Covered	Covered
Pre-auth waived for emergency admit.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A

Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Intensive Outpatient Therapy (IOP) Institutional		Covered	Covered
Pre-auth waived for emergency admit.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Partial Hospitalization (PHP)		Covered	Covered
Institutional Pre-auth waived for emergency admit.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Inpatient Professional		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Outpatient Professional		Covered	Covered
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse - Office Professional		Covered	Covered
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment Limit		Copayment N/A
			Limit N/A
Nutritional Counseling - (Non Diabetic) Nutritional Counseling Outpatient	l	n-Network Covered	Out-Of-Network Covered
Professional	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment	-	Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A
Nutritional Counseling Office Professional		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A

Obstetrics, Family Planning, Sterilization	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Elective Abertice		Osurana d	Caurand
Elective Abortion	Covered At	Covered	Covered Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A
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Complicated Delivery	Covered At		Covered Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A
Contraceptives - Covered under Women's	Linit	Covered	Not Covered
Health Provision	Covered At	100%	
	Deductible	No	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit		
Contraceptives – Not Covered under Women's Health Provision		Covered	Covered
Women's Health Flowsion	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A
Family Planning		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	100%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$25	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
OB GYN/GYN Office Visit		Covered	Covered
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$50	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Maternity Care Outpatient Institutional and Professional		Covered	Covered
Dependent Daughters are covered for maternity.	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A
Maternity Care Office Professional Visit		Covered	Covered
Dependent Daughters are covered for maternity.	Covered At		Covered At 60%
1st Prenatal visit applies copayment then all	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
other Prenatal visits apply at 100%.	Copayment	\$25	Copayment N/A
	Limit		Limit N/A

Obstetrics, Family Planning, Sterilization	li	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Prenatal Genetic Counseling		Covered	Covered
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Newborn Nursery		Covered	Covered
Newborn Care (Note: for well newborn, no separate deductible and/or co-pay is applied.)	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment		Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Sterilization		Covered	Covered
Reversals are Not Covered.	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Infertility Services	h	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Infertility Treatment Services	N	lot Covered	Not Covered
Artificial Insemination and Invitro Fertilization and other Infertility Treatment Services are not			
covered.			
Infertility Testing and Diagnosis		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Outpatient Hospital Services	h	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Outpatient Hospital Services		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Preventive Care Benefits	h	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Preventive Care Benefits		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	100%	
	Deductible	No	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit	N/A	
Expanded Preventive Care for Chronic Conditions		Covered	Not Applicable
supersedes any applicable benefit or exclusions	Covered At	100%	
	Deductible	No	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit		

Professional Physician Services	In-N	letwork	Out-Of-Network
Home Visits		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Office Visits Office Professional		PCP and SPC Copay	Covered
Self-Administered drugs are not covered.	PCP		PCP
	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
		\$25 Per Visit	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
	Specialist		Specialist
	Covered At	100%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible		Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$50 Per Visit	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Onsite Clinics	N	lot Covered	Not Covered
Retail Health Clinics		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	100%	
	Deductible	No	
	Copayment	\$25 Per Visit	
	Limit	N/A	
Surgery Benefits	In-N	letwork	Out-Of-Network
Surgical Services		Covered	Covered
Hospital based provider services rendered by non-par providers in In-Network hospitals are			
covered at the In-Network benefit level			
Therapies	l	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Cardiac Rehab		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Chemotherapy/Radiation Therapy		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Dialysis/Hemodialysis		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A

Therapies	I	n-Network	Out-Of-Network
Infusion Therapy		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Respiratory Therapy		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Pulmonary Therapy		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Occupational Therapy		Covered	Covered
Limit is combined Outpatient Institutional,	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Outpatient Professional and Office Professional.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
Limit is combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	20 Visits Per Year	Limit 20 Visits Per year
Physical Therapy		Covered	Covered
Limit is combined Outpatient Institutional,	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Outpatient Professional and Office Professional.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
Limit is combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	25 Visits Per Year	Limit 25 Visits Per Year
Speech Therapy		Covered	Covered
Limit is combined Outpatient Institutional,	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
Outpatient Professional and Office Professional.	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
Limit is combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	20 Visits Per Year	Limit 20 Visits Per Year
Chiropractic Services		Covered	Covered
Limit is combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Covered At	100%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$25 Per Visit	Copayment N/A
	Limit	20 Visits Per Year	Limit 20 Visits Per Year
Acupuncture Services		Covered	Covered
Limit is combined In- and Out-of-Network.	Covered At		Covered At 60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	\$25 Per Visit	Copayment N/A
		20 Visits Per Year	Limit 20 Visits Per Year
Massage Therapy	Ν	lot Covered	Not Covered

ТМЈ	In-N	letwork	Out-Of-Network
TMJ Treatment	Not Covered		Not Covered
Transgender Surgery	In-N	letwork	Out-Of-Network
Transgender Surgery		Covered	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At 60%
	Deductible	Yes	Deductible Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit N/A
Transgender Travel	Ν	lot Covered	Not Covered
Transplant Benefits	In-N	letwork	Out-Of-Network
Live Donor Health Services		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	80%	
	Deductible	Yes	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit	N/A	
Bone Marrow Donor Search Fee		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	80%	
	Deductible	Yes	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit	\$30,000 Per Transplant	
Organ Transplants Institutional		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	80%	
	Deductible	Yes	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit	N/A	
Organ Transplants Professional		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	80%	
	Deductible	Yes	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit	N/A	
Travel and Lodging for Organ Transplants		Covered	Not Covered
	Covered At	80%	
	Deductible	Yes	
	Copayment	N/A	
	Limit	\$10,000 Per Transplant	

Urgent Care	In-N	letwork	Out-0	Of-Network
Urgent Care Outpatient		Covered	(	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At	60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible	Yes
	Copayment	N/A	Copayment	N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A
Urgent Care Office		Covered	(	Covered
	Covered At	80%	Covered At	60%
	Deductible	No	Deductible	Yes
	Copayment	\$50 Per Visit	Copayment	N/A
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A
Virtual Visits (Telehealth/Telemedicine)	In-N	letwork	Out-0	Of-Network
LiveHealth Online	Covered -	PCP and SPC Copay	No	t Covered
LHO PCP includes Mental Health/Alcohol and	PCP			
Substance Abuse	Covered At	100%		
	Deductible	No		
	Copayment			
	Limit			
LHO Specialist includes Dermatology	Specialist			
LHO Specialist includes Sleep Clinic/Sleep	Covered At	100%		
LHO Specialist includes Sleep Clinic/Sleep Study.	Deductible	No		
	Copayment	\$50 Per Visit		
	Limit	N/A		
K-Chat		Covered	Not	Applicable
Virtual Primary Care (VPC) selected with	Covered At	100%		
promotions.	Deductible	No		
	Copayment	N/A		
	Limit	N/A		
Online Visits (Telehealth/Telemedicine)	Covered -	PCP and SPC Copay		Covered
PCP includes Mental Health/Alcohol and Substance Abuse	PCP		PCP	
	Covered At	100%	Covered At	60%
	Deductible		Deductible	
	Copayment		Copayment	
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A
	Specialist		Specialist	
	Covered At		Covered At	
	Deductible		Deductible	
		\$50 Per Visit	Copayment	
	Limit	N/A	Limit	N/A

Prescription Drug Retail Pharmacy and Home Delivery (Mail Order) Benefits	In-Network	Out-Of-Network			
At least one product in all 18 approved methods of contraception is covered under this policy without cost sharing as required by federal and state law. Otherwise, each Prescription Drug will be subject to a cost share (e.g., Copayment/Coinsurance) as described below. If your Prescription Order includes more than one Prescription Drug, a separate cost share will apply to each covered Drug. You will be required to pay the lesser of your scheduled cost share or the Maximum Allowed Amount.					
<b>Day Supply Limitations –</b> Prescription Drugs will be subject to various day supply and quantity limits. Certain Prescription Drugs may have a lower day-supply limit than the amount shown below due to other Plan requirements such as prior authorization, quantity limits, and/or age limits and utilization guidelines.					
Retail Pharmacy (In-Network and Out-of-	30 d	ays			
Network)	<b>Note:</b> A 90-day supply is available at Maintenance Pharmacies When you get a 90-day supply at a Maintenance Pharmacy, three (3) Retail Pharmacy Copayments (one for each 30-day period) will apply. When you get a 30-day supply, one Copayment per Prescription Order will apply.				
Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy	90 days				
Specialty Pharmacy	30 da	ays*			
	*See additional information in the "Specialty Drug Copayments / Coinsurance" section below.				
Note: Prescription Drugs that we are required with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsuran					
Retail Pharmacy Copayments					
Tier 1 Prescription Drugs	\$10 Copayment per Prescription Drug	\$10 Copayment per Prescription Drug			
Tier 2 Prescription Drugs	\$30 Copayment per Prescription Drug	\$30 Copayment per Prescription Drug			
Tier 3 Prescription Drugs	\$50 Copayment per Prescription Drug	\$50 Copayment per Prescription Drug			
Tier 4 Prescription Drugs	20% Coinsurance to a maximum of \$250 per Prescription Drug	20% Coinsurance to a maximum of \$250 per Prescription Drug			
Home Delivery Pharmacy Copayments					
Tier 1 Prescription Drugs	\$20 Copayment per Prescription Drug	Not covered			
Tier 2 Prescription Drugs	\$60 Copayment per Not covered Prescription Drug				
Tier 3 Prescription Drugs	\$100 Copayment per Prescription Drug	Not covered			
Tier 4 Prescription Drugs	20% Coinsurance to a maximum of \$500 per Prescription Drug	Not covered			

# Specialty Drug Copayments / Coinsurance:

Please note that certain Specialty Drugs are only available from the Specialty Pharmacy and you will not be able to get them at a Retail Pharmacy or through the Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy. Please see "Specialty Pharmacy" in the section "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" for further details. Also, see the "Drug Cost Share Assistance Programs" section for information about applicable cost share amounts applicable to Specialty Drugs that are eligible for cost share assistance. When you get Specialty Drugs from the Specialty Pharmacy, you will have to pay the same Copayments/Coinsurance you pay for a 30-day supply at a Retail Pharmacy.

# **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice**

### **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA)**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) is a federal law that includes the No Surprises Act as well the Provider transparency requirements that are described below.

### Surprise Billing Claims

Surprise Billing Claims are claims that are subject to the No Surprises Act requirements:

- Emergency Services provided by Out-of-Network Providers,
- Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, and
- Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services.

### **No Surprises Act Requirements**

#### **Emergency Services**

As required by the CAA, Emergency Services are covered under your Plan:

- Without the need for Precertification
- Whether the Provider is In-Network or Out-of-Network

If the Emergency Services you received are provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Services will be processed at the In-Network benefit level.

Note that if you receive Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, your Out-of-Pocket costs will be limited to amounts that would apply if the Covered Services had been furnished by an In-Network Provider. However, Out-of-Network cost-shares (i.e., Copayments, Deductibles and/or Coinsurance) will apply to your claim if the treating Out-of-Network Provider determines you are stable, meaning you have been provided necessary Emergency Care such that your condition will not materially worsen and the Out-of-Network Provider determines: (i) that you are able to travel to an In-Network Facility by non-emergency transport; (ii) the Out-of-Network Provider complies with the notice and consent requirement; and (iii) you are in condition to receive the information and provide informed consent. If you continue to receive services from the Out-of-Network Provider after you are stabilized, you will be responsible for the Out-of-Network cost-shares, and the Out-of-Network Provider will also be able to charge you any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charges. This notice and consent exception does not apply if the Covered Services furnished by an Out-of-Network Provider result from unforeseen and urgent medical needs arising at the time of service.

#### **Out-of-Network Services Provided an In-Network Facility**

When you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, your claims will be paid at the Out-of-Network benefit level if the Out-of-Network Provider gives you proper notice of its charges, and you give written consent to such charges. This means you will be responsible for Out-of-Network cost-shares for those services and the Out-of-Network Provider can also charge you any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's billed charges. This requirement does not apply to Ancillary Services. Ancillary Services are one of the following services: (a) Emergency Services; (b) anesthesiology; (c) laboratory and pathology services; (d) radiology; (e) neonatology; (f) diagnostic services; (g) assistant surgeons; (h) Hospitalists; (i) Intensivists; and (j) any services set out by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. In addition, we will not apply this notice and consent process to you if we do not have an In-Network Provider in your area who can perform the services you require.

Out-of-Network Providers satisfy the notice and consent requirement as follows:

- By obtaining your written consent not later than 72 hours prior to the delivery of services, or
- If the notice and consent is given on the date of the service, if you make an appointment within 72 hours of the services being delivered.

#### How Cost-Shares are Calculated

Your cost shares for Emergency Services or for Covered Services received by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, will be calculated using the median Plan In-Network contract rate that we pay In-Network Providers for the geographic area where the Covered Service is provided. Any Out-of-Pocket cost shares you pay to an Out-of-Network Provider for either Emergency Services or for Covered Services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility will be applied to your In-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit.

#### Appeals

If you receive Emergency Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at an In-Network Facility, or Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services and believe those services are covered by the No Surprises Act, you have the right to appeal that claim. If your appeal of a Surprise Billing Claim is denied, then you have a right to appeal the adverse decision to an Independent Review Organization as set out in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Benefit Book.

### **Provider Directories**

We are required to confirm the list of In-Network Providers in our Provider Directory every 90 days. If you can show that you received inaccurate information from us that a Provider was In-Network on a particular claim, then you will only be liable for In-Network cost shares (i.e., Copayment, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance) for that claim. Your In-Network cost-shares will be calculated based upon the Maximum Allowed Amount.

### **Transparency Requirements**

We provide the following information on our website (i.e., www.anthem.com).

• Protections with respect to Surprise Billing Claims by Providers, including information on how to contact state and federal agencies if you believe a Provider has violated the No Surprises Act.

You may also obtain the following information on our website or by calling Member Services at the phone number on the back of your ID Card:

- Cost sharing information for 500 defined services, as required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS); and
- A listing / directory of all In-Network Providers.

In addition, we will provide access through our website to the following information:

- In-Network negotiated rates, and
- Historical Out-of-Network rates.

# **Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Notices**

# **Choice of Primary Care Physician / Provider**

We generally allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician / Provider (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in the Claim Administrator's network and who is available to accept you or your family members. For information on how to select a PCP, and for a list of PCPs, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to the Claim Administrator's website, <u>www.anthem.com</u>. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

# Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (ObGyn) Care

You do not need referral from us or from any other person (including a PCP) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in the Claim Administrator's network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining Precertification for certain services or following a pre-approved treatment plan. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, contact the telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or refer to the Claim Administrator's website, <u>www.anthem.com</u>.

# **Additional Federal Notices**

# Statement of Rights under the Newborns' and Mother's Health Protection Act

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending Provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the Plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

# Statement of Rights under the Women's Cancer Rights Act of 1998

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 (WHCRA). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician and the patient, for:

- All stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

These benefits will be provided subject to the same Deductibles and Coinsurance applicable to other medical and surgical benefits provided under this Plan. (See the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details.) If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call us at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

# Coverage for a Child Due to a Qualified Medical Support Order ("QMCSO")

If you or your spouse are required, due to a QMCSO, to provide coverage for your child(ren), you may ask the Group to provide you, without charge, a written statement outlining the procedures for getting coverage for such child(ren).

# Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act

The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act provides for parity in the application of aggregate treatment limitations (day or visit limits) on mental health and substance abuse benefits with day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits. In general, group health plans offering mental health and substance abuse benefits cannot set day/visit limits on mental health or substance abuse benefits that are lower than any such day or visit limits for medical and surgical benefits. A plan that does not impose day or visit limits on medical and surgical benefits may not impose such day or visit limits on mental health and substance abuse benefits may not impose Deductibles, Copayment, Coinsurance, and out of pocket expenses on mental health and substance abuse benefits that are more restrictive than Deductibles, Copayment, Coinsurance and out of pocket expenses applicable to other medical and surgical benefits. Medical Necessity criteria are available upon request.

# **Special Enrollment Notice**

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your Dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your Dependents in this Plan if you or your Dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing towards your or your Dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after your or your Dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

In addition, if you have a new Dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your Dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligible Subscribers and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:

- The Subscriber's or Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; or
- The Subscriber or Dependent becomes eligible for a subsidy (state premium assistance program).

The Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid/CHIP or of the eligibility determination.

To request special enrollment or obtain more information, call us at the Member Services telephone number on your Identification Card, or contact the Employer.

## Statement of ERISA Rights

Please note: This section applies to employer sponsored plans **other than** Church employer groups and government groups. If you have questions about whether this Plan is governed by ERISA, please contact the Plan Administrator (the Employer).

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) entitles you, as a Member of the Employer under this Contract, to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations such as worksites and union halls, all plan documents, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of all documents filed by this plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, such as detailed annual reports and plan descriptions;
- Obtain copies of all plan documents and other plan information upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for these copies; and
- Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary financial report.

In addition to creating rights for you and other employees, ERISA imposes duties on the people responsible for the operation of your employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan are called plan fiduciaries. They must handle your plan prudently and in the best interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your right under ERISA. If your claim for welfare benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have the right to have your claims reviewed and reconsidered.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials from the Plan Administrator and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide you the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials are not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If your claim for benefits is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. If plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. It may order you to pay these expenses, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous. If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

# Section 2. Title Page (Cover Page)

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# **Outpatient Retail Prescription Drug Copayment Plan**

# **Trinidad Benham**

# Section 3. Contact Us

## Welcome!

This Booklet explains many of the rights and obligations between you, the Plan Administrator, and the Claims Administrator. It also describes how to get medical care, what health services are covered and not covered, and what portion of the health care costs you will be required to pay. Many of the provisions in this Booklet are interrelated. Therefore, reading just one or two sections may not give you an accurate understanding of your coverage. You should review the entire Booklet as you are responsible for knowing the terms of your coverage.

The Plan Administrator have agreed to be subject to the terms and conditions of Anthem's Provider agreements which may include pre-service review and utilization management requirements, coordination of benefits, timely filing limits, and other requirements to administer the benefits under this Plan.

Many words used in the Booklet have special meanings (e.g., Covered Services and Medical Necessity). These words are capitalized and are defined in the "Definitions" section. Refer to these definitions for the best understanding of what is being stated. Throughout this Booklet you may also see references to "employer," "we," "us," "our," "you," and "your." The words "we," "us," and "our" refer to the Claims Administrator. The words "you" and "your" refer to the Member, Subscriber and each covered Dependent.

**Important:** This is <u>not</u> an insured benefit plan. The benefits described in this Benefit Booklet or any rider or amendments hereto are funded by the Plan Administrator who is responsible for their payment. Anthem Blue Cross Life and Health (the Claims Administrator) provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

If you have any questions about how benefits are administered, please be sure to call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card. Also be sure to review the Claims Administrator's website, <u>www.anthem.com</u> for information on how to locate a Provider, get answers to frequently asked questions, and access valuable health and wellness information. Thank you again!

## How to Get Language Assistance

The Claims Administrator is committed to communicating with our Members about their health Plan, no matter what their language is. The Claims Administrator employs a language line interpretation service for use by all of our Member Services call centers. Simply call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card and a representative will be able to help you. Translation of written materials about your benefits can also be asked for by contacting Member Services. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.

### **Identity Protection Services**

Identity protection services are available with your Plan. To learn more about these services, please visit <u>https://anthemcares.allclearid.com</u>.

# **Member Rights and Responsibilities**

As a Member you have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As your health care partner, we want to make sure your rights are respected while providing your health benefits. That means giving you access to our network of Doctors and healthcare professionals, who help you make the best decisions for your health. As a Member, you should also take an active role in your care.

#### You have the right to:

- Speak freely and privately with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals about health care options and treatment needed for your condition, no matter what the cost or whether it is covered under your Plan.
- Work with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect us to keep your personal health information private by following our privacy policies, and state and federal laws.
- Receive information you need to fully engage with your health Plan, and share your feedback. This includes:
  - Our company and services.
  - Our network of Doctors and other healthcare professionals.
  - Your rights and responsibilities.
  - The way your health Plan works.
- Make a complaint or file an appeal about:
  - Your health Plan and any care you receive.
  - Any Covered Service or benefit decision that your health Plan makes.
- Say no to care, for any condition, sickness or disease, without having an effect on any care you may receive in the future. This includes asking your Doctors and other healthcare professionals to tell you how that may affect your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a Doctor about the cause of your illness, your treatment and what may result from it. You can ask for help if you do not understand this information.

#### You have the responsibility to:

- Read all information about your benefits under the Plan and ask for help if you have questions.
- Follow all Plan rules and policies.
- Choose an In-Network Primary Care Physician / Provider, also called a PCP, if your health Plan requires it.
- Treat all healthcare professionals and staff with respect.
- Keep all scheduled appointments. Call your health care Provider's office if you may be late or need to cancel.
- Understand your health challenges as well as you can, and work with your Doctors and other healthcare professionals to create an agreed upon treatment plan.
- Inform your Doctor and other healthcare professionals if you don't understand the type of care you're getting or what they want you to do as part of your care plan.
- Follow the treatment plan that you have agreed upon with Doctors and other healthcare professionals.

- Share the information needed with us, your Doctors, and other healthcare professionals to help you get the best possible care. This may include information about other health insurance benefits you have in addition to your participation in this Plan.
- Inform Member Services if you have any changes to your name, address or family members covered under your Plan.

If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact us, please go to anthem.com and select Customer Support > Contact Us or call the Member Services number on your ID Card.

We are here to provide high-quality benefits and service to our Members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the Plan are governed by the Booklet and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.

We value your feedback regarding the benefits and service provided under our policies and your overall thoughts and concerns regarding our operations. If you have any concerns regarding how your benefits were applied or any concerns about services you requested which were not covered under this Booklet, you are free to file a complaint or appeal as explained in this Booklet. If you have any concerns regarding a participating Provider or facility, you can file a grievance as explained in this Booklet. And if you have any concerns or suggestions on how we can improve our overall operations and service, we encourage you to contact Member Services.

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# Section 5. Eligibility

In this section you will find information on who is eligible for coverage under this Plan and when Members can be added to your coverage. Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific information, please see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.

# Who is Eligible for Coverage

### The Subscriber

To be eligible to enroll as a Subscriber, the individual must:

- Be an employee of the Employer, and;
- Be entitled to participate in the benefit Plan arranged by the Employer, and;
- Have satisfied any probationary or waiting period established by the Employer and perform the duties of your principal occupation for the Employer.

### Dependents

To be eligible to enroll as a Dependent, you must be listed on the enrollment form completed by the Subscriber, meet all Dependent eligibility criteria established by the Employer, and be one of the following:

- The Subscribers spouse, including the partner to a civil union as recognized by Colorado law. For information on spousal eligibility please contact the Employer.
- Common-law spouse. Common-law spouse, if Common-Law spouse coverage is allowed under the Employer's Plan. Please contact the Employer to determine if Common-Law spouses are eligible under this Plan. If coverage is available, a Common-Law Marriage Affidavit is needed to enroll a common-law spouse. All references to spouse in this Booklet include a common-law spouse.

A common law spouse is an eligible Dependent who has a valid common-law marriage in Colorado. This is the same as any other marriage and can only end by death or divorce.

 Designated beneficiary. Your Employer may have decided to offer benefits under this plan to designated beneficiaries. Check with your Employer to learn more. If they are recognized by the Employer, all references to spouse in this Booklet include a designated beneficiary. A Recorded Designated Beneficiary Agreement will need to be provided. A designated beneficiary is not eligible for COBRA under this Booklet.

A designated beneficiary is an agreement entered into by two people for the purpose of making each a beneficiary of the other and which has been recorded with the county clerk and recorder in the county in which one of the person lives. The agreement is based on the Colorado Designated Beneficiary Act.

 The Subscriber's Domestic Partner, if Domestic Partner coverage is allowed under the Employer's Plan. Please contact the Employer to determine if Domestic Partners are eligible under this Plan. Domestic Partner, or Domestic Partnership means a person of the same sex who is the Subscriber's sole Domestic Partner and has been for 12 months or more; he or she is mentally competent; he or she is not related to the Subscriber by blood closer than permitted by state law for marriage; he or she is not married to anyone else; and he or she is financially interdependent with the Subscriber.

For purposes of this Plan, a Domestic Partner shall be treated the same as a spouse, and a Domestic Partner's child, adopted child, or child for whom a Domestic Partner has legal guardianship shall be treated the same as any other child.

A Domestic Partner's or a Domestic Partner's child's coverage ends on the date of dissolution of the Domestic Partnership. While this Booklet will recognize and provide benefits for a Member who is a spouse or child in connection with a Domestic Partner or recognized civil union relationship, not every federal or state law that applies to a Member who is a spouse or child under this Plan will also apply

to a Domestic Partner or a partner under a civil union. This includes but is not limited to, COBRA and FMLA.

- The Subscriber's or the Subscriber's spouse's children, including natural children, stepchildren, newborn and legally adopted children and children who the Employer has determined are covered under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined by ERISA or any applicable state law.
- Children, including grandchildren, for whom the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse is a permanent legal guardian or as otherwise required by law.

All enrolled eligible children will continue to be covered until the age limit listed in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)". Coverage may be continued past the age limit in the following circumstances:

• Eligibility will be continued past the age limit only for those Dependents who are unmarried and medically certified as mentally or physical impaired and are dependent upon the parent Subscriber. We may ask for a physician to certify the Dependent's eligibility. We must be informed of the Dependent's eligibility for continuation of coverage within 30 days after the date Dependent would normally become ineligible. You must notify us if the Dependent's tax exemption status changes and if he or she is no longer eligible for continued coverage.

We may require you to give proof of continued eligibility for any enrolled child. Your failure to give this information could result in termination of a child's coverage.

To obtain coverage for children, we may require you to give us a copy of any legal documents awarding permanent guardianship of such child(ren) to you.

Your Employer may have limited or excluded the eligibility of certain Dependent types and so not all Dependents listed in this Plan may be entitled to enroll. For more specific information, please see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.

### **Types of Coverage**

Your Employer offers some or all of the enrollment options listed below. After reviewing the available options, you may choose the option that best meets your needs. The options may include:

- Subscriber only (also referred to as single coverage);
- Subscriber and spouse; or Domestic Partner;
- Subscriber and one child;
- Subscriber and children;
- Subscriber and family.

### When You Can Enroll

#### **Initial Enrollment**

The Employer will offer an initial enrollment period to new Subscribers and their Dependents when the Subscriber is first eligible for coverage. Coverage will be effective based on the waiting period chosen by the Employer, and will not exceed 90 days.

If you did not enroll yourself and/or your Dependents during the initial enrollment period you will only be able to enroll during an Open Enrollment period or during a Special Enrollment period, as described below.

#### **Open Enrollment**

Open Enrollment refers to a period of time, usually 60 days, during which eligible Subscribers and Dependents can apply for or change coverage. Open Enrollment occurs only once per year. The Employer will notify you when Open Enrollment is available.

### **Special Enrollment Periods**

If a Subscriber or Dependent does not apply for coverage when they were first eligible, they may be able to join the Plan prior to Open Enrollment if they qualify for Special Enrollment. Except as noted otherwise below, the Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 31 days of a qualifying event.

If an individual is notified or becomes aware of a qualifying event that will occur in the future, he or she may apply for coverage during the thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of the qualifying event, with coverage beginning no earlier than the day the qualifying event occurs to avoid a gap in coverage. The individual must be able to provide written documentation to support the effective date of the triggering event at the time of application.

Special Enrollment is available for eligible individuals who:

- Lost eligibility under a prior health plan for reasons other than non-payment of Fees or due to fraud or intentional misrepresentation of a material fact.
- Lost coverage due to death of a covered employee; the termination or reduction in number of hours of the covered employee's employment, regardless of eligibility for COBRA or state continuation coverage; involuntary termination of coverage; lost eligibility under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act or the Children's Basic Health Plan; or the covered employee becoming eligible for benefits under Title XVIII of the Federal Social Security Act, as amended.
- Lost coverage under a health benefit plan due to the divorce or legal separation of the covered employee from the covered employee's spouse or partner in civil union, or due to the termination of a recognized domestic partnership.
- Is now eligible for coverage due to marriage (including a civil union where recognized in the state where the Subscriber resides), birth, adoption, placement for adoption, placement in foster care, by entering into a Designated Beneficiary Agreement, or pursuant to a QMCSO or other court or administrative order mandating that the individual be covered.
- Exhausted COBRA or state continuation benefits or stopped receiving Employer contributions toward the cost of the prior health plan.
- Has a reduction or elimination of employer contributions towards the cost of the prior health coverage.
- A parent or legal guardian disenrolls a Dependent, or a Dependent becomes ineligible for Children's Basic Health Plan.
- Are now eligible for coverage due to marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

#### Important Notes about Special Enrollment:

- Members who enroll during Special Enrollment are not considered Late Enrollees;
- Individuals must request coverage within 31 days of a qualifying event (i.e., marriage, exhaustion of COBRA, etc.);
- For loss of coverage under the Colorado Medical Assistance Act, coverage must be requested within 60 days of the loss of coverage. For loss of coverage under the Children's Basic Health plan coverage must be requested within 90 days of loss of coverage;
- Evidence of prior Creditable Coverage is required and must be furnished by you or your prior carrier.

If the Subscriber does not enroll themselves and/or their Dependents when first eligible or during a Special Enrollment period, they will not be eligible to enroll until the next Open Enrollment Period.

#### Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Special Enrollment

Eligible Subscribers and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:

• The Subscriber's or Dependent's Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility; or

• The Subscriber or Dependent becomes eligible for a subsidy (state premium assistance program)

The Subscriber or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the above events.

#### Late Enrollees

If the Subscriber does not enroll themselves and/or their Dependents when first eligible or during a Special Enrollment period, they will not be eligible to enroll until the next Open Enrollment Period.

#### Members Covered Under the Employer's Prior Plan

Members who were previously enrolled under another plan offered by the Employer that is being replaced by this Plan are eligible for coverage on the Effective Date of this coverage.

## **Enrolling Dependent Children**

#### **Newborn Children**

Newborn children are covered automatically from the moment of birth. Following the birth of a child, you should submit an application / change form to the Employer within 31 days to add the newborn to your Plan. During the first 31 days after birth, a newborn child will be covered for Medically Necessary care. This includes well childcare and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. This is regardless of the limitations and exclusions applicable to other conditions or procedures of this Booklet.

Even if no additional Fee is required, you should still submit an application / change form to the Employer to add the newborn to your Plan, to make sure we have accurate records and are able to cover your claims.

### **Adopted Children**

A child will be considered adopted from the earlier of: (1) the moment of placement in your home; or (2) the date of an entry of an order granting custody of the child to you. The placement begins when you assume or retain a legal obligation to partially or totally support a child in anticipation of the child's adoption. A placement terminates at the time such legal obligation terminates. The child will continue to be considered adopted unless the child is removed from your home prior to issuance of a legal decree of adoption.

Your Dependent's Effective Date will be the date of the adoption or placement for adoption if you send us the completed application / change form within 31 days of the event.

### Adding a Child due to Award of Legal Custody or Guardianship

If you or your spouse is awarded permanent legal custody or permanent guardianship for a child, an application must be submitted within 31 days of the date legal custody or guardianship is awarded by the court. Coverage will be effective on the date the court granted legal custody or guardianship.

Any foster child who is eligible for benefits provided by any governmental program or law will not be eligible for coverage under this Booklet unless required by the laws of this state.

### **Qualified Medical Child Support Order**

If you are required by a qualified medical child support order or court order, as defined by ERISA and/or applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child in this Plan, we will permit the child to enroll at any time without regard to any Open Enrollment limits and will provide the benefits of this Plan according to the applicable requirements of such order. However, a child's coverage will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit listed in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)".

## **Updating Coverage and/or Removing Dependents**

You are required to notify the Employer of any changes that affect your eligibility or the eligibility of your Dependents for this Plan. When any of the following occurs, contact the Employer and complete the appropriate forms:

- Changes in address;
- Marriage or divorce or entering into or terminating a recognized civil union or domestic partnership;
- Death of an enrolled family member (a different type of coverage may be necessary);
- Enrollment in another health plan or in Medicare;
- Eligibility for Medicare;
- Dependent child reaching the Dependent Age Limit (see "Termination/Nonrenewal/Continuation");
- Enrolled Dependent child either becomes totally or permanently disabled, or is no longer disabled.

Failure to notify us of individuals no longer eligible for services will not obligate us to cover such services, even if a Fee is received for those individuals. All notifications must be in writing and on approved forms.

## Nondiscrimination

No person who is eligible to enroll will be refused enrollment based on health status, health care needs, genetic information, previous medical information, disability, sexual orientation or identity, gender or age.

# **Statements and Forms**

All Members must complete and submit applications or other forms or statements that we may reasonably request.

Any rights to benefits under this Plan are subject to the condition that all such information is true, correct, and complete. Any intentional material misrepresentation by you may result in termination of coverage as provided in the "Termination/Nonrenewal/Continuation" section. We will not use a statement made by you to void or reduce your coverage after that coverage has been in effect for two years, unless such statement is contained in a written instrument signed by you making such statement and a copy of that instrument is or has been given to you or your beneficiary.

# Section 6. How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to managed care plans)

## Introduction

Your Plan is a PPO plan. The Plan has two sets of benefits: In-Network and Out-of-Network. If you choose an In-Network Provider, you will pay less in out-of-pocket costs, such as Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance. If you use an Out-of-Network Provider, you will have to pay more out-of-pocket costs.

To find an In-Network Provider for this Plan, please see "How to Find a Provider in the Network," later in this section.

## **In-Network Services**

When you use an In-Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services will be covered at the In-Network level.

If you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider after we failed to provide you with accurate information in our Provider Directory, or after we failed to respond to your telephone or webbased inquiry within the time required by federal law, Covered Services will be covered at the In-Network level.

Regardless of Medical Necessity, benefits will be denied for care that is not a Covered Service. We have final authority to decide the Medical Necessity of the service.

**In-Network Providers** include Primary Care Physicians / Providers (PCPs), Specialists (Specialty Care Physicians / Providers - SCPs), other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other Facilities who contract with us to care for you. Referrals are never needed to visit an In-Network Specialist, including behavioral health Providers.

To see a Doctor, call their office:

- Tell them you are an Anthem Member,
- Have your Member Identification Card handy. The Doctor's office may ask you for your group or Member ID number.
- Tell them the reason for your visit.

When you go to the office, be sure to bring your Member Identification Card with you.

For services from In-Network Providers:

- You will not need to file claims. In-Network Providers will file claims for Covered Services for you. (You will still need to pay any Coinsurance, Copayments, and/or Deductibles that apply.) You may be billed by your In-Network Provider(s) for any non-Covered Services you get or when you have not followed the terms of this Booklet.
- 2. Precertification will be done by the In-Network Provider. (See this section for further details.)

We do not guarantee that an In-Network Provider is available for all services and supplies covered under your PPO plan. For some services and supplies we may not have arrangements with In-Network Providers.

Please read the "Member Payment Responsibility" section for additional information on Authorized Services.

#### After Hours Care

If you need care after normal business hours, your Doctor may have several options for you. You should call your Doctor's office for instructions if you need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the

holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens. If you have an Emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

# **Out-of-Network Services**

When you do not use an In-Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services are covered at the Out-of-Network level, unless otherwise indicated in this Booklet.

For services from an Out-of-Network Provider:

- 1. Except where this Booklet states otherwise, the Out-of-Network Provider may charge you the difference between their bill and the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount plus any Deductible and/or Coinsurance/Copayments unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim;
- 2. You may have higher cost sharing amounts (i.e., Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments) unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim;
- 3. You will have to pay for services that are not Medically Necessary;
- 4. You will have to pay for non-Covered Services;
- 5. You may have to file claims; and
- 6. You must make sure any necessary Precertification is done. (Please see this section for more details.)

Some services, supplies or prescriptions are not Covered Services when you get them from an Out-of-Network Provider. See the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for more information. For those Covered Services that are covered when received from an Out-of-Network Provider; you may have to pay more.

We pay the benefits of this Booklet directly to Out-of-Network Providers, if you have authorized an assignment of benefits. An assignment of benefits means you want us to pay the Provider instead of you. We may require a copy of the assignment of benefits for our records. These payments fulfill our obligation to you for those services.

# **Surprise Billing Claims**

Surprise Billing Claims are described in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet. Please refer to that section for further details.

# **Connect with Us Using Our Mobile App**

As soon as you enroll in this Plan, you should download our mobile app. You can find details on how to do this on our website, <u>www.anthem.com</u>.

Our goal is to make it easy for you to find answers to your questions. You can chat with us live in the app, or contact us on our website, <u>www.anthem.com</u>.

## How to Find a Provider in the Network

There are several ways you can find out if a Provider or Facility is in the network for this Plan. You can also find out where they are located and details about their license or training.

- See your Plan's directory of In-Network Providers at <u>www.anthem.com</u>, which lists the Doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan's network.
- Search for a Provider in our mobile app.
- Contact Member Services to ask for a list of Doctors and Providers that participate in this Plan's network, based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with your Doctor or Provider.

Please note that not all In-Network Providers offer all services. For example, some Hospital-based labs are not part of our Reference Lab Network. In those cases, you will have to go to a lab in our Reference Lab Network to get In-Network benefits. Please call Member Services before you get services for more information.

If you need details about a Provider's license or training, or help choosing a Doctor who is right for you, call the Member Services number on the back of your Member Identification Card. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with your needs.

# **Continuity of Care**

If your In-Network Provider leaves our network for any reason other than termination for cause, and you are in active treatment, you may be able to continue seeing that Provider for a limited period of time and still get In-Network benefits. "Active treatment" includes:

- 1) An ongoing course of treatment for a life-threatening condition,
- 2) An ongoing course of treatment for a serious acute condition, (examples include chemotherapy, radiation therapy and post-operative visits),
- 3) An ongoing course of treatment for pregnancy and through the postpartum period; or
- 4) An ongoing course of treatment for a health condition for which the Physician or health care Provider attests that discontinuing care by the current Physician or Provider would worsen your condition or interfere with anticipated outcomes.

An "ongoing course of treatment" includes treatments for mental health and substance use disorders.

In these cases, you may be able to continue seeing that Provider for up to 90 days. If treatment is not complete at the end of 90 days, you may, depending on the condition be entitled to a longer period as allowed by law. If you wish to continue seeing the same Provider, you or your Doctor should contact Member Services for details. Any decision by us regarding a request for Continuity of Care is subject to the appeals process.

## **Benefit Maximum**

Some Covered Services have a maximum number of days, visits or dollar amounts that we will allow during a Benefit Period. When the Deductible (if applicable) is applied to a Covered Service which has a maximum number of days or visits, the Benefit Maximum may be reduced by the amount applied to the Deductible, whether or not the Covered Service is paid by us. Even after you satisfy the Out-of-Pocket Annual Maximum, our reimbursement remains limited by the Benefit Maximums of this plan. See the "Schedule of Benefits" for those services which have a Benefit Maximum.

If you leave this Plan, and go on to a new Plan with us in the same Benefit Period, Covered Services that have a Benefit Maximum will be carried over to the new Plan. For example, if a benefit has a limit of one visit per Benefit Period and you received that benefit under the prior coverage, then you are not eligible under the new Plan for the same benefit until the Benefit Period ends, as benefits have been exhausted for your Benefit Period.

# **Crediting Prior Plan Coverage**

If you were covered by the Employer's prior carrier / plan immediately before this Plan, then you may be eligible for credit for any accrued Deductible and, if applicable and approved by us, Out of Pocket amounts under that other plan. This does not apply to claims incurred prior to the current Benefit Period, or to people who were not covered by the prior carrier or plan on the day before the Plan began, or to people who join the Employer later. Credit is not given at other times and is only given as part of the original enrollment of the Employer.

You must apply for the credit within 180 days of the Plan's effective date. If the information from the prior carrier gives clear detail that services were applied to the In-Network Deductible, credit will be towards your In-Network Deductible with us. If documentation is not available or is unclear credit may not be given. For more specific information, please see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.

If you or your Employer moves from one of our plans to another, (for example, changes its coverage from HMO to PPO), that has Deductible and Out-of-Pocket requirements, and you were covered by the other product immediately before enrolling in this product with no break in coverage, then you may get credit for any accrued Deductible and Out of Pocket amounts for the current Benefit Period, if applicable and approved by us. Any maximums, when applicable, will be carried over and charged against the maximums under this Plan.

If your Employer offers more than one of our products, and you change from one product to another with no break in coverage, you will get credit for any accrued Deductible and, if applicable, Out of Pocket amounts and any maximums will be carried over and charged against maximums under this Plan. Credit is based on the particular plan design and may not be applied in all situations.

#### This Section Does Not Apply To You If:

- Your Employer moves to this Plan at the beginning of a Benefit Period.
- You change from one of our individual policies to an Employer plan;
- You change employers; or
- You are a new Member of the Employer who joins the Employer after the Employer's initial enrollment with us.

## The BlueCard Program

Like all Blue Cross & Blue Shield plans throughout the country, we participate in a program called "BlueCard", which provides services to you when you are outside our Service Area. For more details on this program, please see "Inter-Plan Arrangements" in the "Claims Procedure (How to File a Claims)" section.

## **Identification Card**

We will give an Identification Card to each Member enrolled in the Plan. When you get care, you must show your Identification Card. Only a Member who has paid the Fees for this Plan has the right to services or benefits under this Booklet. If anyone gets services or benefits to which they are not entitled to under the terms of this Booklet, he/she must pay for the actual cost of the services.

# **Getting Approval for Benefits**

Your Plan includes the process of Utilization Review to decide when services are Medically Necessary or Experimental/Investigational as those terms are defined in this Booklet. Utilization Review aids the delivery of cost-effective health care by reviewing the use of treatments and, when proper, level of care and/or the setting or place of service that they are performed.

# **Reviewing Where Services Are Provided**

A service must be Medically Necessary to be a Covered Service. When level of care, setting or place of service is reviewed, services that can be safely given to you in a lower level of care or lower cost setting / place of care, will not be Medically Necessary if they are given in a higher level of care, or higher cost setting / place of care. This means that a request for a service may be denied because it is not Medically Necessary for the service to be provided where it is being requested. When this happens, the service can be requested again in another place and will be reviewed again for Medical Necessity. At times a different Provider or Facility may need to be used in order for the service to be considered Medically Necessary. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- A service may be denied on an inpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approvable if provided on an outpatient basis at a Hospital.
- A service may be denied on an outpatient basis at a Hospital but may be approvable at a free standing imaging center, infusion center, Ambulatory Surgery Center, or in a Physician's office.
- A service may be denied at a Skilled Nursing Facility but may be approvable in a home setting.

Utilization Review criteria will be based on many sources including medical policy and clinical guidelines. The Claims Administrator may decide that a treatment that was asked for is not Medically Necessary if clinically equivalent treatment that is more cost effective is available and appropriate. "Clinically equivalent" means treatments that for most Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition.

If you have any questions about the Utilization process, the medical policies, or clinical guidelines, you may call the Member Services phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

# However, coverage for or payment of the service or treatment reviewed is not guaranteed even if we decide your services are Medically Necessary. For benefits to be covered, we may consider on the date you get service:

- 1. You must be eligible for benefits;
- 2. Fees must be paid for the time period that services are given;
- 3. The service or supply must be the same as was precertified;
- 4. The service or supply must be for the same condition and setting that was precertified; and
- 5. You must not have exceeded any applicable limits under your Plan.

## **Types of Reviews**

- **Pre-service Review** A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination, which is done before the service or treatment begins or admission date.
- **Precertification** A required Pre-service Review for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. Certain services require Precertification in order for you to get benefits. The benefit coverage review will include a review to decide whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity or is Experimental / Investigational as those terms are defined in this Booklet.

For emergency services, Precertification is not required. For admissions following Emergency Care, you, your authorized representative or Doctor must tell us within 72 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For childbirth admissions, Precertification is not needed unless the admission lasts beyond the first 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean delivery, or if the baby is not sent home at the same time as the mother.

• **Continued Stay / Concurrent Review** - A Utilization Review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be done during an ongoing stay in a facility or course of treatment.

Both Pre-Service and Continued Stay / Concurrent Reviews may be considered on an urgent or expedited timeframe when, in the view of the treating Provider or any Doctor with knowledge of your medical condition, without such care or treatment, your life or health or your ability to regain maximum function could be seriously threatened or you could be subjected to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment, or if you have a physical or mental disability, would create an imminent and substantial limitation on your existing ability to live independently. Urgent reviews are conducted under a shorter timeframe than standard reviews.

• **Post-service Review** – A review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage that is conducted after the service has been provided. Post-service reviews are performed when a service, treatment or admission did not need a Precertification, or when a needed Precertification was not obtained. Post-service reviews are done for a service, treatment or admission in which we have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by us.

## Who is Responsible for Precertification?

Typically, In-Network Providers know which services need Precertification and will get any Precertification when needed. Your Primary Care Physician / Provider and other In-Network Providers have been given detailed information about these procedures and in Colorado are responsible for meeting these

requirements. Generally, the ordering Provider, Facility or attending Doctor ("requesting Provider") will get in touch with us to ask for a Precertification. However, you may request a Precertification or you may choose an authorized representative to act on your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older. The table below outlines who is responsible for Precertification and under what circumstances. To get more information on what services need Precertification, you or your representative may call Member Services.

Provider Network Status	Responsibility to Get Precertification	Comments
In Network	Provider	The Colorado Provider must get     Precertification when required
Out of Network/ Non-Participating	Member	<ul> <li>You must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services.)</li> <li>You may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary.</li> </ul>
BlueCard Provider	Member (Except for Inpatient Admissions)	<ul> <li>You must get Precertification when required. (Call Member Services.)</li> <li>You may be financially responsible for charges/costs related to the service and/or setting in whole or in part if the service and/or setting is found to not be Medically Necessary.</li> <li>BlueCard Providers must obtain Precertification for all Inpatient Admissions.</li> </ul>
However, you, your auth		sion, Precertification is not required. Doctor must tell us within 72 hours of the mable period of time.

**Note:** Failure to Obtain Precertification Penalty for Out-of-Network Services: If you or your Out-of-Network Provider do not obtain the required precertification for an Out-of-Network service, a penalty will apply. You will have to pay 50% Coinsurance instead of the 40% Coinsurance you would pay if precertification had been obtained. Any Deductible or Copayment for these services will still apply. The extra Coinsurance will not be applied to the Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Limit.

## How Decisions are Made

We use our clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to help make our Medical Necessity decisions. This includes decisions about Prescription Drugs as detailed in the section "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider". Medical policies and clinical guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as proper medical practice. We reserve the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines from time to time.

You are entitled to ask for and get, free of charge, reasonable access to any records concerning your request. To ask for this information, call the Precertification phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

If you are not satisfied with our decision under this section of your benefits, please refer to the "Appeals and Complaints" section to see what rights may be available to you.

## **Decision and Notice Requirements**

We will review requests for benefits according to the timeframes listed below. The timeframes and requirements listed are based on state and federal laws. Where state laws are stricter than federal laws, we will follow state laws. If you live in and/or get services in a state other than the state where your Contract was issued other state-specific requirements may apply. You may call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card for more details.

Type of Review	Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification
Expedited Pre-service Review	72 hours from the receipt of request
Non-expedited Pre-service Review	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Expedited Continued Stay / Concurrent Review when request is received more than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Expedited Continued Stay / Concurrent Review when request is received more than 24 hours before the end of the previous authorization	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Non-expedited Continued Stay / Concurrent Review for ongoing outpatient treatment	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Post-Service Review	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request

If more information is needed to make our decision, we will tell the requesting Provider of the specific information needed to finish the review. If we do not get the specific information we need by the required timeframe, we will make a decision based upon the information we have.

We will notify you and your Provider of our decision as required by state and federal law. Notice may be given by one or more of the following methods: verbal, written, and/or electronic.

## **Important Information**

The Claims Administrator may, from time to time, waive, enhance, change or end certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) and/or offer an alternate benefit if in our sole discretion, such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

We may also select certain qualifying Providers to take part in a program or a Provider agreement that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. We may also exempt your claim from medical review if certain conditions apply.

Just because the Claims Administrator exempts a process, Provider or Claim from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that the Claims Administrator will do so in the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. the Claims Administrator may stop or change any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may find out whether a Provider is taking part in certain programs or a Provider agreement by checking your on-line Provider Directory, or contacting the Member Services number on the back of your Identification Card.

We also may identify certain Providers to review for potential fraud, waste, abuse or other inappropriate activity if the claims data suggests there may be inappropriate billing practices. If a Provider is selected under this program, then we may use one or more clinical utilization management guidelines in the review of claims submitted by this Provider, even if those guidelines are not used for all Providers delivering services to this Plan's Members.

## **Health Plan Individual Case Management**

Our health plan individual case management programs (Case Management) help coordinate services for Members with health care needs due to serious, complex, and/or chronic health conditions. Our programs coordinate benefits and educate Members who agree to take part in the Case Management program to help meet their health-related needs.

Our Case Management programs are confidential and voluntary and are made available at no extra cost to you. These programs are provided by, or on behalf of and at the request of, your health plan case management staff. These Case Management programs are separate from any Covered Services you are receiving.

If you meet program criteria and agree to take part, we will help you meet your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and teamwork with you and/or your chosen authorized representative, treating Doctor(s), and other Providers.

In addition, we may assist in coordinating care with existing community-based programs and services to meet your needs. This may include giving you information about external agencies and community-based programs and services.

In certain cases of severe or chronic illness or injury, we may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a Covered Service. We may also extend Covered Services beyond the Benefit Maximums of this Plan. We will make our decision case-by-case, if in our discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of you and the Claims Administrator and you or your authorized representative agree to the alternate or extended benefit in writing. A decision to provide extended benefits or approve alternate care in one case does not obligate us to provide the same benefits again to you or to any other Member. We reserve the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, we will notify you or your authorized representative in writing.

# Section 7. Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)

This section describes the Covered Services available under your Plan. Covered Services are subject to all the terms and conditions listed in this Booklet, including, but not limited to, Benefit Maximums, Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, Exclusions and Medical Necessity requirements. Please read the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details on the amounts you must pay for Covered Services and for details on any Benefit Maximums. Also be sure to read "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to managed care plans)" for more information on your Plan's rules. Read the "Limitations/Exclusions (What is Not Covered)" section for important details on Excluded Services.

Your benefits are described below. Benefits are listed alphabetically to make them easy to find. Please note that several sections may apply to your claims. For example, if you have inpatient surgery, benefits for your Hospital stay will be described under "Inpatient Hospital Care" and benefits for your Doctor's services will be described under "Inpatient Professional Services". As a result, you should read all sections that might apply to your claims.

You should also know that many of Covered Services can be received in several settings, including a Doctor's office or your home, an Urgent Care Facility, an Outpatient Facility, or an Inpatient Facility. Benefits will often vary depending on where and from whom you choose to get Covered Services, and this can result in a change in the amount you need to pay. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for more details.

## Acupuncture/Nerve Pathway Therapy

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Allergy Services**

Your Plan includes benefits for Medically Necessary allergy testing and treatment, including allergy serum and allergy shots.

## **Ambulance Services**

Medically Necessary ambulance services are a Covered Service when:

• You are transported by a state licensed vehicle that is designed, equipped, and used only to transport the sick and injured and staffed by Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), paramedics, or other certified medical professionals. This includes ground, water, fixed wing, and rotary wing air transportation.

And one or more of the following are met:

- For ground ambulance, you are taken:
  - From your home, the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  - Between Hospitals, including when we require you to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-Network Hospital;
  - Between a Hospital and a Skilled Nursing Facility or other approved Facility.
- For air or water ambulance, you are taken:
  - From the scene of an accident or medical Emergency to a Hospital;
  - Between Hospitals, including when we require you to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to an In-Network Hospital;
  - Between a Hospital and an approved Facility.

Ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. Emergency ground ambulance services do not require Precertification and are allowed regardless of whether the Provider is an In-

Network or Out-of-Network Provider. For Emergency ambulance services performed by an Out-of-Network Provider you do not need to pay any more than would have been paid for services from an In-Network Provider.

Non-Emergency ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. When using an air ambulance for non-Emergency transportation, we reserve the right to select the air ambulance Provider. If you do not use the air ambulance Provider we select, the Out-of-Network Provider may bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for the maximum benefit.

You must be taken to the nearest Facility that can give care for your condition. In certain cases, we may approve benefits for transportation to a Facility that is not the nearest Facility.

Benefits also include Medically Necessary treatment of a sickness or injury by medical professionals from an ambulance service, even if you are not taken to a Facility.

Ambulance services are not covered when another type of transportation can be used without endangering your health. Ambulance services for your convenience or the convenience of your family or Doctor are not a Covered Service.

Other non-covered ambulance services include, but are not limited to, trips to:

- A Doctor's office or clinic;
- A morgue or funeral home.

#### **Important Notes on Air Ambulance Benefits**

Benefits are only available for air ambulance when it is not appropriate to use a ground or water ambulance. For example, if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and your medical condition requires a more rapid transport to a Facility than the ground ambulance can provide, the Plan will cover the air ambulance. Air ambulance will also be covered if you are in an area that a ground or water ambulance cannot reach.

Air ambulance will not be covered if you are taken to a Hospital that is not an acute care Hospital (such as a Skilled Nursing Facility or a rehabilitation facility), or if you are taken to a Physician's office or your home.

#### **Hospital to Hospital Transport**

If you are moving from one Hospital to another, air ambulance will only be covered if using a ground ambulance would endanger your health and if the Hospital that first treats cannot give you the medical services you need. Certain specialized services are not available at all Hospitals. For example, burn care, cardiac care, trauma care, and critical care are only available at certain Hospitals. To be covered, you must be taken to the closest Hospital that can treat you. **Coverage is not available for air ambulance transfers simply because you, your family, or your Provider prefers a specific Hospital or Physician.** 

## **Autism Services**

Covered Services are provided for the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The following treatments will not be considered Experimental or Investigational and will be considered appropriate, effective, or efficient for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders where set forth in the Autism Treatment Plan:

- Evaluation and assessment services;
- Behavior training and behavior management and Applied Behavior Analysis, including but not limited to consultations, direct care, supervision, or treatment, or any combination thereof, for Autism Spectrum Disorders provided by Autism Services Providers;
- Habilitative or rehabilitative care, including, but not limited to, occupational therapy, physical therapy, or speech therapy, or any combination of those therapies;

- Prescription Drugs;
- Psychiatric care;
- Psychological care, including family counseling; and
- Therapeutic care.

Treatment for Autism Spectrum Disorders must be prescribed or ordered by a Doctor or psychologist, and services must be provided by a Provider covered under this Plan and approved to provide those services. However, behavior training, behavior management, or Applied Behavior Analysis services (whether provided directly or as part of Therapeutic Care), must be provided by an Autism Services Provider.

Autism services and the Autism Treatment Plan are subject to review under the "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to managed care plans)" section.

## **Behavioral Health Services**

Please see "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services" later in this section.

## **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## Chemotherapy

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Chiropractic Care**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Clinical Trials**

Benefits include coverage for services, such as routine patient care costs, given to you as a participant in an approved clinical trial if the services are Covered Services under this Plan. An "approved clinical trial" means a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial that studies the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening conditions. The term life-threatening condition means any disease or condition from which death is likely unless the disease or condition is treated.

Benefits are limited to the following trials:

- 1. Federally funded trials approved or funded by one of the following:
  - a. The National Institutes of Health.
  - b. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
  - c. The Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.
  - d. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.
  - e. Cooperative group or center of any of the entities described in (a) through (d) or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs.
  - f. A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the National Institutes of Health for center support grants.
  - g. Any of the following in i-iii below if the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines 1) to be comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health, and 2) assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
    - i. The Department of Veterans Affairs.

- ii. The Department of Defense.
- iii. The Department of Energy.
- 2. Studies or investigations done as part of an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration;
- 3. Studies or investigations done for drug trials which are exempt from the investigational new drug application.

Your Plan may require you to use an In-Network Provider to maximize your benefits.

Routine patient care costs include items, services, and drugs provided to you in connection with an approved clinical trial that would otherwise be covered by this Plan.

All requests for clinical trials services, including services that are not part of approved clinical trials, will be reviewed according to our Clinical Coverage Guidelines, related policies and procedures.

Your Plan is not required to provide benefits for the following services. We reserve our right to exclude any of the following services:

- i. The Investigational item, device, or service;
- ii. Items and services that are given only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- iii. A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;
- iv. Any item or service that is paid for, or should have been paid for, by the sponsor of the trial.

## Dental Services (All Members / All Ages)

#### **Preparing the Mouth for Medical Treatments**

The Plan covers dental care (oral examination, X-rays, extractions and non-surgical elimination of oral infection) required for the direct treatment of a medical condition limited to:

- dental services related to medical transplant procedures;
- initiation of immunosuppressives (medication used to reduce inflammation and suppress the immune system); and
- direct treatment of acute traumatic Injury, cancer or cleft palate.

### **Treatment of Accidental Injury**

Dental services are covered by the Plan when all of the following are true:

- treatment is necessary because of accidental damage;
- dental damage does not occur as a result of normal activities of daily living or extraordinary use of the teeth; and
- dental services are received from a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Medical Dentistry.

Benefits are available only for treatment of sound, natural teeth.

The Plan pays for treatment of accidental Injury only for:

- emergency examination;
- necessary diagnostic x-rays;
- endodontic (root canal) treatment;

- temporary splinting of teeth;
- prefabricated post and core;
- simple minimal restorative procedures (fillings);
- extractions;
- post-traumatic crowns if such are the only clinically acceptable treatment; and
- replacement of lost teeth due to the Injury by implant, dentures or bridges.

## **Cleft Palate and Cleft Lip Conditions**

Benefits are available for inpatient care and outpatient care, including:

- Orofacial surgery
- Surgical care and follow-up care by plastic surgeons and oral surgeons
- Orthodontics and prosthodontic treatment
- Prosthetic treatment such as obturators, speech appliances, and prosthodontic
- Prosthodontic and surgical reconstruction for the treatment of cleft palate and/or cleft lip

If you have a dental plan, the dental plan would be the main plan and must fully cover orthodontics and dental care for cleft palate and cleft lip conditions.

### **Dental Anesthesia for Children**

Benefits are available for general anesthesia from a Hospital, outpatient surgical Facility or other Facility, and for the Hospital or Facility charges needed for dental care for a covered Dependent child who:

- Has a physical, mental or medically compromising condition; or
- Has dental needs for which local anesthesia is not effective because of acute infection, anatomic variation or allergy; or
- Is extremely uncooperative, unmanageable, uncommunicative or anxious and whose dental needs are deemed sufficiently important that dental care cannot be deferred; or
- Has sustained extensive orofacial and dental trauma.

### Other

The only other Covered Services are Facility charges for inpatient and/or outpatient care but do not include charges for the dental services. Benefits are payable in such settings are Medically Necessary for the Member's health problem or the dental treatment calls for it to keep you safe.

# **Diabetes Equipment, Education, and Supplies**

Your Plan covers diabetes training and medical nutrition therapy if you have diabetes (whether or not it is insulin dependent), or if you have raised blood glucose levels caused by pregnancy. Other medical conditions may also qualify. But the services need to be ordered by a Doctor and given by a Provider who is certified, registered or with training in diabetes. Diabetes training sessions must be provided by a Provider in an outpatient Facility or in a Doctor's office.

Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care" later in this section.

## **Diagnostic Services**

Your Plan includes benefits for tests or procedures to find or check a condition when specific symptoms exist. Tests must be ordered by a Provider and include diagnostic services ordered before a surgery or Hospital admission. Benefits include the following services:

## **Diagnostic Laboratory and Pathology Services**

- Laboratory and pathology tests, such as blood tests.
- Genetic tests, when allowed by us.

### **Diagnostic Imaging Services and Electronic Diagnostic Tests**

- X-rays / regular imaging services
- Ultrasound
- Electrocardiograms (EKG)
- Electroencephalography (EEG)
- Echocardiograms
- Hearing and vision tests for a medical condition or injury (not for screenings or preventive care)
- Tests ordered before a surgery or admission

### **Advanced Imaging Services**

Benefits are also available for advanced imaging services, which include but are not limited to:

- CT scan
- CTA scan
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS)
- Nuclear Cardiology
- PET scans
- PET/CT Fusion scans
- QCT Bone Densitometry
- Diagnostic CT Colonography

The list of advanced imaging services may change as medical technologies change.

## Dialysis

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies**

### **Durable Medical Equipment and Medical Devices**

Your Plan includes benefits for durable medical equipment and medical devices when the equipment meets the following criteria:

- Is meant for repeated use and is not disposable.
- Is used for a medical purpose and is of no further use when medical need ends.
- Is meant for use outside a medical Facility.
- Is only for the use of the patient.
- Is made to serve a medical use.

• Is ordered by a Provider.

Benefits include purchase-only equipment and devices (e.g., crutches and customized equipment), purchase or rent-to-purchase equipment and devices (e.g., Hospital beds and wheelchairs), and continuous rental equipment and devices (e.g., oxygen concentrator, ventilator, and negative pressure wound therapy devices). Continuous rental equipment must be approved by us. We may limit the amount of coverage for ongoing rental of equipment. We may not cover more in rental costs than the cost of simply purchasing the equipment.

Benefits include repair and replacement costs as well as supplies and equipment needed for the use of the equipment or device, for example, a battery for a powered wheelchair.

Oxygen and equipment for its administration are also Covered Services.

#### Orthotics

Benefits are available for certain types of orthotics (braces, boots, splints). Covered Services include the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part.

### **Prosthetics**

Your Plan also includes benefits for prosthetics, which are artificial substitutes for body parts for functional or therapeutic purposes, when they are required to adequately meet your needs.

Benefits include the purchase, fitting, adjustments, repairs and replacements. Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Artificial limbs and accessories. For prosthetic arms and legs, we cover up to the benefits amounts provided by federal laws for Medicare or where needed to meet applicable health insurance laws;
- One pair of glasses or contact lenses used after surgical removal of the lens(es) of the eyes, or when needed to replace human lenses absent at birth, or due to ocular injury, or for the treatment of keratoconus or aphakia;
- 3) Breast prosthesis (whether internal or external) and surgical bras after a mastectomy, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act;
- 4) Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care;
- 5) Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis);
- 6) Cochlear implants.

#### **Hearing Aids**

The Plan pays Benefits for hearing aids required for the correction of a hearing impairment (a reduction in the ability to perceive sound which may range from slight to complete deafness). Hearing aids are electronic amplifying devices designed to bring sound more effectively into the ear. A hearing aid consists of a microphone, amplifier and receiver.

Benefits are available for a hearing aid that is purchased as a result of a written recommendation by a Physician. Benefits are provided for the hearing aid and for charges for associated fitting and testing.

If more than one type of hearing aid can meet your functional needs, Benefits are available only for the hearing aid that meets the minimum specifications for your needs. If you purchase a hearing aid that exceeds these minimum specifications, the Plan will pay only the amount that the Plan would have paid for the hearing aid that meets the minimum specifications, and you will be responsible for paying any difference in cost.

Benefits do not include bone anchored hearing aids. Bone anchored hearing aids are a Covered Health Service for which Benefits are available under the applicable medical/surgical Covered Health Services categories in this section only for Covered Persons who have either of the following:

- Craniofacial anomalies whose abnormal or absent ear canals preclude the use of a wearable hearing aid.
- Hearing loss of sufficient severity that it would not be adequately remedied by a wearable hearing aid.

## Medical and Surgical Supplies

Your Plan includes coverage for medical and surgical supplies that serve only a medical purpose, are used once, and are purchased (not rented). Covered supplies include syringes, needles, surgical dressings, splints, diabetic supplies, and other similar items that serve only a medical purpose. Covered Services do not include items often stocked in the home for general use like Band-Aids, thermometers, and petroleum jelly.

### **Ostomy Supplies**

Benefits for ostomy supplies are limited to:

- Pouches, face plates and belts.
- Irrigation sleeves, bags and ostomy irrigation catheters.
- Skin barriers.

## **Blood and Blood Products**

Your Plan also includes coverage for the administration of blood products unless they are received from a community source, such as blood donated through a blood bank.

# **Emergency Care Services**

If you are experiencing an Emergency please call 911 or visit the nearest Hospital for treatment.

### **Emergency Services**

Benefits are available in a Hospital Emergency Room or freestanding Emergency Facility for services and supplies to treat the onset of symptoms, screen and stabilize an Emergency, which is defined below. Services provided for conditions that do not meet the definition of Emergency will not be covered.

## **Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)**

"Emergency," or "Emergency Medical Condition" means a medical or behavioral health condition of recent onset and sufficient severity, including but not limited to, severe pain, that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing an average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that his or her condition, sickness, or injury is of such a nature that not getting immediate medical care could result in: (a) placing the patient's health or the health of another person in serious danger or, for a pregnant woman, placing the woman's health or the health of her unborn child in serious danger; (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. Such conditions include but are not limited to, chest pain, stroke, poisoning, serious breathing problems, unconsciousness, severe burns or cuts, uncontrolled bleeding, or seizures and such other acute conditions as may be determined to be Emergencies by us.

### **Emergency Care**

"Emergency Care" means a medical or behavioral health exam within the capability of the Emergency Department of a Hospital or freestanding Emergency Facility, and includes ancillary services routinely available in the Emergency Department to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition. It includes any further medical or behavioral health exams and treatment required to stabilize the patient.

With respect to an Emergency, stabilize means to provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the Member from a Facility. With respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, the term "stabilize" also means to deliver (including the placenta), if there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another Hospital before delivery or transfer may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or the unborn child.

Medically Necessary services will be covered whether you get care from an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider.

Emergency Care you get from an Out-of-Network Provider will be covered as an In-Network service, and will not require Precertification.

If you are admitted to the Hospital from the Emergency Room, be sure that you or your Doctor calls us as soon as you are stabilized. We will review your care to decide if a Hospital stay is needed and how many days you should stay. See "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to managed care plans)" for more details.

Treatment you get after your condition has stabilized is not Emergency Care. Please refer to the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet for more details on how this will impact your benefits.

## **Gene Therapy Services**

Your Plan includes benefits for gene therapy services, when the Claims Administrator approves the benefits in advance through Precertification. See "Getting Approval for Benefits" for details on the Precertification process. To be eligible for coverage, services must be Medically Necessary and performed by an approved Provider at an approved treatment center. Even if a Provider is an In-Network Provider for other services it may not be an approved Provider for certain gene therapy services. Please call us to find out which providers are approved Providers. (When calling Member Services, ask for the Transplant Case Manager for further details.)

#### Services Not Eligible for Coverage

Your Plan does not include benefits for the following:

- i. Services determined to be Experimental / Investigational;
- ii. Services provided by a non-approved Provider or at a non-approved Facility; or
- iii. Services not approved in advance through Precertification.

## **Habilitative Services**

Benefits also include habilitative health care services and devices that help you keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age. These services may include physical and occupational therapy, speech-language pathology and other services for people with disabilities in a variety of inpatient and/or outpatient settings.

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section for further details.

## **Home Health Care Services**

Benefits are available for Covered Services performed by a Home Health Care Agency or other Home Health Care Provider in your home. Home Health Care is covered only when such care is necessary as an alternative to Hospital stay. To be eligible for benefits, you must essentially be confined to the home, as an alternative to a Hospital stay, and be physically unable to get needed medical services on an outpatient basis. Prior Hospital stay is not required. Home Health Care must be prescribed by a Doctor, under a plan of care established by the Doctor in collaboration with a Home Health Care Agency. We must preauthorize all care and reserve the right to review treatment plans at periodic intervals.

Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- Intermittent skilled nursing services by an R.N. or L.P.N.
- Medical / social services
- Diagnostic services
- Nutritional guidance
- Training of the patient and/or family/caregiver
- Home health aide services. You must be receiving skilled nursing or therapy. Services must be given by appropriately trained staff working for the Home Health Care Provider. Other organizations may give services only when approved by us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the Home Health Care Provider or other Provider as approved by us.
- Therapy Services of physical, occupational, speech and language, respiratory and inhalation (except for Chiropractic Care / Manipulative Therapy which will not be covered when given in the home)
- Medical supplies
- Durable medical equipment, prosthetics and orthopedic appliances

When available in your area, benefits are also available for Intensive In-home Behavioral Health Services. These do not require confinement to the home. These services are described in the "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services" section below.

Benefits may also be available for Inpatient Services in your home. These benefits are separate from the Home Health Care Services benefit, and are described in the "Inpatient Services" section below.

## **Home Infusion Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Hospice Care**

You are eligible for hospice care if your Doctor and the Hospice medical director certify that you are terminally ill and likely have less than twelve (12) months to live. You may access hospice care while participating in a clinical trial or continuing disease modifying therapy, as ordered by your treating Provider. Disease modifying therapy treats the underlying terminal illness.

The services and supplies listed below are Covered Services when given by a Hospice for the palliative care of pain and other symptoms that are part of a terminal disease. Palliative care means care that controls pain and relieves symptoms, but is not meant to cure a terminal illness. Hospice care includes routine home care, constant home care, inpatient Hospice and inpatient respite. Covered Services include:

- Care from an interdisciplinary team with the development and maintenance of an appropriate plan of care.
- Short-term Inpatient Hospital care when needed in periods of crisis or as respite care.
- Skilled nursing services, home health aide services, and homemaker services given by or under the supervision of a registered nurse.
- Doctor services and diagnostic testing.
- Social services and counseling services from a licensed social worker.
- Nutritional support such as intravenous feeding and feeding tubes and nutritional counseling.
- Physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respiratory therapy given by a licensed therapist.

- Pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, and supplies needed for the palliative care of your condition, including oxygen and related respiratory therapy supplies.
- Prosthetics and orthopedic appliances.
- Bereavement (grief) services, including a review of the needs of the bereaved family and the development of a care plan to meet those needs, both before and after the Member's death. Bereavement services are available to the patient and those individuals who are closely linked to the patient, including the immediate family, the primary or designated caregiver and individuals with significant personal ties for one year after the Member's death.
- Transportation.

Your Doctor must agree to care by the Hospice and must be consulted in the development of the care plan. The Hospice must keep a written care plan on file and give it to us upon request.

Benefits for services beyond those listed above that are given for disease modification or palliation, such as but not limited to chemotherapy and radiation therapy, are available to a Member in Hospice. These services are covered under other parts of this Plan. Any care you get that has to do with an unrelated illness or medical condition will be subject to the provisions of this plan that deals with that illness.

## Human Organ and Tissue Transplant (Bone Marrow / Stem Cell) Services

Your Plan includes coverage for Medically Necessary human organ and tissue transplants. Certain transplants (e.g., cornea) are covered like any other surgery, under the regular inpatient and outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Booklet.

This section describes benefits for certain Covered Transplant Procedures that you get during the Transplant Benefit Period. Any Covered Services related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received before or after the Transplant Benefit Period, are covered under the regular Inpatient and outpatient benefits described elsewhere in this Booklet.

Please call our Transplant Department as soon as you think you may need a transplant to talk about your benefit options. You must do this *before* you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. To get the most benefits under your Plan, you must get certain human organ and tissue transplant services from an In-Network Transplant Provider that we have chosen as a Centers of Medical Excellence for Transplant Provider and/or a Provider designated as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Even if a Hospital is an In-Network Provider for other services, it may not be an In-Network Transplant Provider for certain transplant services. Please call us to find out which Hospitals are In-Network Transplant Providers. (When calling Member Services, ask for the Transplant Case Manager for further details.)

In this section you will see some key terms, which are defined below:

### **Covered Transplant Procedure**

As decided by us, any Medically Necessary human solid organ, tissue, and stem cell / bone marrow transplants and infusions including necessary acquisition procedures, mobilization, collection and storage. It also includes Medically Necessary myeloablative or reduced intensity preparative chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or a combination of these therapies.

### **Centers of Excellence (COE) Transplant Providers**

- Blue Distinction Center (BDC) Facility: Blue Distinction facilities have met or exceeded national quality standards for transplant care delivery.
- Centers of Medical Excellence (CME) Facility: Centers of Medical Excellence facilities have met or exceeded quality standards for transplant care delivery.

#### In-Network Transplant Provider

A Provider that we have chosen and designated as a Centers of Medical Excellence and/or a Blue Distinction Centers+ or Blue Distinction Centers for Transplant. The Provider has entered into a Transplant Provider Agreement to give Covered Transplant Procedures to you and take care of certain administrative duties for the transplant network. A Provider may be an In-Network Transplant Provider for:

- Certain Covered Transplant Procedures; or
- All Covered Transplant Procedures.

#### **Out-of-Network Transplant Provider**

Any Provider that has **NOT** been chosen as a Centers of Medical Excellence for Transplant by us or has not been selected to take part as an In-Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

#### **Transplant Benefit Period**

At an In-Network Transplant Provider Facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts one day before a Covered solid organ Transplant Procedure and one day before high dose chemotherapy or preparative regimen for a covered bone marrow/stem cell transplant procedure and lasts for the applicable case rate / global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the In-Network Transplant Provider agreement. Call the Case Manager for specific In-Network Transplant Provider Facility.

At an Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Facility, the Transplant Benefit Period starts the day of a Covered Transplant Procedure and lasts until the date of discharge.

#### **Prior Approval and Precertification**

To best understand your benefits, you may call our Transplant Department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. We suggest you do this before you have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant, so that we can assist you in maximizing your benefits. To learn more or to find out which Hospitals are In-Network Transplant Providers, you may contact the Member Services telephone number on the back of your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. In addition, you or your Provider must call our Transplant Department for Precertification prior to the transplant, whether this is performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient setting.

Precertification is required before we will cover benefits for a transplant. Your Doctor must certify, and we must agree, that the transplant is Medically Necessary. Your Doctor should send a written request for Precertification to us as soon as possible to start this process. Not getting Precertification will result in a denial of benefits.

Please note that there are cases where your Provider asks for approval for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final decision as to what transplant procedure will be needed. In these cases, the HLA testing and donor search charges will be covered as routine diagnostic tests. The collection and storage request will be reviewed for Medical Necessity and may be approved. However, such an approval for HLA testing, donor search and/or collection and storage is NOT an approval for the later transplant. A separate Medical Necessity decision will be needed for the transplant.

### **Transportation and Lodging**

We will cover the cost of reasonable and necessary travel costs when you get prior approval and need to travel more than 75 miles from your permanent home to reach the Facility where the Covered Transplant Procedure will be performed. Our help with travel costs includes transportation to and from the Facility, and lodging for the patient and one companion. If the Member receiving care is a minor, then reasonable and necessary costs for transportation and lodging may be allowed for two companions. You must send itemized receipts for transportation and lodging costs in a form satisfactory to us when claims are filed. Call us for complete information.

For lodging and ground transportation benefits, we will cover costs up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code.

Non-Covered Services for transportation and lodging include, but are not limited to:

- Childcare,
- Mileage within the medical transplant Facility city,
- Rental cars, buses, taxis, or shuttle service, except as specifically approved by us,
- Frequent Flyer miles,
- Coupons, Vouchers, or Travel tickets,
- Prepayments or deposits,
- Services for a condition that is not directly related, or a direct result, of the transplant,
- Phone calls,
- Laundry,
- Postage,
- Entertainment,
- Travel costs for donor companion/caregiver,
- Return visits for the donor for a treatment of an illness found during the evaluation,
- Meals.

### **Inpatient Services**

#### **Inpatient Hospital Care**

Covered Services include acute care in a Hospital setting\*.

Benefits for room, board, and nursing services include:

- A room with two or more beds.
- A private room. The most the Plan will cover for private rooms is the Hospital's average semi-private room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that you use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by us. The unit must have facilities, equipment, and supportive services for intensive care or critically ill patients.
- Routine nursery care for newborns during the mother's normal Hospital stay.
- Newborn care for during and after the mother's maternity Hospital stay for treatment of injury and sickness and medically diagnosed Congenital Defects and Birth Abnormalities.
- Meals, special diets.
- General nursing services.

Benefits for ancillary services include:

- Operating, childbirth, and treatment rooms and equipment.
- Prescribed Drugs.
- Anesthesia, anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Provider.
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints.

- Diagnostic services.
- Therapy services.

#### **Inpatient Professional Services**

Covered Services include:

- Medical care visits.
- Intensive medical care when your condition requires it.
- Treatment for a health problem by a Doctor who is not your surgeon while you are in the Hospital for surgery. Benefits include treatment by two or more Doctors during one Hospital stay when the nature or severity of your health problem calls for the skill of separate Doctors.
- A personal bedside exam by another Doctor when asked for by your Doctor. Benefits are not available for staff consultations required by the Hospital, consultations asked for by the patient, routine consultations, phone consultations, or EKG transmittals by phone.
- Surgery and general anesthesia.
- Newborn exam. A Doctor other than the one who delivered the child must do the exam.
- Professional charges to interpret diagnostic tests such as imaging, pathology reports, and cardiology.

\*When available in your area, certain Providers have programs available that may allow you to receive Inpatient Services in your home instead of staying in a Hospital. To be eligible, your condition and the Covered Services to be delivered must be appropriate for the home setting. Your home must also meet certain accessibility requirements. These programs are voluntary and are separate from the benefits under "Home Health Care Services." Your Provider will contact you if you are eligible, and provide you with details on how to enroll. If you choose to participate, the cost shares listed in your Schedule of Benefits under "Inpatient Services" will apply.

# **Maternity and Reproductive Health Services**

### **Maternity Services**

Covered Services include services needed during a normal or complicated pregnancy, Complications of Pregnancy, and for services needed for a miscarriage. Covered maternity services include:

- Professional and Facility services for childbirth in a Facility or the home including the services of an appropriately licensed nurse midwife;
- Routine nursery care for the newborn during the mother's normal Hospital stay, including circumcision of a covered male Dependent;
- Prenatal, postnatal and postpartum services; and
- Fetal screenings, which are genetic or chromosomal tests of the fetus, as allowed by us.

If you are pregnant on your Effective Date and in the first trimester of the pregnancy, you must change to an In-Network Provider to have Covered Services covered at the In-Network level. If you are pregnant on your Effective Date and in your second or third trimester of pregnancy (13 weeks or later) as of the Effective Date, benefits for obstetrical care will be available at the In-Network level even if an Out-of-Network Provider is used if you fill out a Continuation of Care Request Form and send it to us. Covered Services will include the obstetrical care given by that Provider through the end of the pregnancy and the immediate post-partum period.

**Important Note About Maternity Admissions:** Under federal law, we may not limit benefits for any Hospital length of stay for childbirth for the mother or newborn to less than 48 hours after vaginal birth, or less than 96 hours after a cesarean section (C-section). If the baby is born between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., coverage will continue until 8:00 a.m. on the morning after the 48 or 96 hours timeframe. However, federal law as a rule does not stop the mother's or newborn's attending Provider, after consulting with and

with the agreement of the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours, or 96 hours, as applicable. In any case, as provided by federal law, we may not require a Provider to get authorization from us before prescribing a length of stay which is not more than 48 hours for a vaginal birth or 96 hours after a C-section.

### **Contraceptive Benefits**

Benefits include oral contraceptive Drugs, injectable contraceptive Drugs and patches. Benefits also include contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and implants. Certain contraceptives are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit. Please see that section for further details. At least one product in all 18 approved methods of contraception is covered under this policy without cost sharing as required by federal and state law.

#### **Sterilization Services**

Benefits include sterilization services and services to reverse a non-elective sterilization that resulted from an illness or injury. Reversals of elective sterilizations are not covered. Sterilizations for women are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.

#### **Abortion Services**

Benefits include services for therapeutic or elective abortion regardless if Medically Necessary, unless applicable law or regulation prohibits the Employer from providing such coverage (in which case, Covered Services are provided only to the extent necessary to prevent the death of the mother or unborn baby).

#### Infertility Diagnostic Services

Although this Plan offers limited coverage of certain infertility services, it does not cover all forms of infertility treatment. Benefits do not include assisted reproductive technologies (ART) or the diagnostic tests and Drugs to support it. Examples of ART include artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilization, zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), or gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT).

Covered Services include diagnostic tests to find the cause of infertility, such as diagnostic laparoscopy, endometrial biopsy, and semen analysis. As part of other Covered Services under this Plan, benefits may also include services to treat the underlying medical conditions that may be associated with involuntary infertility (e.g., endometriosis, obstructed fallopian tubes, and hormone deficiency). Fertility treatments such as artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization are not a Covered Service.

## **Medical Foods**

Covered Services include Medically Necessary medical foods for home use for metabolic disorders which may be taken by mouth or enterally. A Provider must have prescribed the medical foods that are designed and manufactured for the treatment of inherited enzymatic disorders caused by single gene defects involved in the metabolism of amino, organic, and fatty acids as well as severe protein allergic conditions. Disorders include those as required by law, including but not limited to:

- Phenylketonuria, if you are 21 or younger (35 or younger for women of child-bearing age);
- Maternal phenylketonuria;
- Maple syrup urine disease;
- Tyrosinemia;
- Homocystinuria;
- Histidinemia;
- Urea cycle disorders;
- Hyperlysinemia;
- Glutaric acidemias;

- Methylmalonic acidemias;
- Propionic acidemia;
- Immunoglobulin E and nonimmunoglobulin E-mediated allergies to multiple food proteins;
- Severe food protein induced enterocolitis syndrome;
- Eosinophlic disorders as evidenced by the results of a biopsy; and
- Impaired absorption of nutrients caused by disorders affecting the absorptive surface, function, length, and motility of the gastrointestinal tract.

Covered Services do not include enteral nutrition therapy or medical foods for Members with cystic fibrosis or lactose- or soy- intolerance. Also, all covered medical foods must be obtained through a Pharmacy and are subject to the pharmacy payment requirements. Please see "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" later in this section.

## **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services**

Covered Services include the following:

- **Inpatient Services** in a Hospital or any Facility that we must cover per state law. Inpatient benefits include psychotherapy, psychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, and detoxification.
- **Residential Treatment** in a licensed Residential Treatment Center that offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - Observation and assessment by a physician weekly or more often,
  - Rehabilitation and therapy.
- **Outpatient Services** including office visits, therapy and treatment, Partial Hospitalization/Day Treatment Programs, Intensive Outpatient Programs and (when available in your area) Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Services.
- Online Visits. Covered Services include a medical visit with the Doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice or other platform approved by us. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, Plan coverage or payment questions, asking for Referrals to doctors outside the online care panel, benefit Precertification, or Doctor to Doctor discussions. Online visits are not the same as Telehealth Services and can, at times, include audio-only interactions but generally do not include store-and-forward transfers.

**Note:** No Member will be denied coverage for medical, surgical, or behavioral, mental, or substance abuse services as a result of self-harm or suicide attempt or completion.

Examples of Providers from whom you can receive Covered Services include:

- Psychiatrist,
- Psychologist,
- Neuropsychologist,
- Licensed clinical social worker (L.C.S.W.),
- Mental health clinical nurse specialist,
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (L.M.F.T.),
- Licensed professional counselor (L.P.C) or
- Any Provider licensed by the state to give these services, when we have to cover them by law.

# **Occupational Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

# **Office and Home Visits**

Covered Services include:

**Office Visits** for medical care (including second surgical opinions) to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury.

**Consultations** between your Primary Care Physician and a Specialist, when approved by the Claims Administrator.

**Home Visits** for medical care to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury. Please note that Doctor and Primary Care Provider visits in the home are different than the "Home Health Care Services" benefit described earlier in this Booklet.

**Retail Health Clinic Care** for limited basic health care services to Members on a "walk-in" basis. These clinics are normally found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Health care services are typically given by Physician's Assistants or Nurse Practitioners. Services are limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children.

**Walk-In Doctor's Office** for services limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children. You do not have to be an existing patient or have an appointment to use a walk-in Doctor's office.

Urgent Care as described in "Urgent Care Services" later in this section.

Virtual Visits as described under the "Virtual Visits (Telehealth / Telemedicine Visits) section.

Prescription Drugs Administered in the Office

## Orthotics

Please see "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies" earlier in this section.

## **Outpatient Facility Services**

Your Plan includes Covered Services in an:

- Outpatient Hospital,
- Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center,
- Mental Health / Substance Abuse Facility, or
- Other Facilities approved by us.

Benefits include Facility and related (ancillary) charges, when proper, such as:

- Surgical rooms and equipment,
- Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs,
- Anesthesia and anesthesia supplies and services given by the Hospital or other Facility,
- Medical and surgical dressings and supplies, casts, and splints,
- Diagnostic services,
- Therapy services.

# **Physical Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Preventive Care**

Preventive care includes screenings and other services for adults and children. All recommended preventive services will be covered as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and applicable state law. This means many preventive care services are covered with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance when you use an In-Network Provider.

Certain benefits for Members who have current symptoms or a diagnosed health problem may be covered under the "Diagnostic Services" benefit instead of this benefit, if the coverage does not fall within the state or ACA-recommended preventive services.

Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

- 1) Services with an "A" or "B" rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples include screenings for:
  - Breast cancer,
  - Cervical cancer,
  - Colorectal cancer,
  - High blood pressure,
  - Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus,
  - Cholesterol,
  - Child and adult obesity.

Tobacco use screening and tobacco cessation counseling and intervention is also covered.

- Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults, including cervical cancer vaccinations for females, where recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- 3) Preventive care and screenings for infants, children and adolescents as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
- 4) Preventive care and screening for women as listed in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including:
  - Women's contraceptives, sterilization treatments, and counseling. This includes Generic oral contraceptives as well as other contraceptive medications such as injectable contraceptives and patches, for the durations or supply minimums required by applicable law. Contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and implants are also covered. At least one product in all 18 approved methods of contraception is covered under this policy without cost sharing as required by federal and state law. Brand Drugs will be covered as a Preventive Care benefit when Medically Necessary, according to your attending Provider, otherwise they will be covered under the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy."
  - Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one pump per pregnancy.
  - Gestational diabetes screening.
- 5) Preventive care services for smoking cessation and tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including:
  - Counseling
  - Prescription Drugs obtained at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy

- Nicotine replacement therapy products obtained at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches.
- 6) Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including:
  - Aspirin
  - Folic acid supplement
  - Bowel preparations

Please note that certain age and gender and quantity limitations apply.

You may call Member Services at the number on your Identification Card for more details about these services or view the federal government's websites: <u>https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits</u>, <u>http://www.ahrq.gov</u>, and <u>http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html</u>.

#### In addition to federal and state law rules, Covered Services also include:

- 1) Annual medical diabetes eye exams, or in accordance with the frequency determined by your Provider.
- 2) Flu shot from a flu shot clinic. Coverage is provided for one flu shot per Benefit Period, or more often as we decide. To learn more about flu shot clinics, how much we reimburse you for a flu shot, and to get the claim form, visit our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>. You may also call Member Services. The amount we cover is subject to change. A flu shot paid for in full, or in part by someone else, is not eligible for coverage.

## Preventive Care for Chronic Conditions (per IRS guidelines)

Members with certain chronic health conditions may be able to receive preventive care for those conditions prior to meeting their Deductible when services are provided by an In-Network Provider. These benefits are available if the care qualifies under guidelines provided by the Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (referred to as "the agencies"). Details on those guidelines can be found on the IRS's website at the following link:

https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-expands-list-of-preventive-care-for-hsa-participants-to-include-certaincare-for-chronic-conditions

The agencies will periodically review the list of preventive care services and items to determine whether additional services or items should be added or if any should be removed from the list. You will be notified if updates are incorporated into your Plan.

Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for further details on how benefits will be paid.

## **Prosthetics**

Please see "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies" earlier in this section.

# **Pulmonary Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Radiation Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## **Rehabilitation Services**

Benefits include services in a Hospital, free-standing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, or in an outpatient day rehabilitation program.

Covered Services involve a coordinated team approach and several types of treatment, including skilled nursing care, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, and services of a social worker or psychologist.

To be Covered Services, rehabilitation services must involve goals you can reach in a reasonable period of time. Benefits will end when treatment is no longer Medically Necessary and you stop progressing toward those goals.

Please see "Therapy Services" in this section for further details.

# **Respiratory Therapy**

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

# **Skilled Nursing Facility**

When you require Inpatient skilled nursing and related services for convalescent, rehabilitative or habilitative care, Covered Services are available if the Facility is licensed or certified under state law as a Skilled Nursing Facility, or is otherwise licensed to provide the services. Custodial Care is not a Covered Service.

# **Smoking Cessation**

Please see the "Preventive Care" section in this Booklet.

# Speech Therapy

Please see "Therapy Services" later in this section.

## Surgery

Your Plan covers surgical services on an Inpatient or outpatient basis, including office surgeries. Covered Services include:

- Accepted operative and cutting procedures;
- Other invasive procedures, such as angiogram, arteriogram, amniocentesis, tap or puncture of brain or spine;
- Endoscopic exams, such as arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy, laparoscopy;
- Treatment of fractures and dislocations;
- Anesthesia and surgical support when Medically Necessary;
- Medically Necessary pre-operative and post-operative care.

## **Bariatric / Weight Loss Surgery**

Services and supplies will be covered in connection with Medically Necessary surgery for weight loss; but only for morbid obesity and only when surgery satisfies the Claims Administrator's medical policy. You or your Physician must obtain Precertification for all bariatric surgical procedures. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for the maximum benefit.

## **Oral Surgery**

**Important Note:** Although this Plan covers certain oral surgeries, many oral surgeries (e.g. removal of wisdom teeth) are not covered, except as listed in this Booklet.

Benefits are limited to certain oral surgeries including:

- Treatment of medically diagnosed cleft lip, cleft palate, or ectodermal dysplasia;
- Orthognathic surgery for a physical abnormality that prevents normal function of the upper and/or lower jaw and is Medically Necessary to attain functional capacity of the affected part.

- Oral / surgical correction of accidental injuries as indicated in the "Dental Services" section.
- Treatment of non-dental lesions, such as removal of tumors and biopsies.
- Incision and drainage of infection of soft tissue not including odontogenic cysts or abscesses.
- Surgical removal of impacted teeth.

#### **Reconstructive Surgery**

Benefits include reconstructive surgery to correct significant deformities caused by congenital or developmental abnormalities, illness, injury or an earlier treatment in order to create a more normal appearance. Benefits include surgery performed to restore symmetry after a mastectomy.

**Note:** This section does not apply to orthognathic surgery. See the "Oral Surgery" section above for that benefit.

#### **Mastectomy Notice**

A Member who is getting benefits for a mastectomy or for follow-up care for a mastectomy and who chooses breast reconstruction, will also get coverage for:

- · Reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to give a symmetrical appearance; and
- Prostheses and treatment of physical problems of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

When due to breast cancer, reconstructive and surgical coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending Physician and the Member. Members will have to pay the same Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayments that normally apply to surgeries in this Plan.

## **Therapy Services**

#### **Physical Medicine Therapy Services**

For children under age 6, your Plan covers at least 20 visits, each, of physical, speech and occupational therapy. Benefits include the treatment of Congenital Defects and Birth Abnormalities, even if it is a long-term condition. It also doesn't matter if the reason for the therapy is to maintain (not improve) the child's skills. For children between 3 and 6 with Autism Spectrum Disorders, we cover more than 20 visits of each therapy if part of a Member's Autism Treatment Plan and determined Medically Necessary by us.

From the Members birth until the Member's third (3<sup>rd</sup>) birthday, these services shall be provided only where and only to the extent required by applicable law.

For age 6 and older, your Plan includes coverage for the therapy services described below. To be a Covered Service, the therapy must improve your level of function within a reasonable period of time.

Covered Services include:

- **Physical therapy** The treatment by physical means to ease pain, restore health, and to avoid disability after an illness, injury, or loss of an arm or a leg. It includes hydrotherapy, heat, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. It does not include massage therapy services.
- Speech therapy and speech-language pathology (SLP) services Services to identify, assess, and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Therapy will develop or treat communication or swallowing skills to correct a speech impairment. For a cleft palate or cleft lip, Medically Necessary speech therapy is not limited, but those visits lower the number of speech therapy visits available to treat other problems.
- **Post-cochlear implant aural therapy** Services to help a person understand the new sounds they hear after getting a cochlear implant.

- **Occupational therapy** Treatment to restore a physically disabled person's ability to do activities of daily living, such as walking, eating, drinking, dressing, using the toilet, moving from a wheelchair to a bed, and bathing. It also includes therapy for tasks needed for the person's job. Occupational therapy does not include recreational or vocational therapies, such as hobbies, arts and crafts.
- Chiropractic Care /Osteopathic / Manipulative therapy Includes therapy to treat problems of the bones, joints, and the back. The two therapies are similar, but Chiropractic Care / Manipulative Therapy focuses on the joints of the spine and the nervous system, while osteopathic therapy also focuses on the joints and surrounding muscles, tendons and ligaments. Chiropractic benefits are limited to office visits for evaluation, manual manipulation of the spine, laboratory services, X-ray of the spine and certain physical modalities and procedures for musculoskeletal disorders.
- Acupuncture/Nerve Pathway therapy Treatment of neuromusculoskeletal pain by a Provider who acts within the scope of their license. Treatment involves using needles along specific nerve pathways to ease pain.

#### **Other Therapy Services**

Benefits are also available for:

- Cardiac Rehabilitation Medical evaluation, training, supervised exercise, and psychosocial support to care for you after a cardiac event (heart problem). Benefits do not include home programs, on-going conditioning, or maintenance care.
- **Chemotherapy** Treatment of an illness by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents. See the section "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" for more details.
- Dialysis Services for acute renal failure and chronic (end-stage) renal disease, including hemodialysis, home intermittent peritoneal dialysis (IPD), home continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD), and home continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Covered Services include dialysis treatments in an outpatient dialysis Facility. Covered Services also include home dialysis and training for you and the person who will help you with home self-dialysis.
- Infusion Therapy Nursing, durable medical equipment and Drug services that are delivered and administered to you through an I.V. in your home. Also includes Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Enteral nutrition therapy, antibiotic therapy, pain care and chemotherapy. May include injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, continuous subcutaneous). See the section "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" for more details.
- **Pulmonary Rehabilitation** Includes outpatient short-term respiratory care to restore your health after an illness or injury.
- **Cognitive rehabilitation therapy** Only when Medically Necessary following a post-traumatic brain injury or cerebral vascular accident.
- Radiation Therapy Treatment of an illness by x-ray, radium, or radioactive isotopes. Covered Services include treatment (teletherapy, brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources), materials and supplies needed, and treatment planning.
- **Respiratory Therapy** Includes the use of dry or moist gases in the lungs, nonpressurized inhalation treatment; intermittent positive pressure breathing treatment, air or oxygen, with or without nebulized medication, continuous positive pressure ventilation (CPAP); continuous negative pressure ventilation (CNP); chest percussion; therapeutic use of medical gases or Drugs in the form of aerosols, and equipment such as resuscitators, oxygen tents, and incentive spirometers; broncho-pulmonary drainage and breathing exercises.

## **Transgender Services**

This Plan provides benefits for many of the charges for transgender surgery (also known as sex reassignment surgery) and hormone therapies as part of the treatment of gender dysphoria or gender identity disorder. Benefits must be approved by us for the type of transgender surgery requested and

must be authorized prior to being performed. Charges for services that are not authorized for the transgender surgery requested will not be considered Covered Services. Some conditions and age restrictions apply, and all services must be authorized by us as outlined in the "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits" section.

Covered Services, when approved as meeting our criteria as Medically Necessary, may include, but are not limited to:

- Feminizing vaginoplasty,
- Masculinizing phalloplasty / scrotoplasty,
- Reduction thyrochondroplasty,
- Augmentation mammoplasty,
- Facial feminization procedures,
- Feminizing hormone therapy,
- Masculinizing hormone therapy,
- Puberty-suppressant,
- Breast reconstruction, if appropriate based on age of the Member.

## **Transplant Services**

Please see "Human Organ and Tissue Transplant" earlier in this section.

## **Urgent Care Services**

Often an urgent rather than an Emergency health problem exists. An urgent health problem is an unexpected illness or injury that calls for care that cannot wait until a regularly scheduled office visit. Urgent health problems are not life threatening and do not call for the use of an Emergency Room. Urgent health problems include earache, sore throat, and fever (not above 104 degrees).

Benefits for urgent care include:

- X-ray services;
- Care for broken bones;
- Tests such as flu, urinalysis, pregnancy test, rapid strep;
- Lab services;
- Stitches for simple cuts; and
- Draining an abscess.

## Virtual Visits (Telehealth / Telemedicine Visits)

Covered Services include virtual Telemedicine/Telehealth visits that are appropriately provided through the internet via video or chat. This includes visits with Providers who also provide services in person, as well as online-only Providers.

• Online Visits - Covered Services include a medical visit with the Doctor using the internet by a webcam, chat or voice or other platform approved by us. Online visits do not include reporting normal lab or other test results, requesting office visits, getting answers to billing, insurance coverage or payment questions, asking for referrals to Doctors outside the online care panel, benefit Precertification, or Doctor to Doctor discussions. Online visits are not the same as telehealth services and can, at times, include audio-only interactions but do not include store-and-forward transfers. For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Online Visits, see the "Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services" section.

• **Telehealth Services** - Covered Services that are appropriately provided by a telehealth Provider in accordance with applicable legal requirements will be eligible for benefits under this Plan. Telehealth means the mode of delivering health care or other health services through HIPAA-compliant systems, including information, electronic and communication technologies, remote monitoring technologies and store-and-forward transfers, to facilitate the diagnosis, consultation and treatment, education, care management and self-management of a patient's physical and mental health. In-person contact between a health care Provider and the patient is not required for these services. Telehealth does not include the use of facsimile, audio-only telephone, texting or electronic mail, except where required by applicable law. If you have any questions about this coverage, or receive a bill please contact Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

**Please Note:** Not all services can be delivered through virtual visits. Certain services require equipment and/or direct physical hands-on care that cannot be provided remotely. Also, please note that not all Providers offer virtual visits.

If you have any questions about this coverage, please contact Member Services at the number on the back of your ID Card.

## **Vision Services**

Benefits include medical and surgical treatment of injuries and illnesses of the eye. Certain vision screenings required by Federal law are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.

Benefits do not include glasses or contact lenses except as listed in the "Prosthetics" benefit under "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies."

## Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider

Your Plan covers Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs that must be, administered to you as part of a doctor's visit, home care visit, or at an outpatient Facility when they are Covered Services. This may include Drugs for infusion therapy, chemotherapy, blood products, certain injectables, and any Drug that must be administered by a Provider. This section applies when a Provider orders the Drug and a medical Provider administers it to you in a medical setting. Benefits for Drugs that you inject or get through your Pharmacy benefits (i.e., self-administered Drugs) are not covered under this section. Benefits for those Drugs are described in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" section.

### Important Details About Prescription Drug Coverage

Your Plan includes certain features to determine when Prescription Drugs should be covered, which are described below. As part of these features, your prescribing Doctor may be asked to give more details before we can decide if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage. In order to determine if the Prescription Drug is eligible for coverage, we have established criteria.

The criteria, which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration,
- Specific clinical criteria including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease,
- Specific Provider qualifications including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies),
- Step therapy requiring one Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment be used, where permitted by law, prior to use of another Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated,
- Use of the Claims Administrator's Prescription Drug List (a formulary developed by Anthem) which is a list of FDA approved Drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness.

### **Covered Prescription Drugs**

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and, under federal law, require a Prescription. Prescription Drugs must be prescribed by a licensed Provider and Controlled Substances must be prescribed by a licensed Provider with an active DEA license.

Compound drugs are a Covered Service when a commercially available dosage form of a Medically Necessary medication is not available, all the ingredients of the compound drug are FDA approved, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Non-FDA approved, non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered.

#### Precertification

Precertification may be required for certain Prescription Drugs to help make sure proper use and guidelines for Prescription Drug coverage are followed. We will give the results of our decision to both you and your Provider.

For a list of Prescription Drugs that need Precertification, please call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply.

**Expedited Precertification** – We will review Expedited requests for Precertification of Prescription Drugs according to the timeframes listed below:

- If all needed information is provided with the request, we will approve or deny it within one business day of receiving the request, unless a shorter period of time is required by law;
- If we need more information to make a decision, we will tell the prescribing Provider what information is needed within one business day of receiving the request. If the information is timely provided, we will make a decision within the timeframes provided by law;
- If the prescribing Provider does not supply the requested information within two business days of receiving our request, the Precertification request will be deemed denied.

**Non-Expedited Precertification** – We will review non-Expedited requests for Precertification of Prescription Drugs according to the timeframes listed below:

- If all needed information is provided with the request, we approve or deny it within two business days of receiving the request;
- If we need more information to make a decision, we will tell the prescribing Provider what information is needed within two business days of receiving the request. If the information is timely provided, we will make a decision within the timeframes provided by law;
- If the prescribing Provider does not supply the requested information within two business days of receiving our request, the request will be deemed denied.

Note: If we do not request additional information or provide notification of approval or denial as required by applicable law, the request will be deemed approved. We will give notice of our decision as required by state and federal law.

Please refer to the section "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to managed care plans)" under "Getting Approval for Benefits" for more details.

If Precertification is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Booklet.

#### **Designated Pharmacy Provider**

The Claims Administrator in its sole discretion, may establish one or more Designated Pharmacy Provider programs which provide specific pharmacy services (including shipment of Prescription Drugs) to Members. An In-Network Provider is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy Provider. To be a Designated Pharmacy Provider, the In-Network Provider must have signed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with us. You or your Provider can contact Pharmacy Member Services to learn which Pharmacy or Pharmacies are part of a Designated Pharmacy Provider program.

For Prescription Drugs that are shipped to you or your Provider and administered in your Provider's office, you and your Provider are required to order from a Designated Pharmacy Provider. A Patient Care coordinator will work with you and your Provider to obtain Precertification and to assist shipment to your Provider's office.

We reserve our right to modify the list of Prescription Drugs as well as the setting and/or level of care in which the care is provided to you. The Claims Administrator may, from time to time, change with or without advance notice, the Designated Pharmacy Provider for a Drug, if in our discretion, such change can help provide cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

If you are required to use a Designated Pharmacy Provider and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug from a Designated Pharmacy Provider, you will not have coverage for that Prescription Drug.

You can get the list of the Prescription Drugs covered under this section by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>.

#### Therapeutic Substitution

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells you and your Doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed Drugs. We may contact you and your Doctor to make you aware of these choices. Only you and your Doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for you. For questions or issues about therapeutic Drug substitutes, call Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

## Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy

Your Plan also includes benefits for Prescription Drugs you get at a Retail or Mail Order Pharmacy. We use a Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM) to manage these benefits. The PBM has a network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy, and a Specialty Pharmacy. The PBM works to make sure Drugs are used properly. This includes checking that Prescriptions are based on recognized and appropriate doses and checking for Drug interactions or pregnancy concerns.

**Please note**: Benefits for Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, which are administered to you by a medical Provider in a medical setting (e.g., doctor's office visit, home care visit, or outpatient Facility) are covered under the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" benefit. Please read that section for important details.

### **Prescription Drug Benefits**

Prescription Drug benefits may require prior authorization to determine if your Drugs should be covered. Your In-Network Pharmacist will be told if prior authorization is required and if any additional details are needed for us to decide benefits.

#### **Prior Authorization**

Prescribing Providers must obtain prior authorization in order for you to get benefits for certain Drugs. At times, your Provider will initiate a prior authorization on your behalf before your Pharmacy fills your Prescription. At other times, the Pharmacy may make you or your Provider aware that a prior authorization or other information is needed. In order to determine if the Prescription drug is eligible for coverage, we have established criteria.

The criteria, which are called drug edits, may include requirements regarding one or more of the following:

- Quantity, dose, and frequency of administration,
- Specific clinical criteria including, but not limited to, requirements regarding age, test result requirements, and/or presence of a specific condition or disease,
- Specific Provider qualifications including, but not limited to, REMS certification (Risk, Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies),
- Step therapy requiring one Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment be used, where permitted by law, prior to use of another Drug, Drug regimen, or treatment for safety and/or cost-effectiveness when clinically similar results may be anticipated,
- Use of a Prescription Drug List (as described below).

Where required by applicable law, we will cover the initial five-day supply (within a twelve-month period) of at least one FDA approved drug, prescribed by your Doctor and on our Prescription Drug List, which is used for the treatment of opioid dependency. At least one such Prescription Drug will not require prior authorization for the initial five-day supply. But requests of greater supplies, refills, or for drugs beyond those we have approved may be subject to prior authorization requirements or otherwise not eligible for coverage. For more information on the Prescription Drug List and which Prescription Drugs require prior authorization, please call the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or visit our website at www.anthem.com.

You or your Provider can get the list of the Drugs that require prior authorization by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>. The list will be reviewed and updated from time to time. Including a Prescription Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under your Plan. Your Provider may check with us to verify Prescription Drug coverage, to find out which drugs are covered under this section and if any drug edits apply. The Claims Administrator may, from time to time, waive, enhance, change or end certain prior authorization and/or offer alternate benefits, if in our sole discretion, such change furthers the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

**Expedited** prior authorization – We will review Expedited requests for prior authorization of Prescription Drugs according to the timeframes listed below:

- If all needed information is provided with the request, we will approve or deny it within one business day of receiving the request, unless a shorter period of time is required by law;
- If we need more information to make a decision, we will tell the prescribing Provider what information is needed within one business day of receiving the request. If the information is timely provided, we will make a decision within the timeframes provided by law;
- If the prescribing Provider does not supply the requested information within two business days of receiving our request, the prior authorization request will be deemed denied.

**Non-Expedited** prior authorization – We will review non-Expedited requests for prior authorization of Prescription Drugs according to the timeframes listed below:

- If all needed information is provided with the request, we approve or deny it within two business days of receiving the request;
- If we need more information to make a decision, we will tell the prescribing Provider what information is needed within two business days of receiving the request. If the information is timely provided, we will make a decision within the timeframes provided by law;
- If the prescribing Provider does not supply the requested information within two business days of receiving our request, the request will be deemed denied.

Note: If we do not request additional information or provide notification of approval or denial as required by applicable law, the request will be deemed approved. We will give notice of our decision as required by state and federal law.

If prior authorization is denied you have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Booklet.

### **Covered Prescription Drugs**

To be a Covered Service, Prescription Drugs must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and, under federal law, require a Prescription. Prescription Drugs must be prescribed by a licensed Provider and you must get them from a licensed Pharmacy. Controlled Substances must be prescribed by a licensed by a licensed Provider with an active DEA license.

Benefits are available for the following:

- Prescription Drugs from either a Retail Pharmacy or the PBM's Home Delivery Pharmacy.
- Specialty Drugs.
- Self-administered Drugs. These are Drugs that do not need administration or monitoring by a Provider in an office or Facility. Injectables and infused Drugs that need Provider administration and/or supervision are covered under the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" benefit.
- Self-injectable insulin and supplies and equipment used to administer insulin.
- Continuous glucose monitoring systems. **Note:** Each component of the monitoring system will be subject to a separate Copayment / Coinsurance.
- Self-administered contraceptives, including oral contraceptive Drugs, self-injectable contraceptive Drugs, contraceptive patches, and contraceptive rings. Certain contraceptives are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit. Please see that section for more details.

- Special food products or supplements, including metabolic formulas, when prescribed by a Doctor if we agree they are Medically Necessary.
- Flu Shots (including administration). These will be covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.
- Immunizations (including administration) required by the "Preventive Care" benefit.
- Prescription Drugs that help you stop smoking or reduce your dependence on tobacco products. These Drugs will be covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.
- FDA approved smoking cessation products, including over the counter nicotine replacement products, when obtained with a Prescription for a Member age 18 or older. These products will be covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit.
- Compound drugs when a commercially available dosage form of a Medically Necessary medication is not available, all the ingredients of the compound drug are FDA approved, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Non-FDA approved, non-proprietary, multisource ingredients that are vehicles essential for compound administration may be covered.

Certain Drugs, including orally administered anticancer medication, may also be used for treatment of cancer even though it has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of a specific type of cancer, if the following conditions are met:

- the off-label use of the FDA approved drug is supported for the treatment of cancer by the authoritative reference compendia identified by the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- the condition being treated is covered under this Booklet.

### Where You Can Get Prescription Drugs

Your Plan has three levels of coverage. To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from a Level 1 In-Network Pharmacy. If you get Covered Services from any other In-Network Pharmacy, benefits will be covered at Level 2 and you may pay more in Deductible, Copayments, and Coinsurance.

Level 1 In-Network Pharmacies. When you go to Level 1 In-Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Core Pharmacies), you pay a lower Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when you go to other In-Network Pharmacies.

**Level 2 In-Network Pharmacies**. When you go to Level 2 In-Network Pharmacies, (also referred to as Wrap Pharmacies), you pay a higher Copayment / Coinsurance on Covered Services than when you go to a Level 1 In-Network Pharmacy.

**Level 3 Out-of-Network Pharmacies**. When you go to Level 3 Out-of-Network Pharmacies, you will pay the highest Copayment/Coinsurance because these pharmacies are not in our network.

### **In-Network Pharmacy**

You can visit one of the local Retail Pharmacies in our network. Give the Pharmacy the prescription from your Doctor and your Identification Card and they will file your claim for you. You will need to pay any Copayment, Coinsurance, and/or Deductible that applies when you get the Drug. If you do not have your Identification Card, the Pharmacy will charge you the full retail price of the Prescription and will not be able to file the claim for you. You will need to ask the Pharmacy for a detailed receipt and send it to us with a written request for payment.

**Important Note:** If we determine that you may be using Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of In-Network Pharmacies may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single In-Network Pharmacy that will provide and coordinate all future pharmacy services. Benefits will only be paid if you use the single In-Network Pharmacy. We will contact you if we determine that use of a single In-Network Pharmacy is needed and give you options as

to which In-Network Pharmacy you may use. If you do not select one of the In-Network Pharmacies we offer within 31 days, we will select a single In-Network Pharmacy for you. If you disagree with our decision, you may ask us to reconsider it as outlined in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Booklet.

In addition, if we determine that you may be using Controlled Substance Prescription Drugs in a harmful or abusive manner, or with harmful frequency, your selection of In-Network Providers for Controlled Substance Prescriptions may be limited. If this happens, we may require you to select a single In-Network Provider that will provide and coordinate all Controlled Substance Prescriptions. Benefits for Controlled Substance Prescriptions will only be paid if you use the single In-Network Provider. We will contact you if we determine that use of a single In-Network Provider is needed and give you options as to which In-Network Provider you may use. If you do not select one of the In-Network Providers we offer within 31 days, we will select a single In-Network Provider for you. If you disagree with our decision, you may ask us to reconsider it as outlined in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Booklet.

### **Out-of-Network Pharmacy**

You must get covered Prescription Drugs and supplies from an In-Network Pharmacy, if you don't they will not be covered.

#### **Maintenance Pharmacy**

You may also obtain a 90-day supply of Maintenance Medications from a Maintenance Pharmacy. A Maintenance Medication is a Drug you take on a regular basis to treat or control a chronic illness such as heart disease, high blood pressure, epilepsy, or diabetes. If you are not sure the Prescription Drug you are taking is a Maintenance Medication or need to determine if your Pharmacy is a Maintenance Pharmacy, please call Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u> for more details.

### **Specialty Pharmacy**

We keep a list of Specialty Drugs that may be covered based upon clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process, and where appropriate, certain clinical economic reasons. This list will change from time to time. We may require you or your doctor to order certain Specialty Drugs from the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy.

When you use the PBM's Specialty Pharmacy, its patient care coordinator will work with you and your Doctor to get prior authorization and to ship your Specialty Drugs to your home or your preferred address. Your patient care coordinator will also tell you when it is time to refill your prescription.

You can get the list of covered Specialty Drugs by calling Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card or check our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>.

#### **Home Delivery Pharmacy**

The PBM also has a Home Delivery Pharmacy that lets you get certain Drugs by mail if you take them on a regular basis. You will need to contact the PBM to sign up when you first use the service. You can mail written prescriptions from your Doctor or have your Doctor send the prescription to the Home Delivery Pharmacy. Your Doctor may also call the Home Delivery Pharmacy. You will need to send in any Copayments, Deductible, or Coinsurance amounts that apply when you ask for a prescription or refill.

#### **Out-of-Network Pharmacy**

You may also use a Pharmacy that is not in our network. You will be charged the full retail price of the Drug and you will have to send your claim for the Drug to us. (Out-of-Network Pharmacies won't file the claim for you.) You can get a claims form from us or the PBM. You must fill in the top section of the form and ask the Out-of-Network Pharmacy to fill in the bottom section. If the bottom section of this form cannot be filled out by the pharmacist, you must attach a detailed receipt to the claim form. The receipt must show:

- Name and address of the Out-of-Network Pharmacy;
- Patient's name;

- Prescription number;
- Date the prescription was filled;
- Name of the Drug;
- Cost of the Drug;
- Quantity (amount) of each covered Drug or refill dispensed.

You must pay the amount shown in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)". This is based on the Maximum Allowed Amount as determined by our normal or average contracted rate with network pharmacies on or near the date of service.

### What You Pay for Prescription Drugs

### Tiers

Your share of the cost for Prescription Drugs may vary based on the tier the Drug is in:

**Please note:** To get the lowest out-of-pocket cost, you must get Covered Services from a Level 1 In-Network Pharmacy.

- Tier 1 Drugs have the lowest Coinsurance or Copayment. This tier contains low cost and preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products, or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- Tier 2 Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 1. This tier may contain preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source, Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products, or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- Tier 3 Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 2. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source, Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products, or multi-source Brand Drugs.
- Tier 4 Drugs have a higher Coinsurance or Copayment than those in Tier 3. This tier may contain higher cost, preferred, and non-preferred Drugs that may be Generic, single source Brand Drugs, Biosimilars, Interchangeable Biologic Products or multi-source Brand Drugs.

We assign drugs to tiers based on clinical findings from the Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process. We retain the right, at our discretion, to decide coverage for doses and administration (i.e., oral, injection, topical, or inhaled). We may cover one form of administration instead of another, or put other forms of administration in a different tier.

#### **Prescription Drug List**

The Claims Administrator also have an Anthem Prescription Drug List, (a formulary), which is a list of Drugs that have been reviewed and recommended for use based on their quality and cost effectiveness. Benefits may not be covered for certain Drugs if they are not on the Prescription Drug List.

The Drug List is developed by us based upon clinical findings, and where proper, the cost of the Drug relative to other Drugs in its therapeutic class or used to treat the same or similar condition. It is also based on the availability of over the counter medicines, Generic Drugs, the use of one Drug over another by our Members, and where proper, certain clinical economic reasons.

We retain the right, at our discretion, to decide coverage based upon medication dosage, dosage forms, manufacturer, and administration methods (i.e., oral, injection, topical, or inhaled) and may cover one form of administration instead of another as Medically Necessary.

You may request a copy of the covered Prescription Drug list by calling the Pharmacy Member Services telephone number on the back of your Identification Card or visiting our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>. The covered Prescription Drug list is subject to periodic review and amendment. Inclusion of a Drug or related item on the covered Prescription Drug list is not a guarantee of coverage.

#### Exception Request for a Drug not on the Prescription Drug List

If you, your designee or your Doctor believes you need a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List, please have your Doctor or pharmacist get in touch with us. We will cover the other Prescription Drug through a special exception process, but only if we agree that it is Medically Necessary and appropriate over the other Drugs that are on the List. We will make a coverage decision within 72 hours of receiving your request, unless a shorter timeframe is required by applicable law. If we approve the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of your prescription, including refills. If we deny coverage of the Drug, you have the right to appeal, including the right to request independent external review, as explained in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Booklet.

You, your designee or your Doctor may also submit a request for a Prescription Drug that is not on the Prescription Drug List based on exigent circumstances. Exigent circumstances exist if you are suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, or if you are undergoing a current course of treatment using a drug not covered by the Plan. We will make a coverage decision within 24 hours of receiving your request. If we approve the coverage of the Drug, coverage of the Drug will be provided for the duration of the exigency. If we deny coverage of the Drug, you have the right to appeal, including the right to request independent external review, as explained in the "Appeals and Complaints" section of this Booklet.

Coverage of a Drug approved as a result of your request or your Doctor's request for an exception will only be provided if you are a Member enrolled under the Plan. For additional information about the exception processes for Drugs not included on your Plan's Prescription Drug List, please call the Pharmacy Member Services telephone number on the back of your Identification Card.

### Additional Features of Your Prescription Drug Pharmacy Benefit

### Day Supply and Refill Limits

Certain day supply limits apply to Prescription Drugs as listed in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)." In most cases, you must use a certain amount of your prescription before it can be refilled. In some cases, we may let you get an early refill. For example, we may let you refill your prescription early if it is decided that you need a larger dose. Early refills may also be available for Prescription Eye Drops. In addition, one additional bottle may be available for Prescription Eye Drops, if the bottle is requested at the time of the original prescription is filled, and is needed for use by a day care center or school. Prescription Eye Drops means a liquid prescription drug which is applied directly to the eye from a bottle or by means of a dropper, or as defined by Colorado law. We will work with the Pharmacy to decide when this should happen.

If you are going on vacation and you need more than the day supply allowed, you should ask your pharmacist to call our PBM and ask for an override for one early refill. If you need more than one early refill, please call Pharmacy Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells you and your Doctor about alternatives to certain prescribed Drugs. We may contact you and your Doctor to make you aware of these choices. Only you and your Doctor can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for you. For questions or issues about therapeutic Drug substitutes, call Pharmacy Member Services at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

### Split Fill Dispensing Program

The split fill dispensing program is designed to prevent and/or minimize wasted Prescription Drugs if your Prescription Drugs or dose changes between fills, by allowing only a portion of your prescription to be filled. This program also saves you out of pocket expenses. The Prescription Drugs that are included under this program have been identified as requiring more frequent follow up to monitor response to treatment and potential reactions or side effects. You can access the list of these Prescription Drugs by calling the toll-free number on your member ID Card or log on to the website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>.

### **Drug Cost Share Assistance Programs**

If you qualify for certain non-needs based drug cost share assistance programs offered by drug

manufacturers (either directly or indirectly through third parties) to reduce the Deductible, Copayment, or Coinsurance you pay for certain Specialty Drugs, the reduced amount you pay may be the amount we apply to your Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket Limit when the Prescription Drug is provided by an In-Network Provider.

Please note that Anthem may increase the cost share listed in the Schedule of Benefits in order to take full advantage of cost share assistance that is available from drug manufacturers. This will lower plan costs but will not increase your cost share obligation because if you take advantage of this assistance any additional cost share will be offset by the cost share assistance.

#### **Special Programs**

Except when prohibited by federal regulations (such as HSA rules), from time to time we may offer programs to support the use of more cost-effective or clinically effective Prescription Drugs including Generic Drugs, Home Delivery Drugs, over the counter Drugs or preferred products. Such programs may reduce or waive Copayments or Coinsurance for a limited time.

### Rebate Impact on Prescriptions Drugs You get at Retail or Home Delivery Pharmacies

Claims Administrator and/or its PBM may also, from time to time, enter into agreements that result in Claims Administrator receiving rebates or other funds ("rebates") directly or indirectly from Prescription Drug manufacturers, Prescription Drug distributors or others.

You will be able to take advantage of a portion of the cost savings anticipated by Claims Administrator from rebates on Prescription Drugs purchased by you from Retail, Home Delivery, or Specialty Pharmacies under this section. If the Prescription Drug purchased by you is eligible for a rebate, most of the estimated value of that rebate will be used to reduce the Maximum Allowed Amount for the Prescription Drug. Any Deductible or Coinsurance would be calculated using that reduced amount. The remaining value of that rebate will be used to reduce the cost of coverage for all Members enrolled in coverage of this type.

It is important to note that not all Prescription Drugs are eligible for a rebate, and rebates can be discontinued or applied at any time based on the terms of the rebate agreements. Because the exact value of the ultimate rebate will not be known at the time you purchase the Prescription Drug, the amount of the rebate applied to your claim will be based on an estimate. Payment on your claim will not be adjusted if the later determined rebate value is higher or lower than our original estimate.

# Section 8. Limitations/Exclusions (What is Not Covered)

In this section you will find a review of items that are not covered by your Plan. Excluded items will not be covered even if the service, supply, or equipment is Medically Necessary. This section is only meant to be an aid to point out certain items that may be misunderstood as Covered Services. This section is not meant to be a complete list of all the items that are excluded by your Plan.

We will have the right to make the final decision about whether services or supplies are Medically Necessary and if they will be covered by your Plan.

• Acts of War, Disasters, or Nuclear Accidents In the event of a major disaster, epidemic, war, or other event beyond our control, we will make a good faith effort to give you Covered Services. We will not be responsible for any delay or failure to give services due to lack of available Facilities or staff.

Benefits will not be given for any illness or injury that is a result of war, service in the armed forces, a nuclear explosion, nuclear accident, release of nuclear energy, a riot, or civil disobedience.

- Acupuncture/nerve pathway therapy mainly for the purpose of weight control, related to menstrual cramps and addiction including smoking cessation.
- Administrative Charges
  - Charges to complete claim forms,
  - Charges to get medical records or reports,
  - Membership, administrative, or access fees charged by Doctors or other Providers. Examples include, but are not limited to, fees for educational brochures or calling you to give you test results.
- Aids for Non-verbal Communication Devices and computers to assist in communication and speech except for speech aid devices and tracheo-esophageal voice devices approved by the Claims Administrator.
- Alternative / Complementary Medicine Services or supplies for alternative or complementary medicine, regardless of the Provider rendering such services or supplies. This includes, but is not limited to:
  - Holistic medicine,
  - Acupressure to help alleviate pain, treat illness or promote health by putting pressure to one or more areas of the body, except as specifically listed as a Covered Service in this Plan,
  - Homeopathic medicine,
  - Hypnosis,
  - Aroma therapy,
  - Reiki therapy,
  - Herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies,
  - Naturopathy,
  - Thermography,
  - Orthomolecular therapy,
  - Contact reflex analysis,
  - Bioenergial synchronization technique (BEST),
  - Iridology-study of the iris,
  - Auditory integration therapy (AIT),

- Colonic irrigation,
- Magnetic innervation therapy,
- Electromagnetic therapy,
- Neurofeedback / Biofeedback.
- **Applied Behavioral Treatment** (including, but not limited to, Applied Behavior Analysis) for all indications except as described under Autism Services in the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section unless otherwise required by law.
- Autopsies Autopsies and post-mortem testing.
- **Before Effective Date or After Termination Date** Charges for care you get before your Effective Date or after your coverage ends, except as written in this Plan.
- **Breast Reduction Surgery** (reduction mammoplasty) or services related to it, except as required by law.
- **Certain Providers** Services you get from Providers that are not licensed by law to provide Covered Services as defined in this Booklet.
- Charges Not Supported by Medical Records Charges for services not described in your medical records.
- Charges Over the Maximum Allowed Amount Charges over the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services, except for Surprise Billing Claims as outlined in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" in the beginning of this Booklet. However, for Covered Emergency Care you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider at a facility in Colorado, the Out-of-Network Provider may be limited in their ability to collect these charges from you.
- Clinical Trial Non-Covered Services Any Investigational drugs or devices, non-health services required for you to receive the treatment, the costs of managing the research, or costs that would not be a Covered Service under this Plan for non-Investigational treatments.
- Clinically-Equivalent Alternatives Certain Prescription Drugs may not be covered if you could use a
  clinically equivalent Drug, unless required by law. "Clinically equivalent" means Drugs that for most
  Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether
  a certain Drug is covered and which Drugs fall into this group, please call the number on the back of
  your Identification Card, or visit our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>.
- **Complications of/or Services Related to Non-Covered Services** Services, supplies or treatment related to or, for problems directly related to a service that is not covered by this Plan. Directly related means that the care took place as a direct result of the non-Covered Service and would not have taken place without the non-Covered Service.
- **Compound Drugs** Compound Drugs unless all of the ingredients are FDA approved, require a prescription to dispense, and the compound medication is not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Exceptions to non-FDA approved compound ingredients may include multi-source, non-proprietary vehicles and/or pharmaceutical adjuvants.
- **Cosmetic Services** Treatments, services, Prescription Drugs, equipment, or supplies given for cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are meant to preserve, change, or improve how you look or are given for social reasons. No benefits are available for surgery or treatments to change the texture or look of your skin or to change the size, shape or look of facial or body features (such as your nose, eyes, ears, cheeks, chin, chest or breasts).
- **Court Ordered Testing** Court ordered testing or care unless the testing or care is Medically Necessary and otherwise a Covered Service under this Booklet.

- **Crime** Treatment of an injury or illness that results from a crime you committed, or tried to commit. This Exclusion does not apply if your involvement in the crime was solely the result of a medical or mental condition, or where you were the victim of a crime, including domestic violence.
- **Cryopreservation** Charges associated with the cryopreservation of eggs, embryos, or sperm, including collection, storage, and thawing.
- **Custodial Care** Custodial Care, convalescent care or rest cures. This Exclusion does not apply to Hospice services.
- Delivery Charges Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.
- Dental Devices for Snoring Oral appliances for snoring.
- **Dental Treatment** Excluded treatment includes but is not limited to preventive care and fluoride treatments; dental X-rays, supplies, appliances and all associated costs; and diagnosis and treatment for the teeth, jaw or gums such as:
  - Removing, restoring, or replacing teeth;
  - Medical care or surgery for dental problems (unless listed as a Covered Service in this Booklet);
  - Services to help dental clinical outcomes.

Dental treatment for injuries that are a result of biting or chewing is also excluded, unless the chewing or biting results from a medical or mental condition.

This Exclusion does not apply to services that we must cover by law.

- **Drugs Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards** Drugs given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- **Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or us.
- **Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
- Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations, and/or certifications, as determined by us.
- **Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription** Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin or other Drugs provided in the Preventive Care paragraph of the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section.
- Educational Services Services, supplies or room and board for teaching, vocational, or self-training
  purposes, except as listed in this Booklet. This includes, but is not limited to boarding schools and/or
  the room and board and educational components of a residential program where the primary focus of
  the program is educational in nature rather than treatment based.
- Emergency Room Services for non-Emergency Care Services provided in an emergency room for conditions that do not meet the definition of Emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, suture removal, routine pregnancy test, sore throat, earache/infection, rashes, sprains/strains, constipation, diarrhea, upper respiratory illness, abrasions, sleep disorder, conjunctivitis/pink eye, back pain that is not sudden and severe in onset, or dental caries/cavity in an emergency room. For non-emergency care please use the closest network Urgent Care Center or your Primary Care Physician.
- Experimental or Investigational Services Services or supplies that we find are Experimental / Investigational. This also applies to services related to Experimental / Investigational services, whether you get them before, during, or after you get the Experimental / Investigational service or supply.

The fact that a service or supply is the only available treatment will not make it Covered Service if we conclude it is Experimental / Investigational.

- Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses Eyeglasses and contact lenses to correct your eyesight unless listed as covered in this Booklet. This Exclusion does not apply to lenses needed after a covered eye surgery.
- Eye Exercises Orthoptics and vision therapy.
- **Eye Surgery** Eye surgery to fix errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness. This includes, but is not limited to, LASIK, radial keratotomy or keratomileusis, and excimer laser refractive keratectomy.
- **Family Members** Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
- Foot Care Routine foot care unless Medically Necessary. This Exclusion applies to care for flat feet, subluxations, cutting or removing corns and calluses; trimming nails; cleaning and preventive foot care, including but not limited to:
  - Cleaning and soaking the feet.
  - Applying skin creams to care for skin tone.
  - Other services that are given when there is not an illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.
- **Foot Orthotics** Foot orthotics, orthopedic shoes or footwear or support items unless used for a systemic illness affecting the lower limbs, such as severe diabetes.
- **Foot Surgery** Surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratoses.
- Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Other Inappropriate Billing Services from an Out-of-Network Provider that are determined to be not payable as a result of fraud, waste, abuse or inappropriate billing activities. This includes an Out-of-Network Provider's failure to submit medical records required to determine the appropriateness of a claim.
- Free Care Services you would not have to pay for if you didn't have this Plan. This includes, but is not limited to government programs, services during a jail or prison sentence, services you get from Workers Compensation, and services from free clinics.

If your Group is not required to have Workers Compensation coverage, this Exclusion does not apply. This Exclusion will apply if you get the benefits in whole or in part. This Exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation, and whether or not you get payments from any third party.

- **Growth Hormone Treatment** Any treatment, device, drug, service or supply (including surgical procedures, devices to stimulate growth and growth hormones), solely to increase or decrease height or alter the rate of growth.
- Health Club Memberships and Fitness Services Health club memberships, workout equipment, charges from a physical fitness or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for physical fitness, even if ordered by a Doctor. This Exclusion also applies to health spas.
- Home Health Care
  - Services given by registered nurses and other health workers who are not employees of or working under an approved arrangement with a Home Health Care Provider.
  - Food, housing, homemaker services and home delivered meals.
- Hospital Services Billed Separately Services rendered by Hospital resident Doctors or interns that are billed separately. This includes separately billed charges for services rendered by employees of Hospitals, labs or other institutions, and charges included in other duplicate billings.

- Hyperhidrosis Treatment Medical and surgical treatment of excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis).
- 12) **Infertility Treatment** Infertility procedures. For the cost of donor sperm or donor eggs, storage costs for sperm or frozen embryos, or tests to see if a procedure to promote fertility or pregnancy is effective.
- Lost or Stolen Drugs Refills of lost or stolen Drugs.
- **Maintenance Therapy** Rehabilitative treatment given when no further gains are clear or likely to occur. Maintenance therapy includes care that helps you keep your current level of function and prevents loss of that function, but does not result in any change for the better. This Exclusion does not apply to "Habilitative Services" as described in the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section.
- Massage Therapy For massage therapy and manipulative techniques or procedures.
- Medical Equipment, Devices, and Supplies
  - Replacement or repair of purchased or rental equipment because of misuse, or loss/theft.
  - Surgical supports, corsets, or articles of clothing unless needed to recover from surgery or injury.
  - Non-Medically Necessary enhancements to standard equipment and devices.
  - Supplies, equipment and appliances that include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in your situation. Reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowed Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount for the standard item which is a Covered Service is your responsibility.
  - Disposable supplies for use in the home such as bandages, gauze, tape, antiseptics, dressings, ace-type bandages, and any other supplies, dressings, appliances or devices that are not specifically listed as covered in the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section.
  - Continuous glucose monitoring systems. These are covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy.
- **Medicare** For which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A and/or B, or would have been payable if you had applied for Parts A and/or B, except as listed in this Booklet or as required by federal law, as described in the section titled "Medicare" in "General Policy Provisions". If you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are eligible, you may have large out-of-pocket costs. Please refer to <u>www.Medicare.gov</u> for more details on when you should enroll and when you are allowed to delay enrollment without penalties.
- Missed or Cancelled Appointments Charges for missed or cancelled appointments.
- Non-approved Drugs Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- Non-approved Facility Services from a Provider that does not meet the definition of Facility.
- Non-Medically Necessary Services Services we conclude are not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines. Emergency medical care is not subject to this exclusion as long as such care meets the definition of Emergency medical care, see "Emergency Care" under the "Benefits/Coverage (What Is Covered)" section of this Booklet.
- **Nutritional or Dietary Supplements** Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Booklet or that we must cover by law. This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that you can buy over the counter and those you can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.
- Off label use Off label use, unless we must cover it by law or if we approve it.

- **Oral Surgery** Extraction of teeth and other oral surgeries to treat the teeth or bones and gums directly supporting the teeth, except as listed in this Booklet.
- **Out-of-Network Services** Services received from an Out-of-Network Provider, as specified in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" Section of this Booklet.
- Pain Intractable Pain and/or Chronic Pain.
- Personal Care, Convenience and Mobile/Wearable Devices
  - Items for personal comfort, convenience, protection, cleanliness such as air conditioners, humidifiers, water purifiers, dehumidifiers, sports helmets, raised toilet seats, shower chairs, special lighting or other environmental modifiers, wristlets, augmentative communication devices, surgical supports, and corsets or other articles of clothing,
  - First aid supplies and other items kept in the home for general use (bandages, cotton-tipped applicators, thermometers, petroleum jelly, tape, non-sterile gloves, heating pads),
  - Home workout or therapy equipment, including treadmills and home gyms,
  - Pools, whirlpools, spas, or hydrotherapy equipment.
  - Hypoallergenic pillows, mattresses, or waterbeds,
  - Residential, auto, or place of business structural changes (ramps, lifts, elevator chairs, escalators, elevators, stair glides, emergency alert equipment, handrails).
  - Consumer wearable / personal mobile devices (such as a smart phone, smart watch, or other personal tracking devices), including any software or applications.
- **Private Duty Nursing** Private duty nursing services including, but not limited to, services given in a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or as part of the "Home Health Care Services" benefit.
- Prosthetics Prosthetics for sports or cosmetic purposes. This includes wigs and scalp hair prosthetics.
- **Residential accommodations** Residential accommodations to treat medical or behavioral health conditions, except when provided in a Hospital, Hospice, Skilled Nursing Facility, or Residential Treatment Center. This Exclusion includes procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges for the following:
  - Domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member's own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
  - Care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any similar facility or institution.
  - Services or care provided or billed by a school, Custodial Care center for the developmentally disabled, or outward-bound programs, even if psychotherapy is included.
- **Routine Physicals and Immunizations** Physical exams and immunizations required for travel, enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, sports programs, or for other purposes, which are not required by law under the "Preventive Care" benefit.
- Services Not Appropriate for Virtual Telehealth / Telemedicine Visits Services that we determine require in-person contact and/or equipment that cannot be provided remotely.
- Sexual Dysfunction Services or supplies for male or female sexual problems.
- Stand-By Charges Stand-by charges of a Doctor or other Provider.
- Sterilization Services to reverse an elective sterilization.

- Studies Research studies or screening exams, unless otherwise stated in this Booklet.
- **Surrogate Mother Services** Services or supplies for a person not covered under this Plan for a surrogate pregnancy (including, but not limited to, the bearing of a child by another woman for an infertile couple).
- Temporomandibular Joint Treatment.
- **Travel Costs** Mileage, lodging, meals, and other Member-related travel costs except as described in this Plan.
- Vein Treatment Treatment of varicose veins or telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method (including sclerotherapy or other surgeries) for cosmetic purposes.
- Vision Services Vision services not described as Covered Services in this Booklet.
- Waived Cost-Shares Out-of-Network For any service for which you are responsible under the terms of this Plan to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible, and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by an Out-of-Network Provider.
- Weight Loss Programs Programs, whether or not under medical supervision, unless listed as covered in this Booklet.

This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs.

• Wilderness or other outdoor camps and/or programs.

# What's Not Covered Under Your Prescription Drug Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy Benefit

In addition to the above Exclusions, certain items are not covered under the Prescription Drug Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy benefit:

- Administration Charges Charges for the administration of any Drug except for covered immunizations as approved by us or the PBM.
- **Charges Not Supported by Medical Records** Charges for pharmacy services not related to conditions, diagnoses, and/or recommended medications described in your medical records.
- Clinical Trial Non-Covered Services Any Investigational drugs or devices, non-health services required for you to receive the treatment, the costs of managing the research, or costs that would not be a Covered Service under this Plan for non-Investigational treatments.
- Clinically-Equivalent Alternatives Certain Prescription Drugs may not be covered if you could use a
  clinically equivalent Drug, unless required by law. "Clinically equivalent" means Drugs that for most
  Members, will give you similar results for a disease or condition. If you have questions about whether
  a certain Drug is covered and which Drugs fall into this group, please call the number on the back of
  your Identification Card, or visit our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>.
- **Compound Drugs** Compound Drugs unless all of the ingredients are FDA approved, require a prescription to dispense, and the compound medication is not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer. Exceptions to non-FDA approved compound ingredients may include multi-source, non-proprietary vehicles and/or pharmaceutical adjuvants.
- **Contrary to Approved Medical and Professional Standards** Drugs given to you or prescribed in a way that is against approved medical and professional standards of practice.
- Delivery Charges Charges for delivery of Prescription Drugs.
- **Drugs Given at the Provider's Office / Facility** Drugs you take at the time and place where you are given them or where the Prescription Order is issued. This includes samples given by a Doctor. This Exclusion does not apply to Drugs used with a diagnostic service, Drugs given during chemotherapy

in the office as described in the "Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider" section, or Drugs covered under the "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices, and Supplies" benefit – they are Covered Services.

- Drugs Not on the Claims Administrator Prescription Drug List (a formulary) You can get a copy of the list by calling us or visiting our website at <u>www.anthem.com</u>. If you or your Doctor believes you need a certain Prescription Drug not on the list, please refer to "Prescription Drug List" in the section "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" for details on requesting an exception.
- **Drugs Over Quantity or Age Limits** Drugs which are over any quantity or age limits set by the Plan or us.
- **Drugs Over the Quantity Prescribed or Refills After One Year** Drugs in amounts over the quantity prescribed, or for any refill given more than one year after the date of the original Prescription Order.
- Drugs Prescribed by Providers Lacking Qualifications/Registrations/Certifications Prescription Drugs prescribed by a Provider that does not have the necessary qualifications, registrations and/or certifications, as determined by the Claims Administrator.
- **Drugs That Do Not Need a Prescription** Drugs that do not need a prescription by federal law (including Drugs that need a prescription by state law, but not by federal law), except for injectable insulin or other Drugs provided in the Preventive Care paragraph of the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section.
- **Family Members** Services prescribed, ordered, referred by or given by a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
- Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Other Inappropriate Billing Services from an Out-of-Network Provider that are determined to be not payable as a result of fraud, waste, abuse or inappropriate billing activities. This includes an Out-of-Network Provider's failure to submit medical records required to determine the appropriateness of a claim.
- **Gene Therapy** Gene therapy that introduces or is related to the introduction of genetic material into a person intended to replace or correct faulty or missing genetic material. While not covered under the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" benefit, benefits may be available under the "Gene Therapy Services" benefit. Please see that section for details.
- **Growth Hormone Treatment** Any treatment, device, drug, service or supply (including surgical procedures, devices to stimulate growth and growth hormones), solely to increase or decrease height or alter the rate of growth.
- **Hyperhidrosis Treatment** Prescription Drugs related to the medical and surgical treatment of excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis).
- Items Covered as Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Therapeutic DME, devices and supplies except peak flow meters, spacers, and glucose monitors. Items not covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy benefit may be covered under the "Durable Medical Equipment (DME), Medical Devices and Supplies" benefit. Please see that section for details.
- Items Covered Under the "Allergy Services" Benefit Allergy desensitization products or allergy serum. While not covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy benefit, these items may be covered under the "Allergy Services" benefit. Please see that section for details.
- Lost or Stolen Drugs Refills of lost or stolen Drugs.
- Mail Order Providers other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Order Provider Prescription Drugs dispensed by any Mail Order Provider other than the PBM's Home Delivery Mail Order Provider, unless we must cover them by law.

- Non-approved Drugs Drugs not approved by the FDA.
- **Non-Medically Necessary Services** Services we conclude are not Medically Necessary. This includes services that do not meet our medical policy, clinical coverage, or benefit policy guidelines.
- **Nutritional or Dietary Supplements** Nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as described in this Booklet or that we must cover by law. This Exclusion includes, but is not limited to, nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that you can buy over the counter and those you can get without a written Prescription or from a licensed pharmacist.
- Off label use Off label use, unless we must cover the use by law or if we, or the PBM, approve it.
- **Onychomycosis Drugs** Drugs for Onychomycosis (toenail fungus) except when we allow it to treat Members who are immuno-compromised or diabetic.
- Out-of-Network Care Services from a Pharmacy that is not in our network.
- **Over-the-Counter Items** Drugs, devices and products, or Prescription Drugs with over the counter equivalents and any Drugs, devices or products that are therapeutically comparable to an over the counter Drug, device, or product may not be covered, even if written as a Prescription. This includes Prescription Drugs when any version or strength becomes available over the counter.

This Exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter products that we must cover as a "Preventive Care" benefit under federal law with a Prescription.

- Sexual Dysfunction Drugs Drugs to treat sexual or erectile problems.
- **Syringes** Hypodermic syringes except when given for use with insulin and other covered selfinjectable Drugs and medicine.
- Weight Loss Drugs Any Drug mainly used for weight loss.

# Section 9. Member Payment Responsibility

### **Your Cost-Shares**

Your Plan may involve Copayments, Deductibles, and/or Coinsurance, which are charges that you must pay when receiving Covered Services. Your Plan may also have an Out-of-Pocket Limit, which limits the cost-shares you must pay. Please read the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details on your cost-shares. Also read the "Definitions" section for a better understanding of each type of cost share.

### **Maximum Allowed Amount**

### General

This section describes how we determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for services rendered by In-Network and Out-of-Network Providers is based on this Booklet's Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that you receive. Please see "Inter-Plan Arrangement's" in the "Claims Procedure (How to File a Claim)" section for additional information.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for this Booklet is the maximum amount of reimbursement we will allow for services and supplies:

- That meet our definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under your Booklet and are not excluded;
- That are Medically Necessary; and
- That are provided in accordance with all applicable preauthorization, utilization management or other requirements set forth in your Booklet.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Except for Surprise Billing Claims\*, when you receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider, you may be responsible for paying any difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Provider's actual charges. This amount can be significant.

\*Surprise Billing Claims are described in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet. Please refer to that section for further details.

When you receive Covered Services from a Provider, we will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted for those Covered Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the procedure and diagnosis codes included in the claim. Applying these rules may affect our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. Our application of these rules does not mean that the Covered Services you received were not Medically Necessary. It means we have determined that the claim was submitted inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example, your Provider may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, the Maximum Allowed Amount will be based on the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed code.

Likewise, when multiple procedures are performed on the same day by the same Doctor or other healthcare professional, we may reduce the Maximum Allowed Amounts for those secondary and subsequent procedures because reimbursement at 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for those procedures would represent duplicative payment for components of the primary procedure that may be considered incidental or inclusive.

### **Provider Network Status**

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is an In-Network Provider or an Out-of-Network Provider.

An In-Network Provider is a Provider who is in the managed network for this specific product or in a special Centers of Medical Excellence or other closely managed specialty network, or who has a participation contract with us. For Covered Services performed by an In-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Booklet is the rate the Provider has agreed with us to accept as reimbursement for the Covered Services. Because In-Network Providers have agreed to accept the Maximum Allowed Amount as payment in full for those Covered Services, they should not send you a bill or collect for amounts above the Maximum Allowed Amount. However, you may receive a bill or be asked to pay all or a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent you have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit www.anthem.com.

Providers who have not signed any contract with us and are not in any of our networks are Out-of-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary providers.

Except for Surprise Billing Claims, we will calculate the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider using one of the following:

- An amount based on the Claims Administrator's Out-of-Network Provider fee schedule/rate, which is established at the Claims Administrator's discretion, and which The Claims Administrator may modify from time to time, after considering one or more of the following: reimbursement amounts accepted by like/similar Providers contracted with the Claims Administrator, reimbursement amounts paid by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the same services or supplies, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
- An amount based on reimbursement or cost information from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"). When basing the Maximum Allowed amount upon the level or method of reimbursement used by CMS, the Claims Administrator will update such information, which is unadjusted for geographic locality, no less than annually; or
- 3. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, which may reflect one or more of the following factors: (1) the complexity or severity of treatment; (2) level of skill and experience required for the treatment; or (3) comparable Providers' fees and costs to deliver care; or
- 4. An amount negotiated by us or a third-party vendor, which has been agreed to by the Provider. This may include rates for services coordinated through case management; or
- 5. An amount based on or derived from the total charges billed by the Out-of-Network Provider.

Providers who are not contracted for this product but are contracted for other products with us are also considered Out-of-Network. For this Booklet, the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the five methods shown above unless the contract between us and that Provider specifies a different amount or if you claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim.

For Covered Services rendered outside the Claims Administrator's Service Area by Out-of-Network Providers, claims may be priced using the local Blue Cross Blue Shield plan's non-participating provider fee schedule / rate or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In certain situations, the Maximum Allowed Amount for out of area claims may be based on billed charges, the pricing we would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Claims Administrator Service Area, or a special negotiated price.

Unlike In-Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers may send you a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds our Maximum Allowed Amount unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing an In-Network Provider will likely result in lower out of pocket costs to you. Please call Member Services for help in finding an In-Network Provider or visit our website at www.anthem.com.

Member Services is also available to assist you in determining this Booklet's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from an Out-of-Network Provider. In order for us to assist you, you will need to obtain from your Provider the specific procedure code(s) and diagnosis code(s) for the services the

Provider will render. You will also need to know the Provider's charges to calculate your Out-of-Pocket responsibility. Although Member Services can assist you with this pre-service information, the final Maximum Allowed Amount for your claim will be based on the actual claim submitted by the Provider.

For Prescription Drugs, the Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount determined by us using Prescription Drug cost information provided by the Pharmacy Benefits Manager.

#### **Member Cost Share**

For certain Covered Services and depending on your Plan design, you may be required to pay a part of the Maximum Allowed Amount as your cost share amount (for example, Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance).

Your cost share amount and Out-of-Pocket Limits may vary depending on whether you received services from an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Specifically, you may be required to pay higher cost sharing amounts or may have limits on your benefits when using Out-of-Network Providers. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" in this Booklet for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Member Services to learn how this Booklet's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Provider you use.

We will not provide any reimbursement for non-Covered Services. You may be responsible for the total amount billed by your Provider for non-Covered Services, regardless of whether such services are performed by an In-Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Non-covered services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of your Plan and received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, benefit caps or day/visit limits.

# The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Booklet's cost share amounts; see your "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for your applicable amounts.

Example: Your Plan has a Coinsurance cost share of 20% for In-Network services, and 30% for Out-of-Network services after the In-Network or Out-of-Network Deductible has been met.

- You choose an In-Network surgeon. The charge was \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility when an In-Network surgeon is used is 20% of \$1500, or \$300. We allow 80% of \$1500, or \$1200. The In-Network surgeon accepts the total of \$1500 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges. Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$300.
- You choose an Out-of-Network surgeon. The Out-of-Network surgeon's charge for the service is \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery service is \$1500; your Coinsurance responsibility for the Out-of-Network surgeon is 30% of \$1500, or \$450 after the Out-of-Network Deductible has been met. We allow the remaining 70% of \$1500, or \$1050. In addition, the Out-of-Network surgeon could bill you the difference between \$2500 and \$1500, so your total Out of Pocket charge would be \$450 plus an additional \$1000, for a total of \$1450.

#### **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no In-Network Provider available, or if we don't have an In-Network Provider within a reasonable number of miles from your home, for the Covered Service, we may authorize the In-Network cost share amounts (Deductible, Copayment, and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service you receive from an Out-of-Network Provider. In such circumstances, you must contact us in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. If approved, we will pay the Out-of-Network Provider at the In-Network level of benefits and you won't need to pay more for the services than if the services had been received from an In-Network Provider. A Precertification or preauthorization is not the same thing as an Authorized Service; we must specifically authorize the service from an Out-of-Network Provider at the In-Network cost share amounts.

Sometimes you may need to travel a reasonable distance to get care from an In-Network Provider. This does not apply if care is for an Emergency.

If you do not receive a preauthorized network exception to obtain Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider at the In-Network cost share amounts, the claim will be processed using your Out-of-Network cost shares unless your claim involves a Surprise Billing Claim.

The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Booklet's cost share amounts; see your "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for your applicable amounts.

Example:

You require the services of a specialty Provider; but there is no In-Network Provider for that specialty in your state of residence. You contact us in advance of receiving any Covered Services, and we authorize you to go to an available Out-of-Network Provider for that Covered Service and we agree that the In-Network cost share will apply.

Your Plan has a \$45 Copayment for Out-of-Network Providers and a \$25 Copayment for In-Network Providers for the Covered Service. The Out-of-Network Provider's charge for this service is \$500. The Maximum Allowed Amount is \$200.

Because we have authorized the In-Network cost share amount to apply in this situation, you will be responsible for the In-Network Copayment of \$25 and we will be responsible for the remaining \$475.

# Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees

Federal or state laws or regulations may require a surcharge, tax or other fee. If applicable, we will include any such surcharge, tax or other fee as part of the claim charge passed on to you.

### **Claims Review**

The Claims Administrator has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. Members seeking services from Out-of-Network Providers could be balanced billed by the Out-of-Network Provider for those services that are determined to be not payable as a result of these review processes. A claim may also be determined to be not payable due to a Provider's failure to submit medical records with the claims that are under review in these processes.

# Section 10. Claims Procedure (How to File a Claim)

This section describes how we reimburse claims and what information is needed when you submit a claim. When you receive care from an In-Network Provider, you do not need to file a claim because the In-Network Provider will do this for you. If you receive care from an Out-of-Network Provider, you will need to make sure a claim is filed. Many Out-of-Network Hospitals, Doctors and other Providers will file your claim for you, although they are not required to do so. If you file the claim, use a claim form as described later in this section.

# Notice of Claim & Proof of Loss

After you get Covered Services, we must receive written notice of your claim in order for benefits to be paid.

- In-Network Providers will submit claims for you. They are responsible for ensuring that claims have the information we need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, we will ask them for more details, and they will be required to supply those details within certain timeframes.
- Out-of-Network claims can be submitted by the Provider if the Provider is willing to file on your behalf. However, if the Provider is not submitting on your behalf, you will be required to submit the claim. Claim forms are usually available from the Provider. If they do not have a claims form, you can send a written request to us, or contact Member Services and ask for a claims form to be sent to you. If you do not receive the claims form, you can still submit written notice of the claim without the claim form. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim, including:
  - Name of patient.
  - Patient's relationship with the Subscriber.
  - Identification number.
  - Date, type, and place of service.
  - Your signature and the Provider's signature.

Out-of-Network claims must be submitted within 180 days. In certain cases, state or federal law may allow additional time to file a claim, if you could not reasonably file within the 180 day period. The claim must have the information we need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, we will ask you for more details and inform you of the time by which we need to receive that information. Once we receive the required information, we will process the claim according to the terms of your Plan.

Please note that failure to submit the information we need by the time listed in our request could result in the denial of your claim, unless state or federal law requires an extension. Please contact Member Services if you have any questions or concerns about how to submit claims.

### **Member's Cooperation**

You will be expected to complete and submit to us all such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents that may be needed in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Workers' Compensation or any other governmental program. If you fail to cooperate you will be responsible for any charge for services.

### **Payment of Benefits**

You authorize us to make payments directly to Providers for Covered Services. In no event, however, shall our right to make payments directly to a Provider be deemed to suggest that any Provider is a beneficiary with independent claims and appeal rights under the Plan. Where permitted by applicable law, we reserve the right to make payments directly to you as opposed to any Provider for Covered Service, at our discretion. In the event that payment is made directly to you, you have the responsibility to apply this

payment to the claim from the Out-of-Network Provider. Payments and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims may also be sent to an Alternate Recipient (which is defined herein as any child of a Subscriber who is recognized under a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" as having a right to enrollment under the Employer's Plan), or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by us (whether to any Provider for Covered Service or you) will discharge our obligation for Covered Services. You cannot assign your right to receive payment to anyone, except as required by a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" as defined by, and if subject to, ERISA or any applicable Federal law.

Once a Provider performs a Covered Service, we will not honor a request for us to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

The coverage, rights, and benefits under the Plan are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of the Plan, except as provided above. This prohibition against assignment includes rights to receive payment, claim benefits under the Plan and/or law, sue or otherwise begin legal action, or request Plan documents or any other information that a Participant or beneficiary may request under ERISA. Any assignment made without written consent from the Plan will be void and unenforceable.

### **Inter-Plan Arrangements**

### **Out-of-Area Services**

### Overview

The Claims Administrator has a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees. Generally, these relationships are called "Inter-Plan Arrangements." These Inter-Plan Arrangements work based on rules and procedures issued by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association ("Association"). Whenever you access healthcare services outside the geographic area we serve (the "Anthem Service Area"), the claim for those services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Arrangements. The Inter-Plan Arrangements are described below.

When you receive care outside of the Anthem Service Area, you will receive it from one of two kinds of Providers. Most Providers ("participating providers") contract with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan in that geographic area ("Host Blue"). Some Providers ("nonparticipating providers") don't contract with the Host Blue. We explain below how we pay both kinds of Providers.

### Inter-Plan Arrangements Eligibility – Claim Types

Most claim types are eligible to be processed through Inter-Plan Arrangements, as described above. Examples of claims that are not included are Prescription Drugs that you obtain from a Pharmacy and most dental or vision benefits.

### A. BlueCard<sup>®</sup> Program

Under the BlueCard<sup>®</sup> Program, when you receive Covered Services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, we will still fulfill our contractual obligations. But, the Host Blue is responsible for: (a) contracting with its Providers; and (b) handling its interactions with those Providers.

When you receive Covered Services outside the Anthem Service Area and the claim is processed through the BlueCard Program, the amount you pay is calculated based on the lower of:

- The billed charges for Covered Services; or
- The negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to us.

Often, this "negotiated price" will be a simple discount that reflects an actual price that the Host Blue pays to the Provider. Sometimes, it is an estimated price that takes into account special arrangements with that Provider. Sometimes, such an arrangement may be an average price, based on a discount that results in expected average savings for services provided by similar types of Providers. Estimated and average pricing arrangements may also involve types of settlements, incentive payments and/or other credits or charges.

Estimated pricing and average pricing also take into account adjustments to correct for over- or underestimation of past pricing of claims, as noted above. However, such adjustments will not affect the price we used for your claim because they will not be applied after a claim has already been paid.

### B. Negotiated (non-BlueCard Program) Arrangements

With respect to one or more Host Blues, instead of using the BlueCard Program, the Claims Administrator may process your claims for Covered Services through Negotiated Arrangements for National Accounts.

The amount you pay for Covered Services under this arrangement will be calculated based on the lower of either billed charges for Covered Services or the negotiated price (refer to the description of negotiated price under Section A. BlueCard Program) made available to the Claims Administrator by the Host Blue.

### C. Special Cases: Value-Based Programs

### BlueCard<sup>®</sup> Program

If you receive Covered Services under a Value-Based Program inside a Host Blue's Service Area, you will not be responsible for paying any of the Provider Incentives, risk-sharing, and/or Care Coordinator Fees that are a part of such an arrangement, except when a Host Blue passes these fees to the Claims Administrator through average pricing or fee schedule adjustments. Additional information is available upon request.

#### Value-Based Programs: Negotiated (non-BlueCard Program) Arrangements

If the Claims Administrator has entered into a Negotiated Arrangement with a Host Blue to provide Value-Based Programs to the Plan on your behalf, the Claims Administrator will follow the same procedures for Value-Based Programs administration and Care Coordinator Fees as noted above for the BlueCard Program.

### D. Inter-Plan Programs: Federal/State Taxes/Surcharges/Fees

Federal or state laws or regulations may require a surcharge, tax or other fee. If applicable, we will include any such surcharge, tax or other fee as part of the claim charge passed on to you.

#### E. Nonparticipating Providers Outside Our Service Area

#### 1. Allowed Amounts and Member Liability Calculation

When Covered Services are provided outside of Anthem's Service Area by non-participating providers, we may determine benefits and make payment based on pricing from either the Host Blue or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state or federal law. In these situations, the amount you pay for such services as Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance will be based on that allowed amount. Also, you may be responsible for the difference between the amount that the non-participating provider bills and the payment we will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph. Federal or state law, as applicable, will govern payments for out-of-network Emergency services.

#### 2. Exceptions

In certain situations, we may use other pricing methods, such as billed charges or the pricing we would use if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Anthem Service Area, or a special negotiated price to determine the amount we will pay for services provided by nonparticipating providers. In these situations, you may be liable for the difference between the amount that the nonparticipating provider bills and the payment we make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

### F. Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup> Program

If you plan to travel outside the United States, call Member Services to find out your Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup> benefits. Benefits for services received outside of the United States may be different from services received in the United States. Remember to take an up to date health ID Card with you.

When you are traveling abroad and need medical care, you can call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup> Service Center any time. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The toll free number is 800-810-2583. Or you can call them collect at 804-673-1177.

If you need inpatient hospital care, you or someone on your behalf, should contact us for preauthorization. Keep in mind, if you need Emergency medical care, go to the nearest hospital. There is no need to call before you receive care.

Please refer to the "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits" section in this Booklet for further information. You can learn how to get preauthorization when you need to be admitted to the hospital for Emergency or non-emergency care.

### How Claims are Paid with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core®

In most cases, when you arrange inpatient hospital care with Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup>, claims will be filed for you. The only amounts that you may need to pay up front are any Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible amounts that may apply.

You will typically need to pay for the following services up front:

- Doctors services;
- Inpatient hospital care not arranged through Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup>; and
- Outpatient services.

You will need to file a claim form for any payments made up front.

When you need Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup> claim forms you can get international claims forms in the following ways:

- Call the Blue Cross Blue Shield Global Core<sup>®</sup> Service Center at the numbers above; or
- Online at <u>www.bcbsglobalcore.com</u>.

You will find the address for mailing the claim on the form.

# Section 11. General Policy Provisions

# Assignment

Members cannot legally transfer the coverage. Benefits available under this Booklet are not assignable by any Member without obtaining written permission from us, unless in a way described in the "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to Managed Care Plans)" and in "Claims Procedure (How to File a Claim)" sections.

### **Automobile Insurance Provisions**

We will coordinate the benefits of this Booklet with the benefits of a complying auto insurance policy.

A complying automobile insurance policy is an auto policy approved by the Colorado Division of Insurance that provides at least the minimum coverage required by law, and one which is subject to the Colorado Auto Accident Reparations Act or Colorado Revised Statutes §§ 10-4-601 et seq. Any state or federal law requiring similar benefits through legislation or regulation is also considered a complying auto policy.

**How We Coordinate Benefits with Auto Policies** – Your benefits under this Booklet may be coordinated with the coverage's afforded by an auto policy. After any primary coverage's offered by the auto policy are exhausted, including without limitation any no-fault, personal injury protection, or medical payment coverages, we will pay benefits subject to the terms and conditions of this Booklet. If there is more than one auto policy that offers primary coverage, each will pay its maximum coverage before we are liable for any further payments.

You, your representative, agents and heirs must fully cooperate with us to make sure that the auto policy has paid all required benefits. We may require you to take a physical examination in disputed cases. If there is an auto policy in effect, and you waive or fail to assert your rights to such benefits, this plan will not pay those benefits that could be available under an auto policy.

We may require proof that the auto policy has paid all primary benefits before making any payments under this Booklet. On the other hand, we may but are not required to pay benefits under this Booklet, and later coordinate with or seek reimbursement under the auto policy. In all cases, upon payment, we are entitled to exercise our rights under this Booklet and under applicable law against any and all potentially responsible parties or insurers. In that event, we may exercise the rights found in this section.

What Happens If You Do Not Have Another Policy – We will pay benefits if you are injured while you are riding in or driving a motor vehicle that you own if it is not covered by an auto policy.

Similarly, if not covered by an auto policy, we will also pay benefits for your injuries if as a non-owner or driver, passenger or when walking you were in a motor vehicle accident. In that event, we may exercise the rights found in this section.

# **Care Coordination**

We pay In-Network Providers in various ways to provide Covered Services to you. For example, sometimes we may pay In-Network Providers a separate amount for each Covered Service they provide. We may also pay them one amount for all Covered Services related to treatment of a medical condition. Other times, we may pay a periodic, fixed pre-determined amount to cover the costs of Covered Services. In addition, we may pay In-Network Providers financial incentives or other amounts to help improve quality of care and/or promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner, or compensate In-Network Providers for coordination of Member care. In some instances, In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to us because they did not meet certain standards. You do not share in any payments made by In-Network Providers to us under these programs.

# **Clerical Error**

A clerical error will never disturb or affect your coverage, as long as your coverage is valid under the rules of the Plan. This rule applies to any clerical error, regardless of whether it was the fault of the Employer or us.

# **Confidentiality and Release of Information**

Applicable state and federal law requires us to undertake efforts to safeguard your medical information.

For informational purposes only, please be advised that a statement describing our policies and procedures regarding the protection, use and disclosure of your medical information is available on our website and can be furnished to you upon request by contacting our Member Services department.

Obligations that arise under state and federal law and policies and procedures relating to privacy that are referenced but not included in this Booklet are not part of the contract between the parties and do not give rise to contractual obligations.

### **Conformity with Law**

Any term of the Plan, which is in conflict with the applicable laws, will hereby be automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

# Form or Content of Booklet

No agent or employee of ours is authorized to change the form or content of this Booklet. Changes can only be made through a written authorization, signed by an officer of the Employer. Changes are further noted in "Modifications" below this section.

### **Government Programs**

The benefits under this Plan shall not duplicate any benefits that you are entitled to, or eligible for, under any other governmental program. This does not apply if any particular laws require us to be the primary payor. If we have duplicated such benefits, all money paid by such programs to you for services you have or are receiving, shall be returned by or on your behalf to us.

### **Medical Policy and Technology Assessment**

The Claims Administrator reviews and evaluates new technology according to its technology evaluation criteria developed by its medical directors. Technology assessment criteria are used to determine the Experimental / Investigational status or Medical Necessity of new technology. Guidance and external validation of the Claims Administrator's medical policy is provided by the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) which consists of approximately 20 Doctors from various medical specialties including the Claims Administrator's medical directors, Doctors in academic medicine and Doctors in private practice.

Conclusions made are incorporated into medical policy used to establish decision protocols for particular diseases or treatments and applied to Medical Necessity criteria used to determine whether a procedure, service, supply or equipment is covered.

### Medicare

Any benefits covered under both this Plan and Medicare will be covered according to Medicare Secondary Payor legislation, regulations, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, subject to federal court decisions. Federal law controls whenever there is a conflict among state law, Booklet terms, and federal law.

Except when federal law requires us to be the primary payor, the benefits under this Plan for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise eligible for Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit for which Members are entitled under Medicare, including Part B. Where Medicare is the responsible payor, all

sums payable by Medicare for services provided to you shall be reimbursed by or on your behalf to us, to the extent we have made payment for such services. If you do not enroll in Medicare Part B when you are eligible, you may have large out-of-pocket costs. Please refer to <u>www.Medicare.gov</u> for more details on when you should enroll, and when you are allowed to delay enrollment without penalties.

### **Modifications**

This Booklet allows the Plan Administrator to make Plan coverage available to eligible Members. However, this Booklet shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions, the Administrative Services Only Agreement, or by mutual agreement between the Plan Administrator and the Claims Administrator without the permission or involvement of any Member. By electing medical and Hospital coverage under the Plan or accepting Plan benefits, all Members who are legally capable of entering into a contract, and the legal representatives of all Members that are incapable of entering into a contract, agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions in this Booklet.

# **Network Access Plan**

We strive to provide Provider networks in Colorado that addresses your health care needs. The Network Access Plan describes our Provider network standards for network sufficiency in service, access and availability, as well as assessment procedures we follow in our effort to maintain adequate and accessible networks. To request a copy of this document, call Member Services. This document is also available on our website or for in-person review at 700 Broadway in Denver, Colorado.

### Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions

We are not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Booklet does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against the Claims Administrator based on the actions of a Provider of health care, services, or supplies.

# **Payment Innovation Programs**

We pay In-Network Providers through various types of contractual arrangements. Some of these arrangements – Payment Innovation Programs (Program(s)) – may include financial incentives to help improve quality of care and promote the delivery of health care services in a cost-efficient manner.

These Programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of an In-Network Provider's total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances, In-Network Providers may be required to make payment to us under the Program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards.

The Programs are not intended to affect your access to health care. The Program payments are not made as payment for specific Covered Services provided to you, but instead, are based on the In-Network Provider's achievement of these pre-defined standards. You are not responsible for any Copayment or Coinsurance amounts related to payments made by us or to us under the Program(s), and you do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to us under the Program(s).

# **Policies, Procedures and Pilot Programs**

We are able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the Plan more orderly and efficient. Members must follow and accept any new policies, procedures, rules, and interpretations.

Under the terms of the Administrative Services Agreement, we have the authority, in our sole discretion, to introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management, care management, case management, clinical quality, or wellness initiatives that may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this Booklet. We reserve the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time.

### **Program Incentives**

We may offer incentives from time to time, at our discretion, in order to introduce you to covered programs and services available under this Plan. We may also offer, at our discretion, the ability for you to participate in certain voluntary health or condition-focused digital applications or use other technology based interactive tool, or receive educational information in order to help you stay engaged and motivated, manage your health, and assist in your overall health and well-being. The purpose of these programs and incentives include, but are not limited to, making you aware of cost effective benefit options or services, helping you achieve your best health, and encouraging you to update member-related information. These incentives may be offered in various forms such as retailer coupons, gift cards, health related merchandise, and discounts on fees or Member cost shares. Acceptance of these incentives is voluntary as long as the Claims Administrator offers the incentives program. We may discontinue a program or an incentive for a particular covered program or service at any time. If you have any questions about whether receipt of an incentive or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

# Relationship of Parties (Claims Administrator and In-Network Providers)

The relationship between the Claims Administrator and In-Network Providers is an independent contractor relationship. In-Network Providers are not agents or employees of ours, nor is the Claims Administrator, or any employee of it, an employee or agent of In-Network Providers.

Your health care Provider is solely responsible for all decisions regarding your care and treatment, regardless of whether such care and treatment is a Covered Service under this Plan. The Plan Administrator shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by a Member while receiving care from any In-Network Provider's Facilities.

Your In-Network Provider's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to the provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including In-Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers, and disease management programs. If you have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact your Provider or the Claims Administrator.

# **Reservation of Discretionary Authority**

This section only applies when the interpretation of this Booklet is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

We, or anyone acting on our behalf, shall determine the administration of benefits and eligibility for participation in such a manner that has a rational relationship to the terms set forth herein. However, we, or anyone acting on our behalf, have complete discretion to determine the administration of your benefits. Our determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, care, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary, Experimental / Investigational, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with the Maximum Allowed Amount. However, a Member may utilize all applicable complaint and appeals procedures, and where required by applicable law, our determination may be reviewed de novo (as if for the first time) in a later appeal or legal action.

We, or anyone acting on our behalf, shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable us to carry out the duties in connection with the operation and administration of the Plan. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Administrative Services Agreement, to determine all questions arising under the Booklet and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations, and procedures with regard to the interpretation and administration of the provisions of this Plan. However, these powers shall be exercised in such a manner that has reasonable relationship to the provisions of the Contract, the

Booklet, Provider agreements, and applicable state or federal laws. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language.

# **Right of Recovery and Adjustment**

Whenever payment has been made in error, we will have the right to recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the Provider, or otherwise make appropriate adjustment to claims. In most instances such recovery or adjustment activity shall be limited to the calendar year in which the error is discovered.

We have oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider and vendor contracts. We may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider or vendor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. Additionally, we have established recovery and adjustment policies to determine which recoveries and adjustments are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery or adjustment amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments or adjustments for underpayments if the cost of the activity exceeds the overpayment or underpayment amount. The Claims Administrator reserves the right to deduct or offset, including cross plan offsetting on In-Network claims and on Out-Of-Network claims where the Out-of-Network Provider agrees to cross plan offsetting, any amounts paid in error from any pending or future claim.

# **Unauthorized Use of Identification Card**

If you permit your Identification Card to be used by someone else or if you use the card before coverage is in effect or after coverage has ended, you will be liable for payment of any expenses incurred resulting from the unauthorized use. Fraudulent misuse could also result in termination of the coverage.

# Value-Added Programs

We may offer health or fitness related programs to our Members, through which you may access discounted rates from certain vendors for products and services available to the general public. Products and services available under this program are not Covered Services under your Plan but are in addition to Plan benefits. As such, program features are not guaranteed under your health Plan Contract and could be discontinued at any time. We do not endorse any vendor, product or service associated with this program. Program vendors are solely responsible for the products and services you receive.

# Value of Covered Services

For purposes of subrogation, reimbursement of excess benefits, or reimbursement under any Workers' Compensation or Employer Liability Law, the value of Covered Services shall be the amount we paid for the Covered Services.

# **Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs**

We may offer additional opportunities to assist you in obtaining certain covered preventive or other care (e.g., well child check-ups or certain laboratory screening tests) that you have not received in the recommended timeframe. These opportunities are called voluntary clinical quality programs. They are designed to encourage you to get certain care when you need it and are separate from Covered Services under your Plan. These programs are not guaranteed and could be discontinued at any time. We will give you the choice and if you choose to participate in one of these programs, and obtain the recommended care within the program's timeframe, you may receive incentives such as gift cards or retailer coupons, which we encourage you to use for health and wellness related activities or items. Under other clinical quality programs, you may receive a home test kit that allows you to collect the specimen for certain covered laboratory tests at home and mail it to the laboratory for processing. You may also be offered a home visit appointment to collect such specimens and complete biometric screenings. You may need to pay any cost shares that normally apply to such covered laboratory tests (e.g., those applicable to the laboratory processing fee) but will not need to pay for the home test kit or the home visit. If you have any questions about whether receipt of a gift card or retailer coupon results in taxable income to you, we recommend that you consult your tax advisor.

# **Voluntary Wellness Incentive Programs**

We may offer health or fitness related program options for selection by your Employer to help you achieve your best health. These programs are not Covered Services under your Plan, but are separate components, which are not guaranteed under this Plan and could be discontinued at any time. If your Employer has selected one of these options to make available to all employees, you may receive incentives such as gift cards by participating in or completing such voluntary wellness promotion programs as health assessments, weight management or tobacco cessation coaching. Under other options a Employer may select, you may receive such incentives by achieving specified standards based on health factors under wellness programs that comply with applicable law. If you think you might be unable to meet the standard, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. You may contact us at the Member Services number on your ID Card and we will work with you (and, if you wish, your Doctor) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status. (If you receive a gift card as a wellness reward and use it for purposes other than for qualified medical expenses, this may result in taxable income to you. For additional guidance, please consult your tax advisor.)

# Waiver

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of The Claims Administrator, is able to disregard any conditions or restrictions contained in this Booklet, to extend the amount of time for making a payment to us, or to bind us by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

# Workers' Compensation

The benefits under this Plan are not designed to duplicate benefits that you are eligible for under Workers' Compensation Law. All money paid or owed by Workers' Compensation for services provided to you shall be paid back by you, or on your behalf, to us if we have made or make payment for the services received. Services and supplies due to illness or injury related to your work are not a benefit under this Booklet, except for officers of the company who have opted out of workers' compensation before the illness or injury. It is understood that coverage under this Plan does not replace or affect any Workers' Compensation coverage requirements.

# **Subrogation and Reimbursement**

These Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions apply when the Plan pays benefits as a result of injuries or illnesses you sustained and you have a right to a Recovery or have received a Recovery from any source.

### Definitions

As used in these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions, "you" or "your" includes anyone on whose behalf the plan pays benefits. These Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions apply to all current or former plan participants and plan beneficiaries. The provisions also apply to the parents, guardian, or other representative of a dependent child who incurs claims and is or has been covered by the Plan. The Plan's rights under these provisions shall also apply to the personal representative or administrator of your estate, your heirs or beneficiaries, minors, and legally incompetent or disabled persons. If the covered person is a minor, any amount recovered by the minor, the minor's trustee, guardian, parent, or other representative, shall be subject to these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions. Likewise, if the covered person's relatives, heirs, and/or assignees make any Recovery because of injuries sustained by the covered person, or because of the death of the covered person, that Recovery shall be subject to this provision, regardless of how any Recovery is allocated or characterized.

As used in these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions, "Recovery" includes, but is not limited to, monies received from any person or party, any person's or party's liability insurance coverage, uninsured motorist coverage, personal umbrella coverage, workers' compensation insurance or fund, premises medical payments coverage, restitution, or "no-fault" or personal injury protection insurance and/or automobile medical payments coverage, or any other first or third party

insurance coverage, whether by lawsuit, settlement or otherwise. Regardless of how you or your representative or any agreements allocate or characterize the money you receive as a Recovery, it shall be subject to these provisions.

### Subrogation

Immediately upon paying or providing any benefit under the Plan, the Plan shall be subrogated to, or stand in the place of, all of your rights of recovery with respect to any claim or potential claim against any party, due to an injury, illness or condition to the full extent of benefits provided or to be provided by the Plan. The Plan has the right to recover payments it makes on your behalf from any party or insurer responsible for compensating you for your illnesses or injuries. The Plan has the right to take whatever legal action it sees fit against any person, party, or entity to recover the benefits paid under the Plan. The Plan may assert a claim or file suit in your name and take appropriate action to assert its subrogation claim, with or without your consent. The Plan is not required to pay you part of any recovery it may obtain, even if it files suit in your name.

### Reimbursement

If you receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, you agree to reimburse the Plan first from such payment for all amounts the Plan has paid and will pay as a result of that injury, illness or condition, up to and including the full amount of your recovery. If you obtain a Recovery and the Plan has not been repaid for the benefits the Plan paid on your behalf, the Plan shall have a right to be repaid from the Recovery in the amount of the benefits paid on your behalf. You must promptly reimburse the Plan from any Recovery to the extent of benefits the Plan paid on your behalf regardless of whether the payments you receive make you whole for your losses, illnesses and/or injuries.

### Secondary to Other Coverage

The Plan shall be secondary in coverage to any medical payments provision, no-fault automobile insurance policy, or personal injury protection policy regardless of any election made by you to the contrary. The Plan shall also be secondary to any excess insurance policy, including, but not limited to, school and/or athletic policies. This provision applies notwithstanding any coordination of benefits term to the contrary.

### Assignment

In order to secure the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement Provisions, you agree to assign to the Plan any benefits or claims or rights of recovery you have under any automobile policy or other coverage, to the full extent of the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement claims. This assignment allows the Plan to pursue any claim you may have regardless of whether you choose to pursue the claim.

### Applicability to All Settlements and Judgments

Notwithstanding any allocation or designation of your Recovery made in any settlement agreement, judgment, verdict, release, or court order, the Plan shall have a right of full recovery, in first priority, against any Recovery you make. Furthermore, the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions will not be reduced due to your own negligence. The terms of these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions shall apply and the Plan is entitled to full recovery regardless of whether any liability for payment is admitted and regardless of whether the terms of any settlement, judgment, or verdict pertaining to your Recovery identify the medical benefits the Plan provided or purport to allocate any portion of such Recovery to payment of expenses other than medical expenses. The Plan is entitled to recover from any Recovery, even those designated as being for pain and suffering, non-economic damages, and/or general damages only.

### **Constructive Trust**

By accepting benefits from the Plan, you agree that if you receive any payment as a result of an injury, illness or condition, you will serve as a constructive trustee over those funds. You and your legal representative must hold in trust for the Plan the full amount of the Recovery to be paid to the Plan immediately upon receipt. Failure to hold such funds in trust will be deemed a breach of your fiduciary duty to the Plan. Any Recovery you obtain must not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as the Plan has been repaid in accordance with these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions.

### Lien Rights

The Plan will automatically have a lien to the extent of benefits paid by the Plan for the treatment of your illness, injury or condition upon any Recovery related to treatment for any illness, injury or condition for which the Plan paid benefits. The lien may be enforced against any party who possesses funds or proceeds from your Recovery including, but not limited to, you, your representative or agent, and/or any other source possessing funds from your Recovery. You and your legal representative acknowledge that the portion of the Recovery to which the Plan's equitable lien applies is a Plan asset. The Plan shall be entitled to equitable relief, including without limitation restitution, the imposition of a constructive trust or an injunction, to the extent necessary to enforce the Plan's lien and/or to obtain (or preclude the transfer, dissipation or disbursement of) such portion of any Recovery in which the Plan may have a right or interest.

### First Priority Claim

By accepting benefits from the Plan, you acknowledge the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions are a first priority claim and are to be repaid to the Plan before you receive any Recovery for your damages. The Plan shall be entitled to full reimbursement on a first-dollar basis from any Recovery, even if such payment to the Plan will result in a Recovery which is insufficient to make you whole or to compensate you in part or in whole for the losses, injuries, or illnesses you sustained. The "made-whole" rule does not apply. To the extent that the total assets from which a Recovery is available are insufficient to satisfy in full the Plan's subrogation claim and any claim held by you, the Plan's subrogation claim shall be first satisfied before any part of a Recovery is applied to your claim, your attorney fees, other expenses or costs. The Plan is not responsible for any attorney fees, attorney liens, other expenses or costs you incur. The "common fund" doctrine does not apply to any funds recovered by any attorney you hire regardless of whether funds recovered are used to repay benefits paid by the Plan.

### Cooperation

You agree to cooperate fully with the Plan's efforts to recover benefits paid. The duty to cooperate includes, but is not limited, to the following:

- You must promptly notify the Plan of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to You occurred, all information regarding the parties involved and any other information requested by the Plan.
- You must notify the plan within 30 days of the date when any notice is given to any party, including an insurance company or attorney, of your intention to pursue or investigate a claim to recover damages or obtain compensation due to your injury, illness or condition.
- You must cooperate with the Plan in the investigation, settlement and protection of the Plan's rights. In the event that you or your legal representative fails to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its subrogation or reimbursement rights, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.
- You and your agents shall provide all information requested by the Plan, the Claims Administrator or its representative including, but not limited to, completing and submitting any applications or other forms or statements as the Plan may reasonably request and all documents related to or filed in personal injury litigation.
- You recognize that to the extent that the Plan paid or will pay benefits under a capitated agreement, the value of those benefits for purposes of these provisions will be the reasonable value of those payments or the actual paid amount, whichever is higher.
- You must not do anything to prejudice the Plan's rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions. This includes, but is not limited to, refraining from making any settlement or recovery that attempts to reduce or exclude the full cost of all benefits provided by the Plan.
- You must send the Plan copies of all police reports, notices or other papers received in connection with the accident or incident resulting in personal injury or illness to You.

- You must promptly notify the Plan if you retain an attorney or if a lawsuit is filed on your behalf.
- You must immediately notify the Plan if a trial is commenced, if a settlement occurs or if potentially dispositive motions are filed in a case.

In the event that you or your legal representative fails to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.

If you fail to repay the Plan, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount of benefits the Plan has paid or the amount of your Recovery whichever is less, from any future benefit under the Plan if:

- 1. The amount the Plan paid on your behalf is not repaid or otherwise recovered by the Plan; or
- 2. You fail to cooperate.

In the event you fail to disclose the amount of your settlement to the Plan, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount of the Plan's lien from any future benefit under the Plan.

The Plan shall also be entitled to recover any of the unsatisfied portion of the amount the Plan has paid or the amount of your Recovery, whichever is less, directly from the Providers to whom the Plan has made payments on your behalf. In such a circumstance, it may then be your obligation to pay the Provider the full billed amount, and the Plan will not have any obligation to pay the Provider or reimburse you.

You acknowledge the Plan has the right to conduct an investigation regarding the injury, illness or condition to identify potential sources of recovery. The Plan reserves the right to notify all parties and their agents of its lien. Agents include, but are not limited to, insurance companies and attorneys.

You acknowledge the Plan has notified you that it has the right pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. Section 1301 *et seq*, to share your personal health information in exercising these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions.

The Plan is entitled to recover its attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcing its rights under these Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions.

#### Discretion

The Plan Administrator has sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Subrogation and Reimbursement provisions of this Plan in its entirety and reserves the right to make changes as it deems necessary.

# Coordination of This Employer Contract's Benefits With Other Benefits

The Plan shall be secondary in coverage to any medical payments provision, no-fault automobile insurance policy, or personal injury protection policy regardless of any election made by anyone to the contrary. The Plan shall also be secondary to any excess insurance policy, including, but not limited to, school and/or athletic policies. This provision applies notwithstanding any coordination of benefits term to the contrary.

This coordination of benefits (COB) provision applies when you have health care coverage under more than one Plan as defined below.

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. Some of these terms have different meanings in other parts of the Booklet, e.g., Plan. For this provision only, "Plan" will have the meanings as specified below. In the rest of the Booklet, Plan has the meaning listed in the "Definitions" section.

The order-of-benefit determination rules determine the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the Primary plan. The Primary plan must pay benefits in accordance with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the Primary plan is the Secondary plan. The Secondary plan may

reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

The Allowable expense under COB is generally the higher of the Primary and Secondary Plans' allowable amounts. An Out-of-Network Provider can bill you for any remaining Coinsurance, Deductible and/or Copayment under the higher of the Plans' allowable amounts. This higher allowable amount may be more than Our Maximum Allowed Amount.

### COB DEFINITIONS

- A. **Plan** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for medical or dental care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts.
  - "Plan" includes: group insurance contracts, health maintenance organization (HMO) contracts, closed panel plans or other forms of group or group-type coverage (whether insured or uninsured); medical care components of long-term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts; and any other federal governmental plan, as permitted by law.
  - 2. "Plan" does not include: hospital indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited benefit health coverage, as defined by state law; school accident type coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long-term care policies; Medicare supplement policies; Medicaid policies; or coverage under other federal governmental plans, unless permitted by law.

Each contract for coverage under 1. or 2. above is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

- B. **This Plan** means, in a COB provision, the part of the contract providing the health care benefits that the COB provision applies to and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from this plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as dental benefits, coordinating only with similar benefits, and may apply another COB provision to coordinate other benefits.
- C. The order of benefit determination rules determines whether This Plan is "Primary plan" or "Secondary plan" when you have health care coverage under more than one plan.

When This Plan is primary, its benefits are determined before those of any other Plan and without considering any other Plan's benefits. When This Plan is secondary, its benefits are determined after those of another Plan and may be reduced because of the Primary plan benefits, so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

D. **Allowable expense** is a health care expense, including Deductibles, Coinsurance and Copayments, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering you. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering you is not an Allowable expense. In addition, any expense that a Provider by law or in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging you is not an Allowable expense.

The following are examples of non-Allowable expenses:

- 1. The difference between the cost of a semi-private hospital room and a private hospital room is not an Allowable expense, unless one of the Plans provides coverage for private hospital room expenses, or your stay is medically necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice or the Hospital does not have a semi-private room.
- 2. If you are covered by 2 or more Plans that compute their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable expense.

- 3. If you are covered by 2 or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable expense.
- 4. If you are covered by one Plan that calculates its benefits or services on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology or other similar reimbursement methodology and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary plan's payment arrangement shall be the Allowable expense for all Plans. However, if the Provider has contracted with the Secondary plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the Primary plan's payment arrangement and if the Provider's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment will be the Allowable expense used by the Secondary plan to determine its benefits.
- 5. The amount of any benefit reduction by the Primary plan because you have failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable expense. Examples of these types of plan provisions include second surgical opinions, precertification of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.
- 6. The amount that is subject to the Primary high-deductible health plan's Deductible, if we have been advised by you that all Plans covering you are high-deductible health plans and you intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- E. **Claim determination period** is usually a calendar year, but a Plan may use some other period of time that fits the coverage of the group contract. You are covered by a Plan during a portion of a claim determination period if your coverage starts or ends during the claim determination period. However, it does not include any part of a year during which you have no coverage under This Plan, or before the date this COB provision or a similar provision takes effect.
- F. **Closed panel plan** is a Plan that provides health benefits to you primarily in the form of services through a panel of Providers that have contracted with either directly or indirectly or are employed by the Plan, and that limits or excludes benefits for services provided by other Providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.
- G. **Custodial parent** is the parent awarded primary custody by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it is the parent with whom the child resides more than one half of the calendar year excluding any temporary visitation.

### **ORDER-OF-BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES**

When you are covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of payment are as follows:

1. The Primary plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits under any other Plan.

2.

- 1) Except as provided in paragraph 2) below, a Plan that does not contain a coordination of benefits provision that is consistent with these rules is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.
- 2) Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group, and designed to supplement part of the basic package of benefits, may provide supplementary coverage that shall be in excess of any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed panel plan to provide Outof-Network benefits.
- 3. A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in determining its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.
- 4. Each Plan determines its order-of-benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

- 1) Non-Dependent or Dependent. The Plan that covers you as other than as a Dependent, for example as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary plan, and the plan that covers you as a Dependent is the Secondary plan. However, if you are a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering you as a Dependent; and primary to the Plan covering you as other than a Dependent (e.g. a retired employee), then the order-of-benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering you as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary plan and the other plan is the Primary Plan.
- Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan. Unless there is a court decree stating otherwise, when a Dependent child is covered by more than one Plan the order-of-benefits is determined as follows:
  - a. For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
    - i. The Plan of the parent whose birthday (month and day) falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary plan; or
    - ii. If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary plan.
  - b. For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
    - i. If a court decree states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree;
    - ii. If a court decree states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of a, above shall determine the order-of-benefits;
    - iii. If a court decree states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent child, the provisions of a. above shall determine the order-of-benefits;
    - iv. If there is no court decree allocating responsibility for the Dependent child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the child are as follows:
      - The Plan covering the Custodial parent;
      - The Plan covering the spouse of the Custodial parent;
      - The Plan covering the non-custodial parent; and then
      - The Plan covering the spouse of the non-custodial parent.
  - c. For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of a. and b. above will determine the order-of-benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.
- 3) Active Employee or Retired or Laid-off Employee. The Plan that covers you as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary plan. The Plan covering you as a retired or laid-off employee is the Secondary plan. The same would hold true if you are a Dependent of an active employee and you are a Dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order-of-benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if 4. 1) above can determine the order-of-benefits.

- 4) COBRA or State Continuation Coverage. If you are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law and are covered under another Plan, the Plan covering you as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree or covering you as a Dependent of an employee, member, subscriber or retiree is the Primary plan and the COBRA or state or other federal continuation coverage is the Secondary plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order-of-benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if the rule for 4. 1) from above can determine the order of benefits.
- 5) Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage. The Plan that covers you as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber or retiree longer is the Primary plan and the plan that covers you for the shorter period of time is the Secondary plan.
- 6) If the preceding rules do not determine the order-of-benefits, the Allowable expenses shall be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, This Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the Primary plan.

### EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN

- A. When This Plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a plan year are not more than the total Allowable expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the Secondary plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the Primary plan. The Secondary plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the Primary plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim do not exceed the total Allowable expense for that claim. In addition, the Secondary plan shall credit to its plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of the other health care coverage.
- B. If you are enrolled in two or more Closed panel plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a non-panel Provider, benefits are not payable by one Closed panel plan, COB shall not apply between that Plan and other Closed panel plans.

### **RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION**

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this plan and other plans. We may get the facts it needs from or give them to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under this plan and other plans covering the person claiming benefits. We need not divulge, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this plan must give us any facts it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

### FACILITY OF PAYMENT

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, we may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. We will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

#### **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by us is more than it should have paid under this COB provision, we may recover the excess from one or more of the persons we have paid or for whom we have paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the covered person. The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

# Section 12. Termination/Nonrenewal/Continuation

# Termination

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations:

- When the Administrative Services Agreement between the Employer and us terminates. If your coverage is through an association, your coverage will terminate when the Contract between the association and us terminates, or when your Employer leaves the association. It will be the Employer's responsibility to notify you of the termination of coverage.
- Upon the Subscriber's death.
- If you choose to terminate your coverage. We must receive a 31-day advance notice to end coverage. We will credit Fees paid in advance unless we do not receive the cancellation request at least 31-days before the effective date of the cancellation.
- If you or your Dependents cease to meet the eligibility requirements of the Plan, subject to any
  applicable continuation requirements. If you cease to be eligible, the Employer and/or you must notify
  us immediately. The Employer and/or you shall be responsible for payment for any services incurred by
  you after you cease to meet eligibility requirements.
- If you elect coverage under another carrier's health benefit plan, which is offered by the Employer as an option instead of this Plan, subject to the consent of the Employer. The Employer agrees to immediately notify us that you have elected coverage elsewhere.
- If you perform an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or make an intentional
  misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of your Plan, your coverage and the
  coverage of your Dependents can be retroactively terminated or rescinded. A rescission of coverage
  means that the coverage may be legally voided back to the start of your coverage under the Plan, just
  as if you never had coverage under the Plan. You will be provided with a 30-calendar day advance
  notice with appeal rights before your coverage is retroactively terminated or rescinded. You are
  responsible for paying us for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowed
  Amount for such services, less any Copayments made or Fees paid for such services.
- If you fail to pay or fail to make satisfactory arrangements to pay your portion of the Fee, we may terminate your coverage and may also terminate the coverage of your Dependents.
- If you permit the fraudulent use of your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's Identification Card; or use an invalid Identification Card to obtain services, your coverage will terminate immediately upon our written notice to the Employer. Anyone involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must reimburse us for the Maximum Allowed Amount for services received through such misuse.
- If you are a partner to a civil union, recognized domestic partnership, or other relationship recognized as a spousal relationship in the state where the subscriber resides, on the date such union or relationship is revoked or terminated. Also, if there is coverage for designated beneficiaries, on the date a Recorded Designated Beneficiary Agreement is revoked or terminated. Where permitted by law, such a Dependent may be able to seek COBRA or state continuation coverage, subject to the terms of this Booklet.
- When a Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.
- On the date of a final divorce decree or legal separation for dependent spouse.
- When legal custody of a child placed for adoption ends.

You will be notified in writing of the date your coverage ends by either us or the Employer.

# **Removal of Members**

Upon written request through the Employer, you may cancel your coverage and/or your Dependent's coverage from the Plan. If this happens, no benefits will be provided for Covered Services after the termination date even if we have preauthorized the service, unless the Provider confirmed eligibility within two business days before the service is received.

# Continuation of Coverage Under Federal Law (COBRA)

The following applies if you are covered by a Employer that is subject to the requirements of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) of 1985, as amended.

COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you when you would otherwise lose coverage under your Employer's health Plan. It can also become available to other Members of your family, who are covered under the Employer's health Plan, when they would otherwise lose their health coverage. For additional information about your rights and duties under federal law, you should contact the Employer.

### Qualifying events for Continuation Coverage under Federal Law (COBRA)

COBRA continuation coverage is available when your coverage would otherwise end because of certain "qualifying events." After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse and your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if you were covered on the day before the qualifying event and your coverage would be lost because of the qualifying event. Qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA must pay for this COBRA continuation coverage.

This benefit entitles each Member of your family who is enrolled in the Plan to elect continuation independently. Each qualified beneficiary has the right to make independent benefit elections at the time of annual enrollment. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents or legal guardians may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children. A child born to, or placed for adoption with, a covered Subscriber during the period of continuation coverage is also eligible for election of continuation coverage.

Qualifying Event	Length of Availability of Coverage
For Subscribers:	
Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked	18 months
For Dependents:	
A Covered Subscriber's Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked	18 months
Covered Subscriber's Entitlement to Medicare	36 months
Divorce or Legal Separation	36 months
Death of a Covered Subscriber	36 months
For Dependent Children:	
Loss of Dependent Child Status	36 months

COBRA coverage will end before the end of the maximum continuation period listed above if you become entitled to Medicare benefits. In that case a qualified beneficiary – other than the Medicare beneficiary – is entitled to continuation coverage for no more than a total of 36 months. (For example, if you become

entitled to Medicare prior to termination of employment or reduction in hours, COBRA continuation coverage for your spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement.)

### If Your Employer Offers Retirement Coverage

If you are a retiree under this Plan, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under Title 11 of the United States Code may be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to your Employer, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage, you will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. Your Dependents will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under this Plan. If COBRA coverage becomes available to a retiree and his or her covered family members as a result of a bankruptcy filing, the retiree may continue coverage for life and his or her Dependents may also continue coverage for a maximum of up to 36 months following the date of the retiree's death.

### Second qualifying event

If your family has another qualifying event (such as a legal separation, divorce, etc.) during the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, your Dependents can receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months from the original qualifying event. Such additional coverage is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused your Dependents to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

### **Notification Requirements**

The Employer will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Employer has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of hours of employment, death of the Subscriber, commencement of a proceeding in bankruptcy with respect to the employer, or the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), the Employer will notify the COBRA Administrator (e.g., Human Resources or their external vendor) of the qualifying event.

### You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events

For other qualifying events (e.g., divorce or legal separation of the Subscriber and spouse or a Dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a Dependent child), you must notify the Employer within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs.

### **Electing COBRA Continuation Coverage**

To continue your coverage, you or an eligible family Member must make an election within 60 days of the date your coverage would otherwise end, or the date the company's benefit Plan Administrator notifies you or your family Member of this right, whichever is later. You must pay the total Fee appropriate for the type of benefit coverage you choose to continue. If the Fee rate changes for active associates, your monthly Fee will also change. The Fee you must pay cannot be more than 102% of the Fee charged for Employees with similar coverage, and it must be paid to the company's benefit plan administrator within 30 days of the date due, except that the initial Fee payment must be made before 45 days after the initial election for continuation coverage, or your continuation rights will be forfeited.

### Disability extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage

For Subscribers who are determined, at the time of the qualifying event, to be disabled under Title II (OASDI) or Title XVI (SSI) of the Social Security Act, and Subscribers who become disabled during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage, coverage may continue from 18 to 29 months. These Subscribers' Dependents are also eligible for the 18- to 29-month disability extension. (This also applies if any covered family Member is found to be disabled.) This would only apply if the qualified beneficiary gives notice of disability status within 60 days of the disabling determination. In these cases, the Employer can charge 150% of Fee for months 19 through 29. This would allow health coverage to be provided in the period between the end of 18 months and the time that Medicare begins coverage for the disabled at 29 months. (If a qualified beneficiary must notify the Plan Administrator of that fact in writing within 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination.)

### Trade Adjustment Act Eligible Individual

If you don't initially elect COBRA coverage and later become eligible for trade adjustment assistance under the U.S. Trade Act of 1974 due to the same event which caused you to be eligible initially for COBRA coverage under this Plan, you will be entitled to another 60-day period in which to elect COBRA coverage. This second 60-day period will commence on the first day of the month on which you become eligible for trade adjustment assistance. COBRA coverage elected during this second election period will be effective on the first day of the election period.

### When COBRA Coverage Ends

COBRA benefits are available without proof of insurability and coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

- A covered individual reaches the end of the maximum coverage period;
- A covered individual fails to pay a required Fee on time;
- A covered individual becomes covered under any other group health plan after electing COBRA. If the other group health plan contains any exclusion or limitation on a pre-existing condition that applies to you, you may continue COBRA coverage only until these limitations cease;
- A covered individual becomes entitled to Medicare after electing COBRA; or
- The Employer terminates all of its group welfare benefit plans.

### Other Coverage Options Besides COBRA Continuation Coverage

Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse's plan) through what is called a "special enrollment period." Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at <u>www.healthcare.gov</u>.

### If You Have Questions

Questions concerning your Employer's health Plan and your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the Employer. For more information about your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit the EBSA website at <u>www.dol.gov/ebsa</u>. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.)

### **Continuation of Coverage Due To Military Service**

Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), the Subscriber or his / her Dependents may have a right to continue health care coverage under the Plan if the Subscriber must take a leave of absence from work due to military leave.

Employers must give a cumulative total of five years and in certain instances more than five years, of military leave.

"Military service" means performance of duty on a voluntary or involuntary basis and includes active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, and full-time National Guard duty.

During a military leave covered by USERRA, the law requires employers to continue to give coverage under this Plan to its Members. The coverage provided must be identical to the coverage provided to similarly situated, active employees and Dependents. This means that if the coverage for similarly situated, active employees and Dependents is modified, coverage for you (the individual on military leave) will be modified.

You may elect to continue to cover yourself and your eligible Dependents by notifying your employer in advance and submitting payment of any required contribution for health coverage. This may include the amount the employer normally pays on your behalf. If your military service is for a period of time less than 31 days, you may not be required to pay more than the active Member contribution, if any, for continuation of health coverage. For military leaves of 31 days or more, you may be required to pay up to 102% of the full cost of coverage, i.e., the employee and employer share.

The amount of time you continue coverage due to USERRA will reduce the amount of time you will be eligible to continue coverage under COBRA.

### Maximum Period of Coverage During a Military Leave

Continued coverage under USERRA will end on the earlier of the following events:

- 1. The date you fail to return to work with the Employer following completion of your military leave. Subscribers must return to work within:
  - a) The first full business day after completing military service, for leaves of 30 days or less. A reasonable amount of travel time will be allowed for returning from such military service.
  - b) 14 days after completing military service for leaves of 31 to 180 days,
  - c) 90 days after completing military service for leaves of more than 180 days; or
- 2. 24 months from the date your leave began.

### **Reinstatement of Coverage Following a Military Leave**

Regardless of whether you continue coverage during your military leave, if you return to work your health coverage and that of your eligible Dependents will be reinstated under this Plan if you return within:

- 1. The first full business day of completing your military service, for leaves of 30 days or less. A reasonable amount of travel time will be allowed for returning from such military service;
- 2. 14 days of completing your military service for leaves of 31 to 180 days; or
- 3. 90 days of completing your military service for leaves of more than 180 days.

If, due to an illness or injury caused or aggravated by your military service, you cannot return to work within the time frames stated above, you may take up to:

- 1. Two years; or
- 2. As soon as reasonably possible if, for reasons beyond your control you cannot return within two years because you are recovering from such illness or injury.

If your coverage under the Plan is reinstated, all terms and conditions of the Plan will apply to the extent that they would have applied if you had not taken military leave and your coverage had been continuous. Any waiting/probationary periods will apply only to the extent that they applied before.

Please note that, regardless of the continuation and/or reinstatement provisions listed above, this Plan will not cover services for any illness or injury caused or aggravated by your military service, as indicated in the "Limitations/Exclusions (What is Not Covered)" section.

### Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

A Subscriber who takes a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (the Act) will still be eligible for this Plan during their leave. We will not consider the Subscriber and his or her Dependents ineligible because the Subscriber is not at work.

If the Subscriber ends their coverage during the leave, the Subscriber and any Dependents who were covered immediately before the leave may be added back to the Plan when the Subscriber returns to work without medical underwriting. To be added back to the Plan, the Employer may have to give us evidence that the Family and Medical Leave Act applied to the Subscriber. We may require a copy of the health care Provider statement allowed by the Act.

# **Section 13. Appeals and Complaints**

We want your experience with us to be as positive as possible. There may be times, however, when you have a complaint, problem, or question about your Plan or a service you have received. In those cases, please contact Member Services by calling the number on the back of your ID Card. We will try to resolve your complaint informally by talking to your Provider or reviewing your claim. If you are not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint, you have the right to file a Grievance / Appeal, which is defined as follows:

We may have turned down your claim for benefits, your continuity of care request, or your request to cover a Drug as an exception to the Prescription Drug List. We may have also denied your request to preauthorize or receive a service or a supply. If you disagree with our decision you can:

- 1. File a complaint;
- 2. File an appeal; or
- 3. File a grievance.

### Complaints

If you want to file a complaint about our customer service or how we processed your claim, please call Member Services. A trained staff member will try to clear up any confusion about the matter. They will also try to resolve your complaint. If you prefer, you can send a written complaint to this address:

#### For medical and prescription drug or pharmacy issues:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Member Services Department P.O. Box 17549 Denver, CO 80217-0549

If your complaint isn't solved either by writing or calling, or if you don't want to file a complaint, you can file an appeal. We'll tell you how to do that next, in the Appeals section below.

### Appeals

For purposes of these Appeal provisions, "claim for benefits" means a request for benefits under the plan. The term includes both pre-service and post-service claims.

- A pre-service claim is a claim for benefits under the plan for which you have not received the benefit or for which you may need to obtain approval in advance.
- A post-service claim is any other claim for benefits under the plan for which you have received the service.

If your claim is denied or if your coverage is rescinded:

- you will be provided with a written notice of the denial; and
- you are entitled to a full and fair review of the denial.

The procedure the Claims Administrator will satisfy following the minimum requirements for a full and fair review under applicable federal regulations.

#### Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination

If your claim is denied, the Claims Administrator's notice of the adverse benefit determination (denial) will include:

• information sufficient to identify the claim involved;

- the specific reason(s) for the denial;
- a reference to the specific plan provision(s) on which the Claims Administrator's determination is based;
- a description of any additional material or information needed to perfect your claim;
- an explanation of why the additional material or information is needed;
- a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits that apply to them, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under ERISA within one year of the appeal decision if you submit an appeal and the claim denial is upheld;
- information about any internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion relied upon in making the claim determination and about your right to request a copy of it free of charge, along with a discussion of the claims denial decision;
- information about the scientific or clinical judgment for any determination based on medical necessity
  or experimental treatment, or about your right to request this explanation free of charge, along with a
  discussion of the claims denial decision; and
- information regarding your potential right to an External Appeal pursuant to federal law.

For claims involving urgent/concurrent care:

- the Claims Administrator's notice will also include a description of the applicable urgent/concurrent review process; and
- the Claims Administrator may notify you or your authorized representative within 24 hours orally and then furnish a written notification.

#### Appeals

You have the right to appeal an adverse benefit determination (claim denial). You or your authorized representative must file your appeal within 180 calendar days after you are notified of the denial. You will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records, and other information supporting your claim. The Claims Administrator's review of your claim will take into account all information you submit, regardless of whether it was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

• The Claims Administrator shall offer a single mandatory level of appeal and an additional voluntary second level of appeal which may be a panel review, independent review, or other process consistent with the entity reviewing the appeal. The time frame allowed for the Administrator to complete its review is dependent upon the type of review involved (e.g. pre-service, concurrent, post-service, urgent, etc.).

**For pre-service claims involving urgent/concurrent care**, you may obtain an expedited appeal. You or your authorized representative may request it orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the Claims Administrator's decision, can be sent between the Claims Administrator and you by telephone, facsimile or other similar method. To file an appeal for a claim involving urgent/concurrent care, you or your authorized representative must contact the Claims Administrator at the phone number listed on your Health Benefit ID Card and provide at least the following information:

- the identity of the claimant;
- the date (s) of the medical service;
- the specific medical condition or symptom;
- the provider's name;
- the service or supply for which approval of benefits was sought; and

• any reasons why the appeal should be processed on a more expedited basis.

**All other requests for appeals** should be submitted in writing by the Member or the Member's authorized representative, except where the acceptance of oral appeals is otherwise required by the nature of the appeal (e.g. urgent care). You or your authorized representative must submit a request for review to:

For services that are **not** for Mental Health Conditions, Alcohol Dependency or Substance Dependency:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

#### Appeals Department 700 Broadway Mail Stop CO0104-0430 Denver, CO 80273

For services that are for Mental Health Conditions, Alcohol Dependency or Substance Dependency:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Appeals Department 700 Broadway Mail Stop CO0106-0642 Denver, CO 80273

You must include Your Member Identification Number when submitting an appeal.

Upon request, the Claims Administrator will provide, without charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim. "Relevant" means that the document, record, or other information:

- was relied on in making the benefit determination; or
- was submitted, considered, or produced in the course of making the benefit determination; or
- demonstrates compliance with processes and safeguards to ensure that claim determinations are made in accordance with the terms of the plan, applied consistently for similarly-situated claimants; or
- is a statement of the plan's policy or guidance about the treatment or benefit relative to your diagnosis.

The Claims Administrator will also provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated in connection with your claim. In addition, before you receive an adverse benefit determination on review based on a new or additional rationale, the Claims Administrator will provide you, free of charge, with the rationale.

**For Out of State Appeals** You have to file Provider appeals with the Host Plan. This means Providers must file appeals with the same plan to which the claim was filed.

#### How Your Appeal will be Decided

When the Claims Administrator considers your appeal, the Claims Administrator will not rely upon the initial benefit determination or, for voluntary second-level appeals, to the earlier appeal determination. The review will be conducted by an appropriate reviewer who did not make the initial determination and who does not work for the person who made the initial determination. A voluntary second-level review will be conducted by an appropriate reviewer who did not make the initial determination and who does not work for the person who did not make the initial determination or the first-level appeal determination and who does not work for the person who made the initial determination or first-level appeal determination.

If the denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, including whether the treatment is experimental, investigational, or not medically necessary, the reviewer will consult with a health care professional who has the appropriate training and experience in the medical field involved in making the

judgment. This health care professional will not be one who was consulted in making an earlier determination or who works for one who was consulted in making an earlier determination.

#### Notification of the Outcome of the Appeal

If you appeal a claim involving urgent/concurrent care, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the outcome of the appeal as soon as possible, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of your request for appeal.

**If you appeal any other pre-service claim**, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the outcome of the appeal within 30 days after receipt of your request for appeal

**If you appeal a post-service claim**, the Claims Administrator will notify you of the outcome of the appeal within 60 days after receipt of your request for appeal.

#### Appeal Denial

• If your appeal is denied, that denial will be considered an adverse benefit determination. The notification from the Claims Administrator will include all of the information set forth in the above subsection entitled "Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination."

#### Voluntary Second Level Appeals

If you are dissatisfied with the mandatory first level appeal decision, a voluntary second level appeal may be available. If you would like to initiate a second level appeal, please write to the address listed above. Voluntary appeals must be submitted within 60 calendar days of the denial of the first level appeal. You are not required to complete a voluntary second level appeal prior to submitting a request for an independent External Review.

#### External Review

If the outcome of the mandatory first level appeal is adverse to you and it was based on medical judgment, or if it pertained to a rescission of coverage, you may be eligible for an independent External Review pursuant to federal law.

You must submit your request for External Review to the Claims Administrator within four (4) months of the notice of your final internal adverse determination.

A request for an External Review must be in writing unless the Claims Administrator determines that it is not reasonable to require a written statement. You do not have to re-send the information that you submitted for internal appeal. However, you are encouraged to submit any additional information that you think is important for review.

For pre-service claims involving urgent/concurrent care, you may proceed with an Expedited External Review without filing an internal appeal or while simultaneously pursuing an expedited appeal through our internal appeal process. You or your authorized representative may request it orally or in writing. All necessary information, including the Claims Administrator's decision, can be sent between the Administrator and you by telephone, facsimile or other similar method. To proceed with an Expedited External Review, you or your authorized representative must contact the Claims Administrator at the phone number listed on your Health Benefit ID Card and provide at least the following information:

- the identity of the claimant;
- the date (s) of the medical service;
- the specific medical condition or symptom;
- the provider's name;
- the service or supply for which approval of benefits was sought; and

• any reasons why the appeal should be processed on a more expedited basis.

All other requests for External Review should be submitted in writing unless the Claims Administrator determines that it is not reasonable to require a written statement. Such requests should be submitted by you or your authorized representative to:

#### Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

700 Broadway Mail Stop CO0104-0430 Denver, CO 80273

You must include Your Member Identification Number when submitting an appeal.

This is not an additional step that you must take in order to fulfill your appeal procedure obligations described above. Your decision to seek External Review will not affect your rights to any other benefits under this health care plan. There is no charge for you to initiate an independent External Review. The External Review decision is final and binding on all parties except for any relief available through applicable state laws or ERISA (if applicable).

#### Requirement to file an Appeal before filing a lawsuit

No lawsuit or legal action of any kind related to a benefit decision may be filed by you in a court of law or in any other forum, unless it is commenced within one year of the Plan's final decision on the claim or other request for benefits. If the Plan decides an appeal is untimely, the Plan's latest decision on the merits of the underlying claim or benefit request is the final decision date. You must exhaust the internal Appeals Procedure but not including any voluntary level of appeal, before filing a lawsuit or taking other legal action of any kind against the Plan.

If your health benefit Plan is sponsored by your employer and subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and your appeal as described above results in an adverse benefit determination, you have a right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA within one year of the appeal decision.

The Plan reserves the right to modify the policies, procedures and timeframes in this section upon further clarification from Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Labor.

### Grievances

If you have an issue or concern about the quality or services you receive from an In-Network Provider or Facility, you can file a grievance. The quality management department strives to resolve grievances fairly and quickly.

#### For medical and prescription drug or pharmacy issues:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Attn: Grievance and Appeals Department 700 Broadway Denver, CO 80273-0001

Our quality management department will acknowledge that we've received your grievance. They'll also investigate it. We treat every grievance confidentially.

# Section 14. Definitions

If a word or phrase in this Booklet has a special meaning, such as Medical Necessity or Experimental / Investigational, it will start with a capital letter, and be defined below. If you have questions on any of these definitions, please call Member Services at the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### **Accidental Injury**

An unexpected Injury for which you need Covered Services while enrolled in this Plan. It does not include injuries that you get benefits for under any Workers' Compensation, Employer's liability or similar law.

### **Administrative Services Agreement**

The agreement between HMO Colorado and the employer, regardless of how such an agreement may be titled, stating all the terms and provisions applicable to the administration of this Plan.

### **Ambulatory Surgery Center**

A facility licensed as an Ambulatory Surgery Center as required by law that satisfies our accreditation requirements and is approved by us.

### **Applied Behavioral Analysis**

The use of behavior analytic methods and research findings to change socially important behaviors in meaningful ways.

### Authorized Service(s)

A Covered Service you get from an Out-of-Network Provider that we have agreed to cover at the In-Network level. You will not have to pay any more than the In-Network Deductible, Coinsurance, and/or Copayment(s) that apply. Please see the "Claims Procedure (How to File a Claim)" section as well as the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet for more details.

### **Autism Services Provider**

A person who provides services to a Member with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The Provider must be licensed, certified, or registered by the applicable state licensing board or by a nationally recognized organization, and who meets the requirements as defined by state law.

### Autism Spectrum Disorders or ASD

Includes the following disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders in effect at the time of the diagnosis: autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, and atypical autism as a diagnosis within pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified.

### **Autism Treatment Plan**

A plan for a Member by an Autism Services Provider and prescribed by a Doctor or psychologist in line with evaluating or again reviewing a Member's diagnosis; proposed treatment by type, frequency, and expected treatment; the expected outcomes stated as goals; and the rate by which the treatment plan will be updated. The treatment plan is in line with the patient-centered medical home as defined in state law.

### **Benefit Maximum**

The number of days or units of Covered Services, such as two office visits per your Benefit Period, for which a health coverage will provide benefits during a specified length of time.

### **Benefit Period**

The length of time we will cover benefits for Covered Services. For Calendar Year plans, the Benefit Period starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. For Plan Year plans, the Benefit Period starts on your Employer's effective or renewal date and lasts for 12 months. (See your Employer for details.) The

"Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" shows if your Plan's Benefit Period is a Calendar Year or a Plan Year. If your coverage ends before the end of the year, then your Benefit Period also ends.

### **Benefit Period Maximum**

The most we will cover for a Covered Service during a Benefit Period.

#### **Biosimilar/Biosimilars**

A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product.

### Booklet

This document (also called the Benefit Booklet), which describes the terms of your benefits.

### **Brand Name Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that we classify as Brand Drugs or that our PBM has classified as Brand Name Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database.

### Centers of Medical Excellence (COE) Network

A network of health care facilities, which have been selected to give specific services to our Members based on their experience, outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness. An In-Network Provider under this Plan is not necessarily a COE. To be a COE, the Provider must have signed a Centers of Medical Excellence Agreement with us.

### **Chiropractic Care / Manipulative Therapy**

A system of therapy that includes the therapeutic application of manual manipulation treatment, analysis and adjustments of the spine and other body structures, and muscle stimulation by any means, including therapeutic use of heat, cold, and exercise.

### Chronic Pain

Pain that lasts more than six months that is not life threatening, and it may continue for a lifetime, and has not responded to current treatments.

### **Claims Administrator**

An organization or entity that the employer contracts with to provide administrative and claims payment services under the Plan. The Administrator of this Plan is Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The Claims Administrator provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

### Coinsurance

Your share of the cost for Covered Services, which is a percent of the Maximum Allowed Amount. You normally pay Coinsurance after you meet your Deductible. For example, if your Plan lists 20% Coinsurance on office visits, and the Maximum Allowed Amount is \$100, your Coinsurance would be \$20 after you meet the Deductible. The Plan would then cover the rest of the Maximum Allowed Amount. See the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details. Your Coinsurance will not be reduced by any refunds, rebates, or any other form of negotiated post-payment adjustments (except as described in the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" section).

### **Complications of Pregnancy**

Complications of Pregnancy means:

 Conditions (when the pregnancy is not terminated) whose diagnoses are distinct from pregnancy but are adversely affected by pregnancy or are caused by pregnancy, such as acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, missed abortion, and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity. This does not include false labor, occasional spotting, physician-prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy, morning sickness, hyperemesis gravidarum, preeclampsia, and similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not constituting a nosologically distinct complication of pregnancy;

• Non-elective cesarean section, ectopic pregnancy, which is terminated, and spontaneous termination of pregnancy, which occurs during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

### **Congenital Defect**

A defect or anomaly existing before birth, such as cleft lip or club foot. Disorders of growth and development over time are not considered congenital.

### **Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021**

Please refer to the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet for details.

### **Controlled Substances**

Drugs and other substances that are considered controlled substances under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) which are divided into five schedules.

### Copayment

A fixed amount you pay toward a Covered Service. You normally have to pay the Copayment when you get health care. The amount can vary by the type of Covered Service you get. For example, you may have to pay a \$15 Copayment for an office visit, but a \$150 Copayment for Emergency Room Services. See the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details. Your Copayment will be the lesser of the amount shown in the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" or the Maximum Allowed Amount.

### **Covered Services**

Health care services, supplies, or treatment described in this Booklet that are given to you by a Provider. To be a Covered Service the service, supply or treatment must be:

- Medically Necessary or specifically included as a benefit under this Booklet.
- Within the scope of the Provider's license.
- Given while you are covered under the Plan.
- Not Experimental / Investigational, excluded, or limited by this Booklet, or by any amendment or rider to this Booklet.
- Approved by us before you get the service if Precertification or prior authorization is needed.

A charge for a Covered Service will apply on the date the service, supply, or treatment was given to you.

Covered Services do not include services or supplies not described in the Provider records.

### **Covered Transplant Procedure**

Please see the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section for details.

### **Custodial Care**

Any type of care, including room and board, that (a) does not require the skills of professional or technical workers; (b) is not given to you or supervised by such workers or does not meet the rules for post-Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility care; (c) is given when you have already reached the greatest level of physical or mental health and are not likely to improve further.

Custodial Care includes any type of care meant to help you with activities of daily living that does not require the skill of trained medical or paramedical workers. Examples of Custodial Care include:

• Help in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, eating, or using the toilet,

- Changing dressings of non-infected wounds, after surgery or chronic conditions,
- Preparing meals and/or special diets,
- Feeding by utensil, tube, or gastrostomy,
- Common skin and nail care,
- Supervising medicine that you can take yourself,
- Catheter care, general colostomy or ileostomy care,
- Routine services which we decide can be safely done by you or a non-medical person without the help of trained medical and paramedical workers,
- Residential care and adult day care,
- Protective and supportive care, including education,
- Rest and convalescent care.

Care can be Custodial even if it is recommended by a professional or performed in a Facility, such as a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility, or at home.

### Deductible

The amount you must pay for Covered Services before benefits begin under this Plan. For example, if your Deductible is \$1,000, your Plan won't cover anything until you meet the \$1,000 Deductible. The Deductible may not apply to all Covered Services. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details.

### Dependent

A member of the Subscriber's family who meets the rules listed in the "Eligibility" section and who has enrolled in the Plan.

### **Designated Pharmacy Provider**

An In-Network Pharmacy that has executed a Designated Pharmacy Provider Agreement with us or an In-Network Provider that is designated to provide Prescription Drugs, including Specialty Drugs, to treat certain conditions.

### Doctor

See the definition of "Physician."

### **Effective Date**

The date your coverage begins under this Plan.

### **Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)**

Please see the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section.

### **Emergency Care**

Please see the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section.

### Employer

An Employer who has allowed its Employees to participate in the Plan by acting as the Plan Sponsor or adopting the Plan as a participating Employer by executing a formal document that so provides. The

Employer or other organization has an Administrative Services Agreement with the Claims Administrator to administer this Plan.

### **Excluded Services (Exclusion)**

Health care services your Plan doesn't cover.

### Experimental or Investigational (Experimental / Investigational)

(a) Any drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply used in or directly related to the diagnosis, evaluation or treatment of a disease, injury, illness or other health condition which we determine in our sole discretion to be Experimental or Investigational.

We will deem any drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply to be Experimental or Investigational if we determine that one or more of the following criteria apply when the service is rendered with respect to the use for which benefits are sought.

The drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply:

- Cannot be legally marketed in the United States without the final approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any other state or federal regulatory agency, and such final approval has not been granted;
- Has been determined by the FDA to be contraindicated for the specific use;
- Is provided as part of a clinical research protocol or clinical trial (except as noted in the Clinical Trials section under Covered Services in this Booklet as required by state law), or is provided in any other manner that is intended to evaluate the safety, toxicity or efficacy of the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply; or is subject to review and approval of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or other body serving a similar function; or
- Is provided pursuant to informed consent documents that describe the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply as Experimental or Investigational, or otherwise indicate that the safety, toxicity or efficacy of the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply is under evaluation.

(b) Any service not deemed Experimental or Investigational based on the criteria in subsection (a) may still be deemed to be Experimental or Investigational by us. In determining whether a service is Experimental or Investigational, we will consider the information described in subsection (c) and assess all of the following:

- Whether the scientific evidence is conclusory concerning the effect of the service on health outcomes;
- Whether the evidence demonstrates that the service improves the net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed as any established alternatives; or
- Whether the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to improve the net health outcomes
  of the total population for whom the service might be proposed under the usual conditions of medical
  practice outside clinical investigatory settings.

(c) The information we consider or evaluate to determine whether a drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply is Experimental or Investigational under subsections (a) and (b) may include one or more items from the following list, which is not all-inclusive:

- Randomized, controlled, clinical trials published in authoritative, peer-reviewed United States medical or scientific journal;
- Evaluations of national medical associations, consensus panels and other technology evaluation bodies;
- Documents issued by and/or filed with the FDA or other federal, state or local agency with the authority to approve, regulate or investigate the use of the drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply;

- Documents of an IRB or other similar body performing substantially the same function;
- Consent documentation(s) used by the treating Physicians, other medical professionals or facilities, or by other treating Physicians, other medical professionals or facilities studying substantially the same drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply;
- The written protocol(s) used by the treating Physicians, other medical professionals or facilities or by other treating Physicians, other medical professionals or facilities studying substantially the same drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply;
- Medical records; or
- The opinions of consulting Providers and other experts in the field.

(d) We have the sole authority and discretion to identify and weigh all information and determine all questions pertaining to whether a drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service or supply is Experimental or Investigational.

### Facility

A facility including but not limited to, a Hospital, freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Center, Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility, Residential Treatment Center, Skilled Nursing Facility, or mental health facility, as defined in this Booklet. The Facility must be licensed as required by law, satisfy our accreditation requirements, and be approved by us.

### Fee(s)

The amount you must pay to be covered by this Plan.

### **Generic Drugs**

Prescription Drugs that we classify as Generic Drugs or that our PBM has classified as Generic Drugs through use of an independent proprietary industry database. Generic Drugs have the same active ingredients, must meet the same FDA rules for safety, purity and potency, and must be given in the same form (tablet, capsule, cream) as the Brand Name Drug.

### **Habilitative Services**

Habilitative Services help you keep, learn or improve skills and functioning for daily living. Examples include therapy for a child who isn't walking or talking at the expected age.

### Home Health Care Agency

A Provider licensed when required by law and approved by us, that:

- 1. Gives skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in your home; and
- 2. Supervises the delivery of services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending Doctor.

### Hospice

A Provider that gives care to terminally ill patients and their families, either directly or on a consulting basis with the patient's Doctor. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency.

### Hospital

A facility licensed as a Hospital as required by law that satisfies our accreditation requirements and is approved by us. The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

- 1. Nursing care
- 2. Rest care
- 3. Convalescent care

- 4. Care of the aged
- 5. Custodial Care
- 6. Educational care
- 7. Subacute care

### Identification Card(ID Card)

The card we give you that shows your Member identification, Group numbers, and the plan you have.

### Infertility

Infertility, which may occur in either male or female, means a disease or condition characterized by the failure to impregnate or conceive, a person's inability to reproduce either as an individual or with the person's partner, or by the findings of a physician licensed to practice medicine in Colorado. As used in this definition, a "failure to impregnate or conceive" means the failure to establish a clinical pregnancy after twelve months of regular, unprotected sexual intercourse or therapeutic donor insemination for a woman under the age of thirty-five or after six months of regular, unprotected sexual intercourse or therapeutic donor insemination for a woman thirty-five or older. Conception resulting in a miscarriage does not restart the twelve- or six-month clock to qualify as having infertility.

### **In-Network Provider**

A Provider that has a contract, either directly or indirectly, with us, or another organization, to give Covered Services to Members through negotiated payment arrangements. A Provider that is In-Network for one plan may not be In-Network for another. Please see "How to Find a Provider in the Network" in the section "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits (Applicable to managed care plans)" for more information on how to find an In-Network Provider for this Plan.

### **In-Network Transplant Provider**

Please see the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section for details.

### Inpatient

A Member who is treated as a registered bed patient in a Hospital and for whom a room and board charge is made.

### Intensive In-Home Behavioral Health Services

A range of therapy services provided in the home to address symptoms and behaviors that, as the result of a mental disorder or substance use disorder, put the Members and others at risk of harm.

### **Intensive Outpatient Program**

Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that provides a combination of individual, group and family therapy in a program that operates no less than 3 hours per day, 3 days per week.

### Interchangeable Biologic Product

A type of biological product that is licensed (approved) by FDA because it is highly similar to an already FDA approved biological product, known as the biological reference product (reference product), and has been shown to have no clinically meaningful differences from the reference product. In addition to meeting the biosimilarity standard, it is expected to produce the same clinical result as the reference product in any given patient.

### **Intractable Pain**

A pain state in which the cause of the pain cannot be removed and which in the course of medical practice no relief or cure of the cause of the pain is possible, or none has been found after reasonable

efforts. It includes evaluation by the attending Doctor and one or more Doctors specializing in the treatment of the part of the body thought of as the source of pain.

### Late Enrollees

Subscribers or Dependents who enroll in the Plan after the initial enrollment period. A person will not be considered a Late Enrollee if he or she enrolls during a Special Enrollment period. Please see the "Eligibility" section for further details.

### **Maintenance Medications**

Please see the "Prescription Drug Benefit at a Retail or Home Delivery (Mail Order) Pharmacy" section for details.

### **Maintenance Pharmacy**

An In-Network Retail Pharmacy that is contracted with our PBM to dispense a 90 day supply of Maintenance Medication.

### Maximum Allowed Amount

The maximum payment that we will allow for Covered Services. For more information, see the "Member Payment Responsibility" section.

### Medical Necessity (Medically Necessary)

The diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of a condition, illness, disease or injury that we solely decide to be:

- Medically appropriate for and consistent with your symptoms and proper diagnosis or treatment of your condition, illness, disease or injury;
- Obtained from a Doctor or Provider;
- Provided in line with medical or professional standards;
- Known to be effective, as proven by scientific evidence, in improving health;
- The most appropriate supply, setting or level of service that can safely be provided to you and which cannot be omitted. It will need to be consistent with recognized professional standards of care. In the case of a Hospital stay, also means that safe and adequate care could not be obtained as an outpatient;
- Cost-effective compared to alternative interventions, including no intervention or the same
  intervention in an alternative setting. Cost effective does not always mean lowest cost. It does mean
  that as to the diagnosis or treatment of your illness, injury or disease, the service is: (1) not more
  costly than an alternative service or sequence of services that is medically appropriate, or (2) the
  service is performed in the least costly setting that is medically appropriate. For example, we will not
  provide coverage for an inpatient admission for surgery if the surgery could have been performed on
  an outpatient basis or an infusion or injection of a specialty drug provided in the outpatient
  department of a hospital if the drug could be provided in a Physician's office or the home setting;
- Not Experimental or Investigational;
- Not primarily for you, your families, or your Provider's convenience; and
- Not otherwise an exclusion under this Booklet.

The fact that a Doctor or Provider may prescribe, order, recommend or approve care, treatment, services or supplies does not, of itself, make such care, treatment, services or supplies Medically Necessary.

### Member

People, including the Subscriber and his or her Dependents, who have met the eligibility rules, applied for coverage, and enrolled in the Plan. Members are called "you" and "your" in this Booklet.

# Mental Health and Substance Abuse (Behavioral, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder)

A condition or disorder, regardless of etiology, that may be the result of a combination of genetic and environmental factors and that falls under any of the diagnostic categories listed in the mental disorders section of the most recent version of (a) the international statistical classification of diseases and related health problems; (b) the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM); or (c) the diagnostic classification of mental health and developmental disorders of infancy and early childhood. The phrase also includes Autism Spectrum Disorders, as defined in this Booklet.

### **Open Enrollment**

A period of time in which eligible people or their dependents can enroll without penalty after the initial enrollment. See the "Eligibility" section for more details.

### **Out-of-Network Provider**

A Provider that does not have an agreement or contract with us, or our subcontractor(s) to give services to our Members.

You will often get a lower level of benefits when you use Out-of-Network Providers.

### **Out-of-Network Transplant Provider**

Please see the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section for details.

### Out-of-Pocket Limit

The most you pay in Copayments, Deductibles, and Coinsurance during a Benefit Period for Covered Services. The Out-of-Pocket limit does *not* include your Fee, amounts over the Maximum Allowed Amount, or charges for health care that your Plan doesn't cover. Please see the "Schedule of Benefits (Who Pays What)" for details.

### **Partial Hospitalization Program**

Structured, multidisciplinary behavioral health treatment that offers nursing care and active individual, group and family treatment in a program that operates no less than 6 hours per day, 5 days per week.

### Pharmacy

A place licensed by state law where you can get Prescription Drugs and other medicines from a licensed pharmacist when you have a prescription from your Doctor.

### Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Process

A process to make clinically based recommendations that will help you access quality, low cost medicines within your Plan. The process includes health care professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, and Doctors. The committees of the National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Process meet regularly to talk about and find the clinical and financial value of medicines for our Members. This process first evaluates the clinical evidence of each product under review. The clinical review is then combined with an in-depth review of the market dynamics, Member impact and financial value to make choices for the formulary. Our programs may include, but are not limited to, Drug utilization programs, prior authorization criteria, therapeutic conversion programs, cross-branded initiatives, and Drug profiling initiatives.

### Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM)

A Pharmacy benefits management company that manages Pharmacy benefits on the Claims Administrator's behalf. The Claims Administrator's PBM has a nationwide network of Retail Pharmacies, a Home Delivery Pharmacy, and clinical services that include Prescription Drug List management.

The management and other services the PBM provides include, but are not limited to: managing a network of Retail Pharmacies and operating a mail service Pharmacy. The Claims Administrator's PBM, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, also provides services to promote and assist Members in

the appropriate use of Pharmacy benefits, such as review for possible excessive use, proper dosage, drug interactions or drug/pregnancy concerns.

### **Physician (Doctor)**

Includes the following when licensed by law:

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) legally entitled to practice medicine and perform surgery,
- Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.) legally licensed to perform the duties of a D.O.,
- Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.), legally licensed to perform the duties of a chiropractor;
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) legally entitled to practice podiatry, and
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.D.M.), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), legally entitled to provide dental services.

Optometrists, Clinical Psychologists (PhD), and surgical chiropodists are also Providers when legally licensed and giving Covered Services within the scope of their licenses.

### Plan

The Plan Administrator's benefit plan, which is described in this Booklet.

### **Plan Administrator**

The entity (employer) which is responsible for the administration of the plan. *The Plan Administrator is not the Claims Administrator.* 

### Precertification

Please see the section "How to Access Your Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits" for details.

### Prescription Drug (Drug)

A substance, that under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, must bear a message on its original packing label that says, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription." This includes the following:

- 1. Compounded (combination) medications, when all of the ingredients are FDA approved, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA approved product from a drug manufacturer.
- 2. Insulin, diabetic supplies, and syringes.

### **Prescription Order**

A written request by a Provider, as permitted by law, for a Prescription Drug or medication, and each authorized refill.

### Primary Care Physician / Provider ("PCP")

A Provider who gives or directs health care services for you. The Provider may work in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics or any other practice allowed by the Plan. A PCP supervises, directs and gives initial care and basic medical services to you and is in charge of your ongoing care.

### Provider

A professional or Facility licensed when required by law that gives health care services within the scope of that license, satisfies our accreditation requirements, and, for In-Network Providers, is approved by us. Details on our accreditation requirements can be found at

https://www.anthem.com/provider/credentialing/. This includes any Provider that state law says we must

cover when they give you services that state law says we must cover. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Booklet. If you have a question about a Provider not described in this Booklet please call the number on the back of your Identification Card.

### Referral

A written authorization form received from your PCP or from us in advance of the services that allows you to receive Covered Services from a Provider other than your PCP. Please see the "How to Access Services and Obtain Approval of Benefits" section for details.

### **Residential Treatment Center / Facility**

An Inpatient Facility that treats Mental Health and Substance Abuse conditions. The Facility must be licensed as a residential treatment center in the state in which it is located and be accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organizations (NIAHO), or the Council on Accreditation (COA).

The term Residential Treatment Center/Facility does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

- 1. Nursing care
- 2. Rest care
- 3. Convalescent care
- 4. Care of the aged
- 5. Custodial Care
- 6. Educational care

### **Retail Health Clinic**

A Facility that gives limited basic health care services to Members on a "walk-in" basis. These clinics are often found in major pharmacies or retail stores. Medical services are typically given by Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners.

### Service Area

The geographical area where you can get Covered Services from an In-Network Provider.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

A facility licensed as a skilled nursing facility in the state in which it is located that satisfies our accreditation requirements and is approved by us.

A Skilled Nursing Facility is not a place mainly for care of the aged, Custodial Care or domiciliary care,; or a place for rest, educational, or similar services.

### **Special Enrollment**

A period of time in which eligible people or their dependents can enroll after the initial enrollment, typically due to an event such as marriage, birth, adoption, etc. See the "Eligibility" section for more details.

### Specialist (Specialty Care Physician / Provider or SCP)

A Specialist is a Doctor who focuses on a specific area of medicine or group of patients to diagnose, manage, prevent, or treat certain types of symptoms and conditions. A non-Physician Specialist is a Provider who has added training in a specific area of health care.

### **Specialty Drugs**

Drugs that typically need close supervision and checking of their effect on the patient by a medical professional. These drugs often need special handling, such as temperature-controlled packaging and

overnight delivery, and are often not available at retail pharmacies. They may be administered in many forms including, but not limited to, injectable, infused, oral and inhaled.

### Subscriber

An employee or member of the Employer who is eligible for and has enrolled in the Plan.

### **Surprise Billing Claim**

Please refer to the "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 Notice" at the beginning of this Booklet for details.

### **Transplant Benefit Period**

Please see the "Benefits/Coverage (What is Covered)" section for details.

### **Urgent Care Center**

A licensed health care Facility that is separate from a Hospital and whose main purpose is giving immediate, short-term medical care, without an appointment, for urgent care.

### **Utilization Review**

A set of formal techniques to monitor or evaluate the clinical necessity, appropriateness, efficacy or efficiency of, health care services, procedures or settings. Techniques include ambulatory review, prospective review, second opinion, certification, concurrent review, care management, discharge planning and/or retrospective review. Utilization Review also includes reviewing whether or not a procedure or treatment is considered Experimental or Investigational, and reviewing your medical circumstances when such a review is needed to determine if an exclusion applies.

**End of Booklet** 

### Get help in your language

#### Curious to know what all this says? We would be too. Here's the English version:

You have the right to get this information and help in your language for free. Call the Member Services number on your ID Card for help. (TTY/TDD: 711)

Separate from our language assistance program, we make documents available in alternate formats for members with visual impairments. If you need a copy of this document in an alternate format, please call the Member Services telephone number on the back of your ID Card.

### Spanish

Tiene el derecho de obtener esta información y ayuda en su idioma en forma gratuita. Llame al número de Servicios para Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación para obtener ayuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Albanian

Keni të drejtën të merrni falas ndihmë dhe informacion në gjuhën tuaj. Për ndihmë, telefononi numrin e shërbimeve për anëtarët, të shënuar në kartën tuaj ID. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Amharic

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### Arabic

يحق لك الحصول على هذه المعلومات والمساعدة بلغتك مجانًا. اتصل برقم خدمات الأعضاء الموجود على بطاقة التعريف الخاصة بك للمساعدة (TTY/TDD: 711).

### Armenian

Դուք իրավունք ունեք Ձեր լեզվով անվձար ստանալ այս տեղեկատվությունը և ցանկացած օգնություն: Օգնություն ստանալու համար զանգահարեք Անդամների սպասարկման կենտրոն՝ Ձեր ID քարտի վրա նշված համարով: (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Bassa

M bédé dyí-bèdèìn-dèò bé m ké bỗ nìà ke kè gbo-kpá- kpá dyé dé m bídí-wùdùǔn bó pídyi. Đá mébà jè gbo-gmò Kpòè nòbà nìà nì Dyí-dyoìn-bềõ kõe bé m ké gbo-kpá-kpá dyé. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Bengali

আপনার বিনামূল্যে এই তথ্য পাওয়ার ও আপনার ভাষায় সাহায্য করার অধিকার আছে। সাহায্যের জন্য আপনার আইডি কার্ডে থাকা সদস্য পরিষেবা নম্বরে কল করুন।(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Burmese

# ဤအချက်အလက်များနှင့် အကူအညီကို သင့်ဘာသာစကားဖြင့် အခမဲ့ ရပိုင်ခွင့် သင့်တွင်ရှိပါသည်။ အကူအညီ ရယူရန် သင့် ID ကဒ်ပေါ်ရှိ အဖွဲဝင်အတွက် ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများ ဌာန၏ နံပါတ်သို့ ခေါ်ဆိုပါ။

#### (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Chinese

您有權使用您的語言免費獲得該資訊和協助。請撥打您的 ID 卡上的成員服務號碼尋求協助。(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Dinka

Yin noŋ yic ba ye lêk nê yök ku bê yi kuony nê thöŋ yin jâm ke cin wêu töu kê piiny. Col rân töŋ dê koc kê luoi nê nâmba dên tö nê I.D kat du yic. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Dutch

U hebt het recht om deze informatie en hulp gratis in uw taal te krijgen. Bel het ledendienstennummer op uw ID-kaart voor ondersteuning. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Farsi

شما این حق را دارید که این اطلاعات و کمکها را به صورت رایگان به زبان خودتان دریافت کنید. برای دریافت کمک به شماره مرکز خدمات اعضاء که بر روی کارت شناساییتان درج شده است، تماس بگیرید.(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### French

Vous avez le droit d'accéder gratuitement à ces informations et à une aide dans votre langue. Pour cela, veuillez appeler le numéro des Services destinés aux membres qui figure sur votre carte d'identification. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### German

Sie haben das Recht, diese Informationen und Unterstützung kostenlos in Ihrer Sprache zu erhalten. Rufen Sie die auf Ihrer ID-Karte angegebene Servicenummer für Mitglieder an, um Hilfe anzufordern. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Greek

Έχετε το δικαίωμα να λάβετε αυτές τις πληροφορίες και αυτήν τη βοήθεια στη γλώσσα σας δωρεάν. Καλέστε τον αριθμό του Τμήματος Υπηρεσιών Μέλους (Member Services) που αναγράφεται στην ταυτότητά σας (ID Card) για βοήθεια. (TTY/TDD: 711)

### Gujarati

તમે તમારી ભાષામાં મફતમાં આ માહિતી અને મદદ મેળવવાનો અધિકાર ધરાવો છો. મદદ માટે તમારા આઈડી કાર્ડ પરના મેમ્બર સર્વિસ નંબર પર કોલ કરો. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Haitian

Ou gen dwa pou resevwa enfòmasyon sa a ak asistans nan lang ou pou gratis. Rele nimewo Manm Sèvis la ki sou kat idantifikasyon ou a pou jwenn èd. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Hindi

# आपके पास यह जानकारी और मदद अपनी भाषा में मुफ़्त में प्राप्त करने का अधिकार है। मदद के लिए

### अपने ID काई पर सदस्य सेवाएँ नंबर पर कॉल करें। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Hmong

Koj muaj cai tau txais qhov lus qhia no thiab kev pab hais ua koj hom lus yam tsis xam tus nqi. Hu rau tus nab npawb xov tooj lis Cov Kev Pab Cuam Rau Tswv Cuab nyob rau ntawm koj daim ID txhawm rau thov kev pab. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### lgbo

l nwere ikike inweta ozi a yana enyemaka n'asusu gi n'efu. Kpoo nomba Oru Onye Otu di na kaadi NJ gi maka enyemaka. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### llokano

Addanka ti karbengan a maala iti daytoy nga impormasyon ken tulong para ti lengguahem nga awanan ti bayadna. Awagan ti numero ti Serbisyo para ti Kameng a masarakan ayan ti ID kard mo para ti tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Indonesian

Anda berhak untuk mendapatkan informasi ini dan bantuan dalam bahasa Anda secara gratis. Hubungi nomor Layanan Anggota pada kartu ID Anda untuk mendapatkan bantuan. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Italian

Ha il diritto di ricevere queste informazioni ed eventuale assistenza nella sua lingua senza alcun costo aggiuntivo. Per assistenza, chiami il numero dedicato ai Servizi per i membri riportato sul suo libretto. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Japanese

この情報と支援を希望する言語で無料で受けることができます。支援を受けるには、IDカードに記載されているメンバーサービス番号に電話してください。(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Khmer

ម្មកមានសិទ្ធិក្នុងការទទួលព័ត៌មាននេះ និងទទួលជំនួយជាភាសារបស់អ្នកដោយឥតគិតថ្លៃ។ សូមហៅទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខសេវាសមាជិកដែលមានលើប័ណ្ណ ID របស់អ្នកដើម្បីទទួលជំនួយ។ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Kirundi

Ufise uburenganzira bwo gufashwa mu rurimi rwawe ku buntu. Akura umunywanyi abikora Ikaratakarangamuntu yawe kugira ufashwe. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Korean

귀하에게는 무료로 이 정보를 얻고 귀하의 언어로 도움을 받을 권리가 있습니다. 도움을 얻으려면 귀하의 ID 카드에 있는 회원 서비스 번호로 전화하십시오. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Lao

ທ່ານມີສິດໄດ້ຮັບຂໍ້ມູນນີ້ ແລະ ຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານໂດຍບໍ່ເສຍຄ່າ. ໂທຫາເບີໂທຂອງຝ່າຍບໍລິການສະມາຊິກທີ່ໃຫ້ໄວ້ໃນບັດປະຈຳຕົວຂອງທ່ານເພື່ອຂໍຄວາມຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອ . (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Navajo

Bee n1 ahoot'i' t'11 ni nizaad k'ehj7 n7k1 a'doowo[ t'11 j77k'e. Naaltsoos bee atah n7l7n7g77 bee n44ho'd0lzingo nanitin7g77 b44sh bee hane'7 bik11' 1aj8' hod77lnih. Naaltsoos bee atah n7l7n7g77 bee n44ho'd0lzingo nanitin7g77 b44sh bee hane'7 bik11' 1aj8' hod77lnih. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Nepali

तपाईले यो जानकारी तथा सहयोग आफ्नो भाषामा निःशुल्क प्राप्त गर्ने तपाईको अधिकार हो।

सहायताको लागि तपाईको ID कार्डमा दिइएको सदस्य सेवा नम्बरमा कल गर्नुहोस्।(TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Oromo

Odeeffanoo kana fi gargaarsa afaan keetiin kaffaltii malee argachuuf mirga qabda. Gargaarsa argachuuf lakkoofsa bilbilaa tajaajila miseensaa (Member Services) waraqaa enyummaa kee irratti argamu irratti bilbili. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Pennsylvania Dutch

Du hoscht die Recht selle Information un Helfe in dei Schprooch mitaus Koscht griege. Ruf die Member Services Nummer uff dei ID Kaarte fer Helfe aa. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Polish

Masz prawo do bezpłatnego otrzymania niniejszych informacji oraz uzyskania pomocy w swoim języku. W tym celu skontaktuj się z Działem Obsługi Klienta pod numerem telefonu podanym na karcie identyfikacyjnej. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Portuguese-Europe

Tem o direito de receber gratuitamente estas informações e ajuda no seu idioma. Ligue para o número dos Serviços para Membros indicado no seu cartão de identificação para obter ajuda. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Punjabi

ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮਦਦ ਮੁਫ਼ਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ। ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਈਡੀ ਕਾਰਡ ਉੱਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸਰਵਿਸਿਜ਼ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਕਾਲ ਕਰੋ। (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Romanian

Aveți dreptul să obțineți aceste informații și asistență în limba dvs. în mod gratuit. Pentru asistență, apelați numărul departamentului de servicii destinate membrilor de pe cardul dvs. de identificare. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Russian

Вы имеете право получить данную информацию и помощь на вашем языке бесплатно. Для получения помощи звоните в отдел обслуживания участников по номеру, указанному на вашей идентификационной карте. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Samoan

E iai lou 'aia faaletulafono e maua nei faamatalaga ma se fesoasoani i lou lava gagana e aunoa ma se totogi. Vili le numera mo Sauniuniga mo lou Vaega o loo maua i lou pepa faailoa ID mo se fesoasoani. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Serbian

Imate pravo da dobijete sve informacije i pomoć na vašem jeziku, i to potpuno besplatno. Pozovite broj Centra za podršku članovima koji se nalazi na vašoj identifikacionoj kartici. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Tagalog

May karapatan kayong makuha ang impormasyon at tulong na ito sa ginagamit ninyong wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa numero ng Member Services na nasa inyong ID Card para sa tulong. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Thai

ท่านมีสิทธิขอรับบริการสอบถามข้อมูลและความช่วยเหลือในภาษาของท่านฟรี โทรไปที่หมายเลขฝ่ายบริการสมาชิกบนบัตรประจำตัวของท่านเพื่อขอความช่วยเหลือ (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Ukrainian

Ви маєте право безкоштовно отримати інформацію та допомогу своєю рідною мовою. По допомогу звертайтеся за номером служби підтримки учасників програми страхування, указаним на вашій ідентифікаційній картці. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Urdu

َپ کو اپنی زبان میں مفت ان معلومات اور مدد کےحصول کا حق ہے۔ مدد کے لیے اپنے آئی ڈی کارڈ پر موجود ممبر سروس نمبر کو کال کریں۔(TTY/TDD:711)۔

#### Vietnamese

Quý vị có quyển nhận miễn phí thông tin này và sự trợ giúp bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị. Hãy gọi cho số Dịch Vụ Thành Viên trên thẻ ID của quý vị để được giúp đỡ. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### Yiddish

רופט די איר האט די רעכט צו באקומען דעם אינפארמאציע און הילפט אין אייער שפראך בחינם. (TTY/TDD:711) מעמבער באדינונגען נומער אויף אייער קארטל פאר הילף

#### Yoruba

O ní ètó láti gba ìwífún yìí kí o sì sèrànwó ní èdè rẹ lófèé. Pe Nómbà àwon ìpèsè omo-ẹgbé lórí káàdì ìdánimò rẹ fún ìrànwó. (TTY/TDD: 711)

#### It's important we treat you fairly

That's why we follow federal civil rights laws in our health programs and activities. We don't discriminate, exclude people, or treat them differently on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. For people with disabilities, we offer free aids and services. For people whose primary language isn't English, we offer free language assistance services through interpreters and other written languages. Interested in these services? Call the Member Services number on your ID Card for help (TTY/TDD: 711). If you think we failed to offer these services or discriminated based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a complaint, also known as a grievance. You can file a complaint with our Compliance Coordinator in writing to Compliance Coordinator, P.O. Box 27401, Mail Drop VA2002-N160, Richmond, VA 23279. Or you can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at 200 Independence Avenue, SW; Room 509F, HHH Building; Washington, D.C. 20201 or by calling 1-800-368-1019 (TDD: 1- 800-537-7697) or online at <a href="https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a> . Complaint forms are available at <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://www.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a> .