

# MEDICAL BENEFIT BOOKLET

For

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Traditional PPO Plan  
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**If You need assistance in Spanish to understand this document, You may contact Customer Service at the number on Your Identification Card.**

This Benefit Booklet provides You with a description of Your benefits while You are enrolled under the health care plan (the Plan) offered by Your Employer. You should read this booklet carefully to familiarize yourself with the Plan's main provisions and keep it handy for reference. A thorough understanding of Your coverage will enable You to use Your benefits wisely. If You have any questions about the benefits as presented in this Benefit Booklet, please contact Your Employer's Group Health Plan Administrator or call the Claims Administrator's Customer Service Department.

The Plan provides the benefits described in this Benefit Booklet only for eligible Members. The health care services are subject to the Limitations and Exclusions, Deductible, and Coinsurance requirements specified in this Benefit Booklet. Any group plan or certificate which You received previously will be replaced by this Benefit Booklet.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, or "Anthem" has been designated by Your Employer to provide administrative services for the Employer's Group Health Plan, such as claims processing, care management, and other services, and to arrange for a network of health care Providers whose services are covered by the Plan.

Important: This is not an insured benefit Plan. The benefits described in this Benefit Booklet or any rider or amendments attached hereto are funded by the Employer who is responsible for their payment. Anthem provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

Anthem is an independent corporation operating under a license from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, permitting Anthem to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Service Marks in portions of the State of Indiana. Although Anthem is the Claims Administrator and is licensed in Indiana, You will have access to Providers participating in the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association BlueCard® PPO network across the country. Anthem has entered into a contract with the Employer on its own behalf and not as the agent of the Association.

#### **Verification of Benefits**

Verification of benefits is available for Members or authorized healthcare Providers on behalf of Members. You may call Customer Service with a benefits inquiry or verification of benefits during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time). Please remember that a benefits inquiry or verification of benefits is NOT a verification of coverage of a specific medical procedure. Verification of benefits is NOT a guarantee of payment. CALL THE CUSTOMER SERVICE NUMBER ON YOUR IDENTIFICATION CARD or see the section titled Health Care Management for Precertification rules.

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## MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Member You have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As Your health care partner, the Claims Administrator wants to make sure Your rights are respected while providing Your health benefits. That means giving You access to the Claims Administrator's network health care Providers and the information You need to 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 health care Providers about all 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 Physicians to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect the Claims Administrator to keep Your personal health information private by following the Claims Administrator's privacy policies, and state and Federal laws.
- Get the information You need to help make sure You get the most from Your health Plan, and share Your feedback. This includes information on:
  - The Claims Administrator's company and services.
  - The Claims Administrator network of health care Providers.
  - Your rights and responsibilities.
  - The rules of Your health Plan.
  - 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 get in the future. This includes asking Your Physician to tell You how that may affect Your health now and in the future.
- Get the most up-to-date information from a health care Provider 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 health benefits and ask for help if You have questions.
- Follow all health Plan rules and policies.
- Choose an In-Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if Your health Plan requires it.
- Treat all Physicians, health care Providers 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 problems as well as You can and work with Your health care Providers to make a treatment plan that You all agree on.
- Inform Your health care Providers if You don't understand any type of care you're getting or what they want You to do as part of Your care plan.
- Follow the health care plan that You have agreed on with Your health care Providers.
- Give the Claims Administrator, Your Physicians and other health care Providers the information needed to help You get the best possible care and all the benefits You are eligible for under Your health Plan. This may include information about other health insurance benefits You have along with Your coverage with the 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 the Claims Administrator, please go to [anthem.com](http://anthem.com) and select Customer Support > Contact Us. Or call the Member Services number on Your Identification Card.

The Claims Administrator wants to provide high quality customer service to our Members. Benefits and coverage for services given under the Plan are governed by the Employer's Plan and not by this Member Rights and Responsibilities statement.

**How to Obtain Language Assistance**

Anthem is committed to communicating with our Members about their health plan, regardless of their language. Anthem employs a language line interpretation service for use by all of our Customer Service Call Centers. Simply call the Customer Service phone number on the back of Your Identification Card and a representative will be able to assist You. Translation of written materials about Your benefits can also be requested by contacting customer service. TTY/TDD services also are available by dialing 711. A special operator will get in touch with us to help with Your needs.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

The Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount the Claims Administrator will reimburse for services and supplies which meet its definition of Covered Services, as long as such services and supplies are not excluded under the Member’s Plan; are Medically Necessary; and are provided in accordance with the Member’s Plan. See the Definitions and Claims Payment sections for more information. Under certain circumstances, if the Claims Administrator pays the healthcare Provider amounts that are Your responsibility, such as Deductibles or Coinsurance, the Claims Administrator may collect such amounts directly from You. You agree that the Claims Administrator has the right to collect such amounts from You.

**NOTE: Words and phrases within this document that are denoted with initial capitalization have the meaning ascribed to them within the document itself, or within the Definitions section.**

**The company reserves the right to amend or terminate the plan at any time. You will be notified of any changes that affect Your benefits, as required by Federal law.**

### Financial Tools

Each plan offers online financial tools to help You keep track of Your health care dollars. Plus You can track Your claims for Covered Services. You can review what You’ve spent on health care, view Your balance, or look up the status of a particular claim any time of the day.

**To receive maximum benefits at the lowest Out-Of-Pocket expense, Covered Services must be provided by a Network Provider.** Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowable Amount, which is the maximum amount the Plan will pay for a given service. When You use an Out-of-Network Provider, You are responsible for any balance due between the Out-of-Network Provider’s charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount in addition to any Coinsurance, Deductibles, and non-covered charges.

Coinsurance/Maximums are calculated based upon the Maximum Allowable Amount, not the Provider’s charge.

Schedule of Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Calendar Year Deductible</b>		
<b>Single</b>	\$750	\$1,500
<b>Family</b>	\$1,500	\$3,000
Charges in excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount do not contribute to the Deductible.		
<b>All Covered Services are subject to the Deductible unless otherwise specified in this booklet.</b>		
<b>Your Plan has a non-embedded Deductible which means:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If You, the Subscriber, are the only person covered by this Plan, only the “Single” amounts apply to You.</li> <li>• If You also cover Dependents (other family members) under this Plan, only the “Family” amounts apply. The “Family” Deductible amounts can be satisfied by a family member or a combination of family members. Once the Family Deductible is met, it is considered met for all family members.</li> </ul>		

Schedule of Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
The Network and Out-of-Network calendar year Deductibles are separate and cannot be combined.		
<b>Coinsurance After the Calendar Year Deductible is Met (Unless Otherwise Specified)</b>		
<b>Plan Pays</b>	70%	50%
<b>Member Pays</b>	30%	50%
All payments are based on the Maximum Allowed Amount and any negotiated arrangements. For Out-of-Network Providers, You are responsible to pay the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges. Depending on the service, this difference can be substantial.		
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum Per Calendar Year</b>		
Includes Coinsurance and the calendar year Deductible. Does <u>NOT</u> include precertification penalties, charges in excess of the Maximum Allowed Amount, Non-Covered Services or Out-of-Network Human Organ and Tissue Transplant Services.		
<b>Single</b>	\$3,000	\$6,000
<b>Family</b>	\$6,000	\$12,000
<b>Your Plan has a non-embedded Out-of-Pocket which means:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If You, the Subscriber, are the only person covered by this Plan, only the “Single” amounts apply to You.</li> <li>• If You also cover Dependents (other family members) under this Plan, the “Family” amounts apply. The “Family” Out-of-Pocket amounts can be satisfied by a family member or a combination of family members. Once the Family Out-of-Pocket is met, it is considered met for all family members.</li> </ul>		
The Network and Out-of-Network Out-of-Pocket Maximums are separate and cannot be combined.		

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<b>Allergy Care</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing and treatment</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse Care</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital Inpatient Services</li> <li>• Outpatient Services</li> <li>• Physician Services (Home and Office Visits)</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Note: Coverage for the treatment of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Care conditions is provided in compliance with federal law.</b>		
<b>Biofeedback</b>	30%	50%
<b>Clinical Trials</b> See Clinical Trials under Benefits section for further information.	Benefits are paid based on the setting in which Covered Services are received	Benefits are paid based on the setting in which Covered Services are received
<b>Dental &amp; Oral Surgery/TMJ Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accidental Injury to natural teeth Treatment must be completed within <b>12</b> months of the Injury)</li> <li>• Oral Surgery/TMJ - Subject to Medical Necessity – excludes orthodontic treatment</li> </ul>	Benefits are paid based on the setting in which Covered Services are received	Benefits are paid based on the setting in which Covered Services are received
<b>Diagnostic Physician's Services</b>		
Diagnostic services (including second opinion) by a Physician or Specialist Physician – office visit or home visit:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary care Physician Coinsurance</li> <li>• Specialist Physician Coinsurance</li> <li>• Diagnostic X-ray and Lab – office or independent lab</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Note: Diagnostic services are defined as any claim for services performed to diagnose an illness or Injury.</b>		

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<b>Emergency Care, Urgent Care, and Ambulance Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency room for an Emergency Medical Condition</li> </ul>	30%	30% (See note below)
All other services	30%	30%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of the emergency room for non-Emergency Medical Conditions</li> </ul>	Not Covered	Not Covered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urgent Care clinic visit for an Emergency Medical Condition</li> </ul>	30%	30% (See note below)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambulance Services (when Medically Necessary) Land / Air</li> </ul>	30%	30% (See note below)
<p><b>Note: Care received Out-of-Network for an Emergency Medical Condition will be provided at the Network level of benefits if the following conditions apply:</b> A medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in one of the following conditions: (1) Placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; (2) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or (3) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part. If an Out-of-Network Provider is used, however, You are responsible to pay the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Out-of-Network Provider charges.</p>		
<b>Eye Care</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office visit – medical eye care exams (treatment of disease or Injury to the eye)</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Hearing Care</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Office visit – Audiometric exam / hearing evaluation test</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Home Health Care Services</b>		
Unlimited visits	30%	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private Duty Nursing</li> </ul>	82 visits per calendar year, 164 visits per lifetime combined Network and Out-of-Network	
<b>Hospice Care Services</b>		
	30%	30%

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<b>Hospital Inpatient Services – Precertification Required</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Room and board (Semiprivate or ICU/CCU)</li> <li>• Hospital services and supplies (x-ray, lab, anesthesia, surgery (Precertification required), Inpatient Physical Therapy, etc.)</li> <li>• Pre-Admission testing</li> <li>• Physician Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Surgeon</li> <li>▶ Anesthesiologist</li> <li>▶ Radiologist</li> <li>▶ Pathologist</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p>
<b>Note: *Anesthesiologist, radiologist, and pathologist charges are always paid at the Network level of benefits (Coinsurance) when providing Inpatient services. If an Out-of-Network Provider is used, however, You are responsible to pay the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges.</b>		
<b>Mammograms (Outpatient diagnostic)</b>	30%	50%
<b>Maternity Care &amp; Other Reproductive Services</b>		
Physician's office: Global care (includes pre-and post-natal, delivery):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care Physician (includes obstetrician and gynecologist) Coinsurance</li> <li>• Specialist Coinsurance</li> <li>• Midwife (Precertification required)</li> </ul>	<p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p>
Physician Hospital / Birthing Center Services (Precertification required)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician's services</li> <li>• Newborn nursery services (well baby care)</li> <li>• Circumcision</li> </ul>	<p>30%</p> <p>30%</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>50%</p> <p>50%</p> <p>50%</p>

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<b>Note:</b> Newborn stays in the Hospital after the mother is discharged, as well as any stays exceeding 48 hours for a vaginal delivery or 96 hours for a cesarean section, must be pre-certified		
<b>Infertility Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited Coverage Diagnostic Services  (Non-Covered Services include but are not limited to: in-vitro fertilization, gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT), zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT), artificial insemination, reversal of voluntary sterilization.)</li> </ul>	Covered at the benefit level of the services billed	Covered at the benefit level of the services billed
<b>Sterilization Services (Precertification required for Inpatient procedures)</b>		
Sterilizations for women will be covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit. Please see that section in Benefits for further details.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vasectomy</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Medical Supplies and Equipment</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Supplies</li> <li>Durable Medical Equipment</li> <li>Orthotics Foot and Shoe</li> <li>Prosthetic Appliances (external)</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Nutritional Counseling for Diabetes</b>	30%	50%
<b>Nutritional Counseling for Eating Disorders</b>	30%	50%
<b>Outpatient Hospital / Facility Services</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outpatient facility</li> <li>Lab and x-ray services</li> <li>Outpatient Physician services (surgeon, anesthesiologist, radiologist, pathologist, etc.)</li> </ul>	30%	50%

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<b>Physician Services (Home and Office Visits)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Primary Care Physician</li> <li>Specialist Physician</li> <li>Office Surgery</li> <li>Prescription Injectables/Prescription Drugs Dispensed in the Physician's Office</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Preventive Services (regardless of Provider or setting where Preventive care is provided)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes mammograms (preventive)</li> </ul>	Covered at 100%	50% (not subject to deductible)
<b>Note: Preventive Services are defined as any claim submitted with a "well" diagnosis.</b>		
<b>Skilled Nursing Facility</b>	30%	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum days</li> </ul>	100 days per calendar year combined Network and Out-of network.	
<b>Surgical Services</b>	30%	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gastric Bypass / Obesity Surgery When Medically Necessary. Precertification Required</li> </ul>	Covered at the benefit level of the services billed	Covered at the benefit level of the services billed
<b>Therapy Services (Outpatient)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Therapy – limited to 25 visits per calendar year, combined Network and Out-of-Network</li> <li>Occupational Therapy – limited to 25 visits per calendar year, combined Network and Out-of-Network</li> <li>Speech Therapy – limited to 25 visits per calendar year, combined Network and Out-of-Network</li> <li>Cardiac Rehabilitation</li> <li>Chiropractic Care – limited to 12 visits per calendar year, combined Network and Out-of-Network</li> <li>Radiation Therapy</li> </ul>	30%	50%

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chemotherapy</li> <li>Respiratory Therapy</li> </ul>	30%	50%
<b>Note:</b> Inpatient therapy services will be paid under the Inpatient Hospital benefit.		
<b>Transplants</b>		
<p>Any Medically Necessary human organ and stem cell/bone marrow transplant and transfusion as determined by the Claims Administrator including necessary acquisition procedures, collection and storage, including Medically Necessary preparatory myeloablative therapy.</p> <p><b>The Center of Excellence requirements do not apply to</b> Cornea and kidney transplants; and any Covered Services, related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received prior to or after the Transplant Benefit Period.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Even if a Hospital is a Network Provider for other services, it may not be a Network Transplant Provider for these services. Please be sure to contact the Claims Administrator to determine which Hospitals are Network Transplant Providers. (When calling Customer Service, ask to be connected with the Transplant Case Manager for further information.)</p>	<b>Center of Excellence/Network Transplant Provider</b>	<b>Out-of-Network Transplant Provider</b>
<b>Transplant Benefit Period</b>	Starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues for the applicable case rate/global time period (The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the Center of Excellence Network Transplant Provider agreement. Contact the Customer Service number on Your Identification Card and ask for the Transplant Case Manager for specific Network Transplant Provider information.)	Starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge.

Benefits	Network	Out-of-Network
<b>Note: Unless otherwise noted, services are subject to the applicable Deductible and Coinsurance.</b>		
<b>Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period</b>	30%	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Care coordinated through a Network Transplant Provider/ Center of Excellence – not subject to Deductible</li> <li>When performed by Out-of-Network Transplant Provider (subject to Deductible, does not apply to the Out of Pocket Maximum). <b>You are responsible for any charges from the Out-of-Network Transplant Provider which exceeds the Maximum Allowed Amount.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Bone Marrow &amp; Stem Cell Transplant (Inpatient &amp; Outpatient)</b>	30%	50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Includes unrelated donor search up to \$30,000 per transplant.</li> </ul>		
<b>Live Donor Health Services (including complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement)</b>	30%	50%
<b>Eligible Travel and Lodging –</b>	30%	30%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to \$10,000 per transplant maximum combined Network and Out-of-Network <b>subject to Claims Administrator’s approval.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>All Other Covered Transplant Services</b>	30%	50%

# Total Health and Wellness Solution

## ConditionCare Programs

ConditionCare programs help maximize Your health status, improve health outcomes and control health care expenses associated with the following prevalent conditions:

- Asthma (pediatric and adult).
- Diabetes (pediatric and adult).
- Heart failure (HF).
- Coronary artery disease (CAD).
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

### You will receive:

- 24/7 phone access to a nurse coach who can answer Your questions and give You up-to-date information about Your condition.
- A health review and follow-up calls if You need them.
- Tips on prevention and lifestyle choices to help You improve Your quality of life.

## ConditionCare Support Programs

ConditionCare Support programs are designed to help You better manage the following conditions:

- Low Back Pain – focuses on disorders of the lumbar region.
- Musculoskeletal – addresses arthritis, osteoporosis and hip/knee replacements.
- Vascular At-Risk – targets hypertension, hyperlipidemia and metabolic syndrome as precursors of vascular diseases.

## 24/7 NurseLine

You may have emergencies or questions for nurses around-the-clock. 24/7 NurseLine provides You with accurate health information any time of the day or night. Through one-on-one counseling with experienced nurses available 24 hours a day via a convenient toll-free number, You can make more informed decisions about the most appropriate and cost-effective use of health care services. A staff of experienced nurses is trained to address common health care concerns such as medical triage, education, access to health care, diet, social/family dynamics and mental health issues. Specifically, the 24/7 NurseLine features:

- A skilled clinical team – RN license (BSN preferred) that helps Members assess systems, understand medical conditions, ensure Members receive the right care in the right setting and refer You to programs and tools appropriate to Your condition.
- Bilingual RNs, language line and hearing impaired services.
- Access to the AudioHealth Library, containing hundreds of audiotapes on a wide variety of health topics.
- Proactive callbacks within 24 to 48 hours for Members referred to 911 emergency services, poison control and pediatric Members with needs identified as either emergent or urgent.
- Referrals to relevant community resources.

## **AIM Imaging Cost & Quality Program**

This Program provides You with access to important information about imaging services You might need.

If You need an MRI or a CT scan, it's important to know that costs can vary quite a bit depending on where You go to receive the service. Sometimes the differences are significant – anywhere from \$300 to \$3000 – but a higher price doesn't guarantee higher quality. If Your benefit plan requires You to pay a portion of this cost (like a Deductible or Coinsurance) where You go can make a very big difference to Your wallet.

That's where the AIM Imaging Cost & Quality Program comes in – AIM does the research for You and makes it available to help You find the right location for Your MRI or CT scan. Here's how the Program works:

- Your Physician refers You to a radiology Provider for an MRI or CT scan;
- AIM works with Your Physician to help make sure that You are receiving the right test – using evidence-based guidelines;
- AIM also reviews the referral to see if there are other Providers in Your area that are high quality but have a lower price than the one You were referred to;
- If AIM finds another Provider that meets the quality and price criteria, AIM will give You a call to let You know; and,
- You have the choice – You can see the radiology Provider Your Physician suggested OR You can choose to see a provider that AIM tells You about. AIM will even help You schedule an appointment with the new Provider.

The AIM Imaging Cost & Quality Program gives You the opportunity to reduce Your health care expenses (and those of Your Employer) by selecting high quality, lower cost Providers or locations. No matter which Provider You choose, there is no effect on Your health care benefits. We are bringing this Program to You to give You information that helps You to make informed choices about where to go when You need care.

## **Sleep Study Program**

Your Plan includes benefits for a Sleep Management Program, which is a program that helps Your Physician make better informed decisions about Your treatment. It is administered by AIM Specialty Health which is a wholly-owned division of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. The Sleep Management Program includes outpatient and home sleep testing and therapy. If You require sleep testing, depending on Your medical condition, You may be asked to complete the sleep study in Your home. Home sleep studies provide the added benefit of reflecting Your normal sleep pattern while sleeping in the comfort of Your own bed versus going to an outpatient facility for the test.

As part of this program, You are required to obtain precertification for:

- Home sleep tests (HST)
- In-lab sleep studies (polysomnography or PSG, a recording of behavior during sleep)
- Titration studies (to determine the exact pressure needed for treatment)
- Treatment orders for equipment, including positive airway pressure devices (APAP, CPAP, BPAP, ASV), oral devices and related supplies.

If You need ongoing treatment, AIM will review Your care quarterly to assure that medical criteria are met for coverage. Your equipment supplier or Your Physician will be required to provide periodic updates to ensure clinical appropriateness. Ongoing claim approval will depend partly on how You comply with the treatment Your Physician has ordered.

Please talk to Your Physician about getting approval for any sleep testing and therapy equipment and supplies.

If You have questions about Your care, please talk with Your Physician. For questions about Your Plan or benefits, please call Customer Service.

## ELIGIBILITY

- All active, full-time employees and their eligible "dependents" are eligible to participate. For the purpose of benefits eligibility, full-time employees are defined as active employees whose regular work schedule is at least 37 1/2 hours per week. Part-time, intermittent and hourly (temporary) employees who worked an average of thirty (30) or more hours per week over a 12-month review period would also be eligible for benefits. Part-time, intermittent and hourly (temporary) employees working less than thirty (30) or more hours per week over a 12-month review period are not eligible for insurance or related benefits.
- All appointed or elected officials and their eligible "dependents".
- Employees eligible under the Short and Long Term Disability Program remain eligible during the period of disability.
- "Dependent" means:
  - (a) Spouse of an employee;
  - (b) Any children, step-children, foster children, legally adopted children of the employee or spouse, or children who reside in the employee's home for whom the employee or spouse has been appointed legal guardian or awarded legal custody by a court, under the age of twenty-six (26). Such child shall remain a "dependent" for the entire calendar month during which he or she attains age twenty-six (26).

In the event a child:

    - i.) was defined as a "dependent", prior to age 19, and
    - ii.) meets the following disability criteria, prior to age 19:
      - (I) is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical disability,
      - (II) resides with the employee at least six (6) months of the year, and
      - (III) receives 50% of his or her financial support from the parentsuch child's eligibility for coverage shall continue, if satisfactory evidence of such disability and dependency is received by Anthem in accordance with Anthem's disabled dependent certification and recertification procedures. Eligibility for coverage of the "Dependent" will continue until the employee discontinues his coverage or the disability criteria is no longer met. A Dependent child of the employee who attained age 19 while covered under another Health Care policy and met the disability criteria specified above, is an eligible Dependent for enrollment so long as no break in Coverage longer than sixty-three (63) days has occurred immediately prior to enrollment. Proof of disability and prior coverage will be required. The plan requires periodic documentation from a physician after the child's attainment of the limiting age.
- A group health coverage program that is equal to that offered active employees shall be provided by the State for each "Retired Legislator", dependent or spouse as defined and pursuant to the conditions set forth in IC 5-10-8.
- "Retirees" meeting the following criteria will continue to be eligible until they become eligible for Medicare:
  - (a) Must have reached age fifty-five (55) upon retirement but who is not eligible for Medicare;
  - (b) Must have completed twenty (20) years of public service, ten (10) years of which must be continuous State service immediately preceding retirement;
  - (c) Must have fifteen (15) years of participation in a retirement fund.

- “Retirees” meeting the following criteria will continue to be eligible until they become eligible for Medicare:
  - (a) Must retire after December 31, 2006;
  - (b) Must have reached age fifty-five (55) upon retirement but who is not eligible for Medicare;
  - (c) Must have completed fifteen (15) years of public service, ten (10) years of which must be continuous State service immediately preceding retirement.
  
- “Retirees” meeting the following criteria will continue to be eligible until they become eligible for Medicare:
  - (a) Must have been employed as a teacher in a State institution under IC 11-10-5, IC 12-24-3, IC 16-33-3, or IC 16-33-4;
  - (b) Must have reached age fifty-five (55) upon retirement but who is not eligible for Medicare;
  - (c) Must have fifteen (15) years of service credit as a participant in the retirement fund of which the employee is a member on or before the employee’s retirement date; or must have completed ten (10) years of service credit as a participant in the retirement fund of which the employee is a member immediately before the employee’s retirement;
  
- A group health coverage program that is equal to that offered active employees shall be provided by the State for each “Retired Judge” who meets the following:
  - (a) Retirement date is after June 30, 1990;
  - (b) Will have reached the age of sixty-two (62) on or before retirement date;
  - (c) Is not eligible for Medicare coverage as prescribed by 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.;
  - (d) Who has at least eight (8) years of service credit as a participant in the Judge’s retirement fund, with at least eight (8) years of service credit completed immediately preceding the Judge’s retirement.
  
- A group health coverage program that is equal to that offered active employees shall be provided by the State for each “Retired Prosecuting Attorney” who meets the following:
  - (a) Who is a retired participant under the Prosecuting Attorney’s Retirement fund;
  - (b) Whose retirement date is after January 1, 1990;
  - (c) Who is at least sixty-two (62) years of age;
  - (d) Who is not eligible for Medicare coverage as prescribed by 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.; and
  - (e) Who has at least ten (10) years of service credit as a participant in the Prosecuting Attorneys retirement fund, with at least ten (10) years of service credit completed immediately preceding the participant’s retirement.
  
- Retirees eligible under subsections 6 - 10 must file a written request for the coverage within ninety (90) days after retirement. At that time, the retiree may elect to have the retiree’s spouse covered. The spouse’s subsequent eligibility to continue insurance under the surviving spouse’s eligibility end on the earliest of the following:
  - (a) Twenty-four (24) months from the date the deceased Retirees coverage is terminated. At the end of the period the Spouse would be eligible to remain covered until the end of the maximum period under COBRA;
  - (b) When the Spouse becomes eligible for Medicare coverage as prescribed by 42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.
  - (c) The end of the month following remarriage; or

(d) As otherwise provided by Act of the General Assembly.

- Employee on a leave of absence for ninety (90) days or less and out of pay status.
- An employee on family medical leave.
- Retirees eligible under IC 5-10-12.
- As otherwise provided by Act of the Indiana General Assembly.

### **Effective Date Of Your Coverage**

**“For specific information concerning your Effective Date of coverage under this Plan, you should see your Human Resources or benefits department.”**

Coverage for a newborn child is effective from the moment of birth. Covered Services include the treatment of any injury or illness such as congenital deformity, hereditary complication, premature birth, and routine nursery care. Newborn must be formally added to Employee’s policy through “family status” change process. See NEWBORN INFANT COVERAGE.

### **Newborn Infant Coverage**

The benefits payable for covered Dependent children shall be paid for a sick or injured newborn infant of a Covered Person for the first 30 days of his or her life. The coverage for newly adopted children will be the same as for other covered Dependents. The coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child consists of coverage of injury or sickness, including the necessary care and treatment of medically diagnosed congenital defects and birth abnormalities. Coverage for the newborn infant or newly adopted child shall include, but not be limited to, benefits for Inpatient or Outpatient expenses arising from medical and dental treatment (including orthodontic and oral surgery treatment) involved in the management of birth defects known as cleft lip and cleft palate.

The coverage required for a newly adopted child:

1. Is effective upon the earlier of:
  - a) The date of placement for the purpose of adoption; or
  - b) The date of the entry of an order granting the adoptive parent custody of the child for purpose of adoption;
2. Continues unless the placement is disrupted prior to legal adoption and the child is removed from placement; or
3. Continues unless required action as described below is not taken.

**To be covered beyond the first 30 days, the newborn or newly adopted child must be added to the Covered Person’s Plan Enrollment within the first 30 days after birth or adoption.**

If the Enrollee must change to coverage with a higher fee to add the child, the Enrollee will be liable for the higher fee for the entire period of the child’s coverage, including the first 30 days.

### **Federal Laws Related To Your Coverage**

In the past few years, Congress has passed several laws that have affected our group health plans. These laws are designed to reduce Medicare expenditures by requiring that active employees and/or their Dependents who are either age 65 or over, or disabled to elect either:

- a) our group health Plan, or
- b) Medicare as their primary coverage.

The preference is option (a) since option (b) would require the discontinuance of the group medical Plan. In addition, Medicare no longer requires enrollment in the Part B Supplemental Medical Insurance Benefit for which there is a charge so long as you remain covered under our group medical Plan.

# HOW YOUR PLAN WORKS

**Note: Capitalized terms such as Covered Services, Medical Necessity, and Out-of-Pocket Maximum are defined in the “Definitions” Section.**

## Introduction

Your health Plan is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) which is a comprehensive Plan. The Plan is divided into two sets of benefits: Network and Out-of-Network. If You choose a Network Provider, You will receive Network benefits. Utilizing this method means You will not have to pay as much money; Your Out-of-Pocket expenses will be higher when You use Out-of-Network Providers.

Providers are compensated using a variety of payment arrangements, including fee for service, per diem, discounted fees, and global reimbursement.

All Covered Services must be Medically Necessary, and coverage or certification of services that are not Medically Necessary may be denied.

## Network Services

When You use a Network Provider or get care as part of an Authorized Service, Covered Services will be covered at the Network level. Regardless of Medical Necessity, benefits will be denied for care that is not a Covered Service. The Plan has the final authority to decide the Medical Necessity of the service.

**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 a Network Specialist, including behavioral health Providers.

To see a Physician, call their office:

- tell them You are an Anthem Member,
- have Your Member Identification Card handy. The Physician’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 Network Providers:

1. You will not need to file claims. Network Providers will file claims for Covered Services for You. (You will still need to pay any Coinsurance 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 Benefit Booklet.
2. Precertification will be done by the Network Provider. (See the **Health Care Management – Precertification** section for further details.)

Please read the **Claims Payment** section for additional information on Authorized Services.

## After Hours Care

If You need care after normal business hours, Your Physician may have several options for You. You should call Your Physician’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 a 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 Benefit Booklet.

For services from an Out-of-Network Provider:

- the Out-of-Network Provider can charge You the difference between their bill and the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount plus any Deductible and/or Coinsurance;
- You may have higher cost sharing amounts (i.e., Deductibles and/or Coinsurance);
- You will have to pay for services that are not Medically Necessary;
- You will have to pay for non-Covered Services;
- You may have to file claims; and
- You must make sure any necessary Precertification is done. (Please see **Health Care Management – Precertification** for more details.)

## How to Find a Provider in the Network

There are three 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 Network Providers at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), which lists the Physicians, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this Plan's network.
- Call Customer Service to ask for a list of Physicians and Providers that participate in this Plan's network, based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with Your Physician or Provider.

If You need details about a Provider's license or training, or help choosing a Physician who is right for You, call the Customer Service 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.

## The BlueCard Program

Like all Blue Cross & Blue Shield plans throughout the country, Anthem participates in a program called "BlueCard." This program lets You get Covered Services at the Network cost-share when You are traveling out of state and need health care, as long as You use a BlueCard Provider. All You have to do is show Your Identification Card to a participating Blue Cross & Blue Shield Provider, and they will send Your claims to the Claims Administrator.

If You are out of state and an Emergency or urgent situation arises, You should get care right away.

In a non-Emergency situation, You can find the nearest contracted Provider by visiting the BlueCard Physician and Hospital Finder website ([www.BCBS.com](http://www.BCBS.com)) or call the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

You can also access Physicians and Hospitals outside of the U.S. The BlueCard program is recognized in more than 200 countries throughout the world.

Please refer to "Inter-Plan Programs" in the **Claims Payment** section for more information on BlueCard.

## Care Outside of the United States – BlueCard® Worldwide

Prior to travel outside of the United States, check with Your Employer or call Customer Service at the number on Your Identification Card to find out if Your Plan has BlueCard Worldwide benefits. Your coverage outside of the United States may be different and we recommend:

- before You leave home, call the Customer Service number on Your Identification Card for coverage details;

- always carry Your current Identification Card; and,
- in an emergency, go directly to the nearest Hospital.

The BlueCard Worldwide Service Center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week toll-free at (800) 810-BLUE (2583) or by calling collect at (804) 673-1177. An assistance coordinator, along with a medical professional, will arrange a Physician appointment or hospitalization, if needed.

**Call the Service Center in these non-emergent situations:**

- You need to find a Physician or Hospital or need medical assistance services. An assistance coordinator, along with a medical professional, will arrange a Physician appointment or hospitalization, if needed.
- You need to be hospitalized or need Inpatient care. After calling the Service Center, You must also call the Claims Administrator to obtain approval for benefits at the phone number on Your Identification Card. Note: this number is different than the phone numbers listed above for BlueCard Worldwide.

**Payment Information**

- **Participating BlueCard Worldwide Hospitals.** In most cases, when You make arrangements for hospitalization through BlueCard Worldwide, You should not need to pay upfront for Inpatient care at participating BlueCard Worldwide Hospitals except for the Out-of-Pocket costs (Non-Covered Services, Deductible and Coinsurance) You normally pay. The Hospital should submit Your claim on Your behalf.
- **Physicians and/or non-participating Hospitals.** You will need to pay upfront for outpatient services, care received from a Physician, and Inpatient care not arranged through the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center. Then You can complete a BlueCard Worldwide claim form and send it with the original bill(s) to the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center (the address is on the form).

**Claim Filing**

- The Hospital will file Your claim if the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center arranged Your hospitalization. You will need to pay the Hospital for the Out-of-Pocket costs You normally pay.
- You must file the claim for outpatient and Physician care, or Inpatient care not arranged through the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center. You will need to pay the Provider and subsequently send an international claim form with the original bills to the Claims Administrator.

**Claim Forms**

International claim forms are available from the Claims Administrator, the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center, or online at [www.bcbs.com/bluecardworldwide](http://www.bcbs.com/bluecardworldwide). The address for submitting claims is on the form.

**Calendar Year Deductible**

Before the Plan begins to pay benefits, You must meet any Deductible required. You must satisfy one Deductible for each type of coverage as explained in the **Schedule of Benefits**. Deductible requirements are stated in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

## HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT - PRECERTIFICATION

Your Plan includes the processes of Precertification, Predetermination and Post Service Clinical Claims Review to determine when services should be covered by Your Plan. Their purpose is to promote the delivery of cost-effective medical care by reviewing the use of procedures and, where appropriate, the setting or place of service that they are performed. Your Plan requires that Covered Services be Medically Necessary for benefits to be provided. When setting or place of service is part of the review, services that can be safely provided to You in a lower cost setting will not be Medically Necessary if they are performed in a higher cost setting.

**Prior Authorization:** Network Providers are required to obtain Prior Authorization in order for You to receive benefits for certain services. Prior Authorization criteria will be based on multiple sources including medical policy, clinical guidelines, and pharmacy and therapeutics guidelines. The Claims Administrator may determine that a service that was initially prescribed or requested is not Medically Necessary if You have not previously tried alternative treatments which are more cost effective.

If You have any questions regarding the information contained in this section, You may call the Customer Service telephone number on Your Identification Card or visit [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### Types of Requests:

**Precertification** – A required review of a service, treatment or admission for a benefit coverage determination which must be obtained prior to the service, treatment or admission start date. For emergency admissions, You, Your authorized representative or Physician must notify the Claims Administrator within 2 business days after the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. For childbirth admissions, Precertification is not required unless there is a complication and/or the mother and baby are not discharged at the same time.

**Predetermination** – An optional, voluntary Prospective or Concurrent/Continued Stay Review request for a benefit coverage determination for a service or treatment. The Claims Administrator will review Your Plan to determine if there is an exclusion for the service or treatment. If there is a related clinical coverage guideline, the benefit coverage review will include a review to determine whether the service meets the definition of Medical Necessity under this Plan or is Experimental/Investigative as that term is defined in this Plan.

**Post Service Clinical Claims Review**– A retrospective review for a benefit coverage determination to determine the Medical Necessity or Experimental/Investigative nature of a service, treatment or admission that did not require Precertification and did not have a Predetermination review performed. Medical reviews occur for a service, treatment or admission in which the Claims Administrator has a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by the Claims Administrator.

### Failure to Obtain Precertification Penalty:

**IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU OR YOUR NON NETWORK PROVIDER DO NOT OBTAIN THE REQUIRED PRECERTIFICATION, A \$300 PENALTY WILL APPLY AND YOUR OUT OF POCKET COSTS WILL INCREASE. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES FROM A NETWORK OR BLUECARD PROVIDER.**

**The following list is not all inclusive and is subject to change; please call the Customer Service telephone number on Your Identification Card to confirm the most current list and requirements for Your Plan.**

**Inpatient Admission:**

- All acute Inpatient, Skilled Nursing Facility, Long Term Acute Rehabilitation, and Obstetrical delivery stays beyond the 48/96 hour Federal mandate length of stay minimum (including newborn stays beyond the mother's stay)
- Emergency Admissions (requires Plan notification no later than 2 business days after admission)

**Outpatient Services:**

- Ablative Techniques as a Treatment for Barrett's Esophagus
- Air Ambulance (excludes 911 initiated emergency transport)
- Artificial Intervertebral Discs
- Balloon Sinuplasty
- Bariatric surgery
- Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids
- Breast Procedures; including Reconstructive Surgery, Implants, Reduction , Mastectomy for Gynecomastia and other Breast Procedures
- Canaloplasty
- Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT) with or without an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (CRT/ICD) for the Treatment of Heart Failure
- Carotid, Vertebral and Intracranial Artery Angioplasty with or without Stent Placement
- Cochlear Implants and Auditory Brainstem Implants
- Computer-Assisted Musculoskeletal Surgical Navigational Orthopedic Procedures
- Cryoablation for Plantar Fasciitis and Plantar Fibroma
- Cryopreservation of Oocytes or Ovarian Tissue
- Cryosurgical Ablation of Solid Tumors Outside the Liver
- Deep Brain Stimulation
- Diagnostic Testing
  - ▶ Diagnosis of Sleep Disorders
  - ▶ Gene Expression Profiling for Managing Breast Cancer Treatment
  - ▶ Genetic Testing for Cancer Susceptibility
- DME/Prosthetics
  - ▶ Bone Growth Stimulator: Electrical or Ultrasound
  - ▶ Communication Assisting / Speech Generating Devices
  - ▶ External (Portable) Continuous Insulin Infusion Pump
  - ▶ Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES); Threshold Electrical Stimulation (TES)
  - ▶ Microprocessor Controlled Lower Limb Prosthesis
  - ▶ Oscillatory Devices for Airway Clearance including High Frequency Chest Compression and Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilation (IPV)
  - ▶ Pneumatic Pressure Device with Calibrated Pressure
  - ▶ Power Wheeled Mobility Devices
  - ▶ Prosthetics: Electronic or externally powered and select other prosthetics
  - ▶ Standing Frame
- Electrothermal Shrinkage of Joint Capsules, Ligaments, and Tendons
- Extracorporeal Shock Wave Therapy for Orthopedic Conditions
- Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery

- Gastric Electrical Stimulation
- Implantable or Wearable Cardioverter-Defibrillator
- Implantable Infusion Pumps
- Implantable Middle Ear Hearing Aids
- Implanted Devices for Spinal Stenosis
- Implanted Spinal Cord Stimulators
- Intraocular Anterior Segment Aqueous Drainage Devices (without extraocular reservoir)
- Locally Ablative Techniques for Treating Primary and Metastatic Liver Malignancies
- Lumbar spinal surgeries
- Lung Volume Reduction Surgery
- Lysis of Epidural Adhesions
- Manipulation Under Anesthesia of the Spine and Joints other than the Knee
- Maze Procedure
- MRI Guided High Intensity Focused Ultrasound Ablation of Uterine Fibroids
- Oral, Pharyngeal & Maxillofacial Surgical Treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea
- Surgical Treatment of Migraine Headaches
- Occipital nerve stimulation
- Orthognathic Surgery
- Ovarian and Internal Iliac Vein Embolization as a Treatment of Pelvic Congestion Syndrome
- Partial Left Ventriculectomy
- Penile Prosthesis Implantation
- Percutaneous Neurolysis for Chronic Back Pain
- Photocoagulation of Macular Drusen
- Physician Attendance and Supervision of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- Plastic/Reconstructive surgeries:
  - ▶ Abdominoplasty ,Panniculectomy, Diastasis Recti Repair
  - ▶ Blepharoplasty
  - ▶ Brachioplasty
  - ▶ Buttock/Thigh Lift
  - ▶ Chin Implant, Mentoplasty, Osteoplasty Mandible
  - ▶ Insertion/Injection of Prosthetic Material Collagen Implants
  - ▶ Liposuction/Lipectomy
  - ▶ Procedures Performed on Male or Female Genitalia
  - ▶ Procedures Performed on the Face, Jaw or Neck (including facial dermabrasion, scar revision)
  - ▶ Procedures Performed on the Trunk and Groin
  - ▶ Repair of Pectus Excavatum / Carinatum
  - ▶ Rhinoplasty
  - ▶ Skin-Related Procedures
- Percutaneous Spinal Procedures
- Private Duty Nursing

- Presbyopia and Astigmatism-Correcting Intraocular Lenses
- Radiation therapy
  - ▶ Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
  - ▶ Proton Beam Therapy
- Radiofrequency Ablation to Treat Tumors Outside the Liver
- Real-Time Remote Heart Monitors
- Sacral Nerve Stimulation as a Treatment of Neurogenic Bladder Secondary to Spinal Cord Injury
- Sacroiliac Joint Fusion
- Septoplasty
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) and Stereotactic Body Radiotherapy (SBRT)
- Subtalar Arthroereisis
- Suprachoroidal Injection of a Pharmacologic Agent
- Surgical and Minimally Invasive Treatments for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) and Other GU Conditions
- Thoracoscopy for Treatment of Hyperhidrosis
- Tonsillectomy in Children
- Total Ankle Replacement
- Transcatheter Closure of Cardiac Defects
- Transcatheter Uterine Artery Embolization
- Transmyocardial Preventricular Device
- Transtympanic Micropressure for the Treatment of Ménière's Disease
- Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, UPPP
- Treatment of Osteochondral Defects of the Knee and Ankle
- Treatment of Temporomandibular Disorders
- Vagus Nerve Stimulation

#### **Human Organ and Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplants**

- Inpatient admissions for **ALL** solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell transplants (Including Kidney only transplants)
- All Outpatient services for the following:
  - ▶ Stem Cell/Bone Marrow transplant (with or without myeloablative therapy)
  - ▶ Donor Leukocyte Infusion

#### **Out of Network Referrals:**

Out of Network Services for consideration of payment at Network benefit level (may be authorized, based on network availability and/or Medical Necessity.)

#### **Mental Health/Substance Abuse (MHSA):**

##### **Pre-certification Required**

- Acute Inpatient Admissions
- Intensive Outpatient Therapy (IOP)
- Partial Hospitalization (PHP)
- Residential Care
- ABA- Applied Behavioral Analysis

The following services do not require precertification, but are recommended for pre-determination of Medical Necessity due to the existence of post service claim review criteria and/or the potential cost of services to the Member if denied by for lack of Medical Necessity: Procedures, equipment, and/or specialty infusion drugs which have Medically Necessary criteria determined by the Claims Administrator’s Medical Policy or Clinical Guidelines.

Who is responsible for Precertification?	
<p>Services provided by a Network Provider, including BlueCard Providers in the service areas of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (CO, CT, IN, KY, ME, MO, NH, NV, OH, VA, WI); Anthem Blue Cross (CA); Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia; and any future affiliated Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plans resulting from a merger or acquisition by the Claims Administrator’s parent company.</p>	<p>Services provided by BlueCard Providers outside the service areas of the states listed in the column to the left, BlueCard Providers in other states not listed, and any Out-of-Network/Non-Participating Provider.</p>
<p>Provider is responsible for Precertification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is responsible for Precertification.</li> <li>• Member is financially responsible for service and/or setting that are not covered under this Plan based on an Adverse Determination of Medical Necessity or Experimental/Investigative.</li> </ul>

The Claims Administrator will utilize its clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, preventative care clinical coverage guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to assist in making Medical Necessity decisions. The Claims Administrator reserves the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines periodically.

**You are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to any documents relevant to Your request. To request this information, contact the Customer Service telephone number on Your Identification Card.**

The Claims Administrator may, from time to time, waive, enhance, modify or discontinue certain medical management processes (including utilization management, case management, and disease management) if at the Claims Administrator’s discretion, such change is in furtherance of the provision of cost effective, value based and/or quality services.

In addition, the Claims Administrator may select certain qualifying Providers to participate in a program that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. The Claims Administrator 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 modify any such exemption with or without advance notice.

You may determine whether a Provider is participating in certain programs by contacting the customer service number on the back of Your Identification Card.

The Claims Administrator 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 the Claims Administrator 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.

**Request Categories:**

- **Urgent** – A request for Precertification or Predetermination that in the opinion of the treating Provider or any Physician with knowledge of the Member's medical condition, could in the absence of such care or treatment, seriously jeopardize the life or health of the Member or the ability of the Member to regain maximum function or subject the Member to severe pain that cannot be adequately managed without such care or treatment.
- **Prospective** – A request for Precertification or Predetermination that is conducted prior to the service, treatment or admission.
- **Concurrent/Continued Stay Review** - A request for Precertification or Predetermination that is conducted during the course of treatment or admission.
- **Retrospective** - A request for Precertification that is conducted after the service, treatment or admission has occurred. Post Service Clinical Claims Review is also retrospective. Retrospective review does not include a review that is limited to an evaluation of reimbursement levels, veracity of documentation, accuracy of coding or adjudication of payment.

**Decision and Notification Requirements**

Timeframes and requirements listed are based in general on Federal regulations. You may call the telephone number on Your Identification Card for additional information.

<b>Precertification Requests</b>	
<b>Request Category</b>	<b>Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification</b>
Prospective Urgent	72 hours or 2 business days from the receipt of request
Prospective Non-Urgent	2 business days from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review Urgent when request is received more than 24 hours before the expiration of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review Urgent when request is received less than 24 hours before the expiration of the previous authorization or no previous authorization exists	72 hours from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review Non-Urgent for ongoing outpatient treatment	2 business days from the receipt of the request
Retrospective	2 business days from the receipt of the request

<b>Predetermination Requests</b>	
<b>Request Category</b>	<b>Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification</b>
Prospective Urgent	72 hours from the receipt of request
Prospective Non-Urgent	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review when hospitalized at time of request	72 hours from request and prior to expiration of current certification
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review Urgent when request is received more than 24 hours before the expiration of the previous authorization	24 hours from the receipt of the request
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review Urgent when request is received less than 24 hours before the expiration of the previous authorization or no previous authorization exists	72 hours from the receipt of the request

<b>Predetermination Requests</b>	
<b>Request Category</b>	<b>Timeframe Requirement for Decision and Notification</b>
Concurrent/Continued Stay Review Non-Urgent for ongoing outpatient treatment	15 calendar days from the receipt of the request
Retrospective	30 calendar days from the receipt of the request

If additional information is needed to make a decision, the Claims Administrator will notify the requesting Provider and send written notification to You or Your authorized representative of the specific information necessary to complete the review. If the Claims Administrator does not receive the specific information requested or if the information is not complete by the timeframe identified in the written notification, a decision will be made based upon the information in the Claims Administrator's possession.

The Claims Administrator will provide notification of its decision in accordance with Federal regulations.

Notification may be given by the following methods:

**Verbal:** oral notification given to the requesting Provider via telephone or via electronic means if agreed to by the Provider.

**Written:** mailed letter or electronic means including email and fax given to, at a minimum, the requesting Provider and the Member or authorized Member representative.

**Precertification does not guarantee coverage for or payment of the service or procedure reviewed. For benefits to be paid, on the date You receive service:**

1. You must be eligible for benefits;
2. the service or surgery must be a Covered Service under Your Plan; and
3. the service cannot be subject to an exclusion under Your Plan
4. You must not have exceeded any applicable limits under Your Plan.
5. Premium must be paid for the time period that services are rendered.

### **Health Plan Individual Case Management**

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

The Claims Administrator's 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, the Claims Administrator will help You meet Your identified health care needs. This is reached through contact and team work with You and/or Your authorized representative, treating Physician(s), and other Providers.

In addition, the Claims Administrator 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, the Plan may provide benefits for alternate care that is not listed as a Covered Service. The Plan may also extend Covered Services beyond the Benefit Maximums of this Plan. The Claims Administrator will make any recommendation of alternate or extended benefits to the Plan on a case-by-case basis, if at the Claims Administrator's discretion the alternate or extended benefit is in the best interest of the Member and the Plan. A decision to provide extended benefits

or approve alternate care in one case does not obligate the Plan to provide the same benefits again to You or to any other Member. The Plan reserves the right, at any time, to alter or stop providing extended benefits or approving alternate care. In such case, the Claims Administrator will notify You or Your authorized representative in writing.

# BENEFITS

**Payment terms apply to all Covered Services. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits for details. All Covered Services must be Medically Necessary, whether provided through Network Providers or Out-of-Network Providers.**

## **Ambulance Service**

Medically Necessary Ambulance Services are a Covered Service when one or more of the following criteria are met:

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.

For ground ambulance, You are taken:

- From Your home, the scene of an accident or Medical Emergency to a Hospital;
- Between Hospitals, including when the Claims Administrator requires You to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to a 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 the Claims Administrator requires You to move from an Out-of-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital
- Between a Hospital and an approved Facility.

Ambulance Services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by the Claims Administrator. Emergency ambulance services do not require precertification and are allowed regardless of whether the Provider is a Network or Out-of-Network Provider.

Non-Emergency ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by the Claims Administrator. When using an air ambulance, for non-Emergency transportation, the Claims Administrator reserves the right to select the air ambulance Provider. If you do not use the air ambulance Provider the Claims Administrator selects, the Out-of-Network Provider may bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount.

You must be taken to the nearest Facility that can give care for Your condition. In certain cases the Claims Administrator 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 Physician are not a Covered Service.

Other non-covered Ambulance Services include, but are not limited to, trips to:

- a Physician's office or clinic; or
- 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 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.**

### **Assistant Surgery**

Services rendered by an assistant surgeon are covered based on Medical Necessity.

### **Behavioral Health Care and Substance Abuse Treatment**

See the **Schedule of Benefits** for any applicable Deductible and Coinsurance information. Coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of Behavioral Health Care and Substance Abuse Treatment on an Inpatient or outpatient basis will not be subject to Deductibles or Coinsurance provisions that are less favorable than the Deductibles or Coinsurance provisions that apply to a physical illness as covered under this Benefit Booklet.

Covered Services include the following:

- **Inpatient Services** in a Hospital or any facility that must be covered by law. Inpatient benefits include psychotherapy, psychological testing, electroconvulsive therapy, and Detoxification.
- **Outpatient Services** including office visits and treatment in an outpatient department of a Hospital or outpatient facility, such as partial hospitalization programs and intensive outpatient programs.
- **Residential Treatment** which is specialized 24-hour treatment in a licensed Residential Treatment Center. It offers individualized and intensive treatment and includes:
  - observation and assessment by a psychiatrist weekly or more often; and
  - rehabilitation, therapy, and education.

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

- Psychiatrist;
- Psychologist;
- 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 agency licensed by the state to give these services, when they have to be covered by law.

## **Breast Cancer Care**

Covered Services are provided for Inpatient care following a mastectomy or lymph node dissection until the completion of an appropriate period of stay as determined by the attending Physician in consultation with the Member. Follow-up visits are also included and may be conducted at home or at the Physician's office as determined by the attending Physician in consultation with the Member.

## **Breast Reconstructive Surgery**

Covered Services are provided following a mastectomy for reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed, surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance, and prostheses and treatment of physical complications, including lymphedemas.

## **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

Covered Services are provided as outlined in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

## **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 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 a 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 other requests for clinical trials services, including requests 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. The Plan reserves its right to exclude any of the following services:

1. The Experimental/Investigative item, device, or service; or
2. Items and services that are provided only to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; or
3. A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis;
4. Any item or service that is paid for, or should have been paid for, by the sponsor of the trial.

### **Consultation Services**

Covered when the special skill and knowledge of a consulting Physician is required for the diagnosis or treatment of an illness or Injury. Second surgical opinion consultations are covered.

Staff consultations required by Hospital rules are excluded. Referrals (the transfer of a patient from one Physician to another for treatment) are not consultations under this Plan.

### **Dental Services**

#### **Related to Accidental Injury**

Your Plan includes benefits for dental work required for the initial repair of an Injury to the jaw, sound natural teeth, mouth or face which are required as a result of an accident and are not excessive in scope, duration, or intensity to provide safe, adequate, and appropriate treatment without adversely affecting the Member's condition. Injury as a result of chewing or biting is not considered an Accidental Injury except where the chewing or biting results from an act of domestic violence or directly from a medical condition.

Treatment must be completed within the timeframe shown in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

#### **Other Dental Services**

Your Plan also includes benefits for Hospital charges and anesthetics provided for dental care if the Member meets any of the following conditions:

- the Member is under the age of nineteen (19);
- the Member has a severe disability that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care; or
- the Member has a medical condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care.

### **Diabetes**

Equipment and outpatient self-management training and education, including nutritional therapy for individuals with insulin-dependent diabetes, insulin-using diabetes, gestational diabetes, and non-insulin using diabetes as prescribed by the Physician. Covered Services for outpatient self-management training and education must be provided by a certified, registered or licensed health care professional with expertise in diabetes. Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care."

## **Dialysis Treatment**

The Plan covers Covered Services for Dialysis treatment. If applicable, the Plan will pay secondary to Medicare Part B, even if a Member has not applied for eligible coverage available through Medicare.

## **Durable Medical Equipment**

The Plan will pay the rental charge up to the purchase price of the equipment. In addition to meeting criteria for Medical Necessity, and applicable Precertification requirements, the equipment must also be used to improve the functions of a malformed part of the body or to prevent or slow further decline of the Member's medical condition. The equipment must be ordered and/or prescribed by a Physician and be appropriate for in-home use.

The equipment must meet the following criteria:

- it can stand repeated use;
- it is manufactured solely to serve a medical purpose;
- it is not merely for comfort or convenience;
- it is normally not useful to a person not ill or Injured;
- it is ordered by a Physician;
- the Physician certifies in writing the Medical Necessity for the equipment. The Physician also states the length of time the equipment will be required. The Plan may require proof at any time of the continuing Medical Necessity of any item; and
- it is related to the Member's physical disorder.

## **Emergency Services**

### **Life-threatening Medical Emergency or serious Accidental Injury.**

Coverage is provided for Hospital emergency room care including a medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate an Emergency Medical Condition; and within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital, such further medical examination and treatment as are required to Stabilize the patient. Emergency Service care does not require any Prior Authorization from the Plan.

Stabilize means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition: 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 individual 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 affect 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.

The Maximum Allowed Amount for emergency care from an Out-of-Network Provider will be the greatest of the following:

- the amount negotiated with Network Providers for the Emergency service furnished;
- the amount for the Emergency Service calculated using the same method the Claims Administrator generally uses to determine payments for Out-of-Network services but substituting the Network cost-sharing provisions for the Out-of-Network cost-sharing provisions; or
- the amount that would be paid under Medicare for the Emergency Service.

The Coinsurance percentage payable for both Network and Out-of-Network are shown in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

## **General Anesthesia Services**

Covered when ordered by the attending Physician and administered by another Physician who customarily bills for such services, in connection with a covered procedure.

Such anesthesia service includes the following procedures which are given to cause muscle relaxation, loss of feeling, or loss of consciousness:

- spinal or regional anesthesia;
- injection or inhalation of a drug or other agent (local infiltration is excluded).

Anesthesia services administered by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) are only covered when billed by the supervising anesthesiologist.

## **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.

## **Home Health Care Services**

Home Health Care provides a program for the Member's care and treatment in the home. Your coverage is outlined in the **Schedule of Benefits**. The program consists of required intermittent skilled care, which may include observation, evaluation, teaching and nursing services consistent with the diagnosis, established and approved in writing by the Member's attending Physician. Services may be performed by either Network or Out-of-Network Providers.

### **Some special conditions apply:**

- The Physician's statement and recommended program must be pre-certified.
- Claims will be reviewed to verify that services consist of skilled care that is medically consistent with the diagnosis. Note: Covered Services available under Home Health Care do NOT reduce outpatient benefits available under the Physical Therapy section shown in this Plan.
- A Member must be essentially confined at home.

### **Covered Services:**

- Visits by an RN or LPN. Benefits cannot be provided for services if the nurse is related to the Member.
- Visits by a qualified physiotherapist or speech therapist and by an inhalation therapist certified by the National Board of Respiratory Therapy.
- Visits to render services and/or supplies of a licensed Medical Social Services Worker when Medically Necessary to enable the Member to understand the emotional, social, and environmental factors resulting from or affecting the Member's illness.
- Visits by a Home Health Nursing Aide when rendered under the direct supervision of an RN.
- Nutritional guidance when Medically Necessary.
- Administration or infusion of prescribed drugs.
- Oxygen and its administration.

### **Covered Services for Home Health Care do not include:**

- food, housing, homemaker services, sitters, home-delivered meals;
- Home Health Care services which are not Medically Necessary or of a non-skilled level of care;
- services and/or supplies which are not included in the Home Health Care plan as described;
- services of a person who ordinarily resides in the Member's home or is a member of the family of either the Member or Member's Spouse;
- any services for any period during which the Member is not under the continuing care of a Physician;

- convalescent or Custodial Care where the Member has spent a period of time for recovery of an illness or surgery and where skilled care is not required or the services being rendered are only for aid in daily living, i.e., for the convenience of the Member;
- any services or supplies not specifically listed as Covered Services;
- routine care and/or examination of a newborn child;
- dietician services;
- maintenance therapy;
- dialysis treatment; or
- purchase or rental of dialysis equipment.

## **Hospice Care Services**

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. 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;
- social services and counseling services from a licensed social worker;
- nutritional support such as intravenous feeding and feeding tubes;
- 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; and
- 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 surviving Members of the immediate family for one year after the Member's death. Immediate family means Your Spouse, children, stepchildren, parents, brothers and sisters.

Your Physician and Hospice medical director must certify that You are terminally ill and likely have less than 12 months to live. Your Physician 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 the Claims Administrator upon request.

Benefits for Covered Services beyond those listed above, such as chemotherapy and radiation therapy given as palliative care, are available to a Member in Hospice. These additional Covered Services will be covered under other parts of this Benefit Booklet.

## **Hospital Services**

You may receive treatment at a Network or an Out-of-Network Hospital. However, payment is significantly reduced if services are received at an Out-of-Network Hospital. Your Plan provides Covered Services when the following services are Medically Necessary.

### **Network**

#### Inpatient Services

- Inpatient room charges. Covered Services include Semiprivate Room and board, general nursing care and intensive or cardiac care. If You stay in a private room, the Maximum Allowed Amount is based on the Hospital's prevalent semiprivate rate. If You are admitted to a Hospital that has only private rooms, the Maximum Allowed Amount is based on the Hospital's prevalent room rate.

### Service and Supplies

- Services and supplies provided and billed by the Hospital while You're an Inpatient, including the use of operating, recovery and delivery rooms. Laboratory and diagnostic examinations, intravenous solutions, basal metabolism studies, electrocardiograms, electroencephalograms, x-ray examinations, and radiation and speech therapy are also covered.
- Convenience items (such as radios, TV's, record, tape or CD players, telephones, visitors' meals, etc.) will not be covered.

### Length of Stay

- Determined by Medical Necessity.

### Out-of-Network

#### Hospital Benefits

If You are confined in an Out-of-Network Hospital, Your benefits will be significantly reduced, as explained in the **Schedule of Benefits** section.

### **Hospital Visits**

The Physician's visits to his or her patient in the Hospital. Covered Services are limited to one daily visit for each attending Physician specialty during the covered period of confinement.

### **Human Organ and Tissue Transplant Services**

#### **Notification**

**To maximize Your benefits, You need to call the Claims Administrator's transplant department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. You must do this before You have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. Your evaluation and work-up services must be provided by a Network Transplant Provider to receive the maximum benefits.**

Contact the customer service telephone number on Your Identification Card and ask for the transplant coordinator. The Claims Administrator will then assist the Member in maximizing their benefits by providing coverage information including details regarding what is covered and whether any medical policies, network requirements or benefit booklet exclusions are applicable. Failure to obtain this information prior to receiving services could result in increased financial responsibility for the Member.

#### **Covered Transplant Benefit Period**

Starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues for the applicable case rate/global time period. The number of days will vary depending on the type of transplant received and the Network Transplant Provider agreement. Contact the Claims Administrator for specific Network Transplant Provider information for services received at, or coordinated by a Network Transplant Provider Facility or starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge at an Out-of-Network Transplant Provider Facility.

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

In order to maximize Your benefits, the Claims Administrator strongly encourages You to call its' transplant department to discuss benefit coverage when it is determined a transplant may be needed. You must do this before You have an evaluation and/or work-up for a transplant. The Claims Administrator will assist You in maximizing Your benefits by providing coverage information, including details regarding what is covered and whether any clinical coverage guidelines, medical policies, Network Transplant Provider requirements, or exclusions are applicable. Contact the Customer Service telephone number on the back of Your Identification Card **and ask for the transplant coordinator**. Even if the Claims Administrator issues a prior approval for the Covered Transplant Procedure, You or Your Provider must call the Claims Administrator's Transplant Department for precertification prior to the transplant whether this is performed in an Inpatient or Outpatient setting.

Please note that there are instances where Your Provider requests approval for Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) testing, donor searches and/or a collection and storage of stem cells prior to the final determination as to what transplant procedure will be requested. Under these circumstances, the HLA testing and donor search charges are covered as routine diagnostic testing. 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 a collection and storage is NOT an approval for the subsequent requested transplant. A separate Medical Necessity determination will be made for the transplant procedure.

### **Transportation and Lodging**

The Plan will provide assistance with reasonable and necessary travel expenses as determined by the Claims Administrator when You obtain prior approval and are required to travel more than 75 miles from Your residence to reach the facility where Your Covered Transplant Procedure will be performed. The Plan's assistance with travel expenses includes transportation to and from the facility and lodging for the transplant recipient Member and one companion for an adult Member, or two companions for a child patient. The Member must submit itemized receipts for transportation and lodging expenses in a form satisfactory to the Claims Administrator when claims are filed. Contact the Claims Administrator for detailed information. The Claims Administrator will follow Internal Revenue Service (IRS) guidelines in determining what expenses can be paid.

### **Licensed Speech Therapist Services**

Services must be ordered and supervised by a Physician as outlined in the **Schedule of Benefits**. Speech therapy is not covered when rendered for the treatment of Developmental Delay.

### **Maternity Care and Reproductive Health Services**

Covered Services are provided for Network Maternity Care as stated in the **Schedule of Benefits**. If You choose an Out-of-Network Provider, benefits are subject to the Deductible and percentage payable provisions as stated in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

Routine newborn nursery care is part of the mother's maternity benefits. Benefits are provided for well baby pediatrician visits performed in the Hospital.

Should the newborn require other than routine nursery care, the baby will be admitted to the Hospital in his or her own name. (See "Changing Coverage (Adding a Dependent)" to add a newborn to Your coverage.)

Under Federal law, the Plan may not restrict the length of stay to less than the 48/96 hour periods or require Precertification for either length of stay. The length of hospitalization which is Medically Necessary will be determined by the Member's attending Physician in consultation with the mother. Should the mother or infant be discharged before 48 hours following a normal delivery or 96 hours following a cesarean section delivery, the Member will have access to two post-discharge follow-up visits within the 48 or 96 hour period. These visits may be provided either in the Physician's office or in the Member's home by a Home Health Care Agency. The determination of the medically appropriate place of service and the type of Provider rendering the service will be made by the Member's attending Physician.

### **Abortion (Therapeutic)**

Your Plan includes benefits for a therapeutic abortion, which is an abortion recommended by a Provider that is performed to save the life or health of the mother, or as a result of incest or rape.

### **Infertility Services**

Your Plan also includes benefits for the diagnosis of Infertility. See the **Schedule of Benefits** for benefit limitations and Coinsurance amounts.

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.

## Medical Care

General diagnostic care and treatment of illness or Injury. Some procedures require Precertification.

## Nutritional Counseling

Nutritional counseling related to the medical management of a disease state as stated in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

## Out-of-Network Freestanding Ambulatory Facility

Any services rendered or supplies provided while You are a patient or receiving services at or from an Out-of-Network Freestanding Ambulatory Facility will be payable at the Maximum Allowed Amount.

## Out-of-Network Hospital Benefits

If You are confined in an Out-of-Network Hospital, Your benefits will be significantly reduced, as explained in the **Schedule of Benefits** section.

## Obesity

Prescription Drugs and any other services or supplies for the treatment of obesity are not covered. Surgical treatment of obesity is only covered for patients meeting Medical Necessity criteria, as defined by the Plan.

## Oral Surgery

Covered Services include only the following:

- Fracture of facial bones;
- Lesions of the mouth, lip, or tongue which require a pathological exam;
- Incision of accessory sinuses, mouth salivary glands or ducts;
- Dislocations of the jaw;
- Treatment of temporomandibular joint syndrome (TMJ) or myofascial pain including only removable appliances for TMJ repositioning and related surgery and diagnostic services. Covered Services do **not** include operative restoration of teeth (fillings), or prosthetics (crowns, bridges, dentures);
- Plastic repair of the mouth or lip necessary to correct traumatic Injuries or congenital defects that will lead to functional impairments; and
- Initial services, supplies or appliances for dental care or treatment required as a result of, and directly related to, accidental bodily Injury to sound natural teeth or structure occurring while a Member is covered by this Plan and performed within the timeframes shown in the **Schedule of Benefits** after the accident.

Although this Plan covers certain oral surgeries as listed above, many oral surgeries (e.g. removal of wisdom teeth) are not covered. Covered Services also include the following:

- 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.

## Other Covered Services

Your Plan provides Covered Services when the following services are Medically Necessary:

- chemotherapy and radioisotope, radiation and nuclear medicine therapy;
- diagnostic x-ray and laboratory procedures;
- dressings, splints and casts when provided by a Physician;
- oxygen, blood and components, and administration;
- pacemakers and electrodes; or
- use of operating and treatment rooms and equipment.

## **Outpatient CT Scans and MRIs**

These services are covered at regular Plan benefits.

## **Outpatient Hospital Services**

The Plan provides Covered Services when the following outpatient services are Medically Necessary: pre-admission tests, surgery, diagnostic X-rays and laboratory services. Certain procedures require Precertification.

## **Outpatient Surgery**

Network Hospital outpatient department or Network Freestanding Ambulatory Facility charges are covered at regular Plan benefits. Benefits for treatment by an Out-of-Network Hospital are explained under "Hospital Services".

## **Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Chiropractic Care**

Services by a Physician, a registered physical therapist (R.P.T.), a licensed occupational therapist (O.T.), or a licensed chiropractor (D.C.) as outlined in the **Schedule of Benefits**. All services rendered must be within the lawful scope of practice of, and rendered personally by, the individual Provider. No coverage is available when such services are necessitated by Developmental Delay.

## **Physician Services**

You may receive treatment from a Network or Out-of-Network Physician. However, payment is significantly reduced if services are received from an Out-of-Network Physician. Such services are subject to Your Deductible and Out-of-Pocket requirements.

## **Preventive Care**

Preventive care services include screenings and other services for adults and children with no current symptoms or prior history of a medical condition associated with that screening or service.

Members who have current symptoms or have been diagnosed with a medical condition are not considered to require Preventive Care for that condition but instead benefits will be considered under the Diagnostic Services benefit.

Preventive Care Services in this section shall meet requirements as determined by Federal law. Many preventive care services are covered by this Plan with no Deductible or Coinsurance from the Member when provided by a Network Provider. That means the Plan pays 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount. These services fall under the following broad categories as shown below:

1. Services with an "A" or "B" rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.  
Examples of these services are screenings for:
  - a. breast cancer;
  - b. cervical cancer;
  - c. colorectal cancer;
  - d. high blood pressure;
  - e. Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus;
  - f. Cholesterol;
  - g. child and adult obesity.
2. Immunizations for children, adolescents, and adults 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 provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;

4. Additional preventive care and screening for women provided for in the guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration, including the following:
  - a. Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one pump per pregnancy.
  - b. Gestational diabetes screening.
5. Preventive care services for tobacco cessation for Members age 18 and older as recommended by the United States Preventive Services Task Force including:
  - a. counseling

You may call Customer Service using the number on Your Identification Card for additional information about these services or view the Federal government's web sites, <http://www.healthcare.gov/center/regulations/prevention.html>, <http://www.ahrq.gov>, and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>.)

### **Prosthetic Appliances**

Prosthetic devices to improve or correct conditions resulting from Accidental Injury or illness are covered if Medically Necessary and ordered by a Physician.

Prosthetic devices include: artificial limbs and accessories; artificial eyes, one pair of glasses or contact lenses for eyes used after surgical removal of the lens(es) of the eye(s); arm braces, leg braces (and attached shoes); and external breast prostheses used after breast removal.

The following items are excluded: corrective shoes; dentures; replacing teeth or structures directly supporting teeth (except to correct traumatic Injuries); electrical or magnetic continence aids (either anal or urethral); and implants for cosmetic purposes except for reconstruction following a mastectomy.

### **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. Reconstructive services needed as a result of an earlier treatment are covered only if the first treatment would have been a Covered Service under this Plan.

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

### **Retail Health Clinic**

Benefits are provided for Covered Services received at a Retail Health Clinic.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility Care**

Benefits are provided as outlined in the **Schedule of Benefits**. This care must be ordered by the attending Physician. All Skilled Nursing Facility admissions must be pre-certified. Claims will be reviewed to verify that services consist of Skilled Convalescent Care that is medically consistent with the diagnosis.

Skilled Convalescent Care during a period of recovery is characterized by:

- a favorable prognosis;
- a reasonably predictable recovery time; and
- services and/or facilities less intense than those of the acute general Hospital, but greater than those normally available at the Member's residence.

Covered Services include:

- semiprivate or ward room charges including general nursing service, meals, and special diets. If a Member stays in a private room, this Plan pays the Semiprivate Room rate toward the charge for the private room;
- use of special care rooms;
- pathology and radiology;
- Physical or speech therapy;
- oxygen and other gas therapy;
- drugs and solutions used while a patient; or
- gauze, cotton, fabrics, solutions, plaster and other materials used in dressings, bandages, and casts.

This benefit is available only if the patient requires a Physician's continuous care and 24-hour-a-day nursing care.

Benefits will not be provided when:

- a Member reaches the maximum level of recovery possible and no longer requires other than routine care;
- care is primarily Custodial Care, not requiring definitive medical or 24-hour-a-day nursing service;
- care is for mental illness including drug addiction, chronic brain syndromes and alcoholism, and no specific medical conditions exist that require care in a Skilled Nursing Facility;
- a Member is undergoing senile deterioration, mental deficiency or retardation, and has no medical condition requiring care; or
- the care rendered is for other than Skilled Convalescent Care.

## **Surgical Care**

Surgical procedures including the usual pre- and post-operative care. Some procedures require Precertification.

## **Treatment of Accidental Injury in a Physician's Office**

All outpatient surgical procedures related to the treatment of an Accidental Injury, when provided in a Physician's office, will be covered under the Member's Physician's office benefit if services are rendered by a Network Provider. Services rendered by Out-of-Network Providers are subject to Deductible and Coinsurance requirements.

## **Prescription Drugs Administered by a Medical Provider**

This Plan covers Prescription Drugs when they are administered to You as part of a doctor's visit, home care visit, or at an outpatient Facility. This includes Drugs for infusion therapy, chemotherapy, Specialty Drugs, blood products, and injectables and any drug that must be administered by a Provider. This section applies when your Provider orders the Drug and administers it to You. Benefits for Drugs that You inject or get at a Pharmacy (i.e., self-administered Drugs) are not covered under this section.

**Note:** When Prescription Drugs are covered under this benefit, they will not also be covered under your Employer's Prescription Drug Plan. Also, if Prescription Drugs are covered under your Employer's Prescription Drug Plan they will not be covered under this benefit.

## **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 Provider may be asked to give more details before the Claims Administrator can determine if the Drug is Medically Necessary. The Claims Administrator may also set quantity and/or age limits for specific Prescription Drugs or use recommendations made as part of its Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee and/or Pharmacy and Therapeutics Process.

### **Prior Authorization**

Prior authorization may be needed for certain Prescription Drugs to make sure proper use and guidelines for Prescription Drug coverage are followed. The Claims Administrator will contact your Provider to get the details the Claims Administrator needs to decide if prior authorization should be given. The Claims Administrator will give the results of its decision to both You and your Provider.

If prior authorization is denied You have the right to file a Grievance as outlined in the “Your Right to Appeal” section.

For a list of Drugs that need prior authorization, 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 Drug or related item on the list does not guarantee coverage under this Plan. Your Provider may check with the Claims Administrator to verify Drug coverage, to find out whether any quantity (amount) and/or age limits apply, and to find out which brand or generic Drugs are covered under the Plan.

### **Step Therapy**

Step therapy is a process in which You may need to use one type of Drug before the Claims Administrator will cover another. The Claims Administrator checks certain Prescription Drugs to make sure that proper prescribing guidelines are followed. These guidelines help You get high quality and cost effective Prescription Drugs. If a Provider decides that a certain Drug is needed, prior authorization will apply.

### **Therapeutic Substitution**

Therapeutic substitution is an optional program that tells You and your Providers about alternatives to certain prescribed Drugs. The Claims Administrator may contact You and your Provider to make You aware of these choices. Only You and your Provider can determine if the therapeutic substitute is right for You. The Claims Administrator has a therapeutic Drug substitutes list, which the Claims Administrator reviews and update from time to time. For questions or issues about therapeutic Drug substitutes, call Customer Service at the phone number on the back of your Identification Card.

## LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The following section indicates items which are excluded and are not Covered Services. Unless otherwise stated in this Plan's Benefits' Article, no benefits are provided for care and supplies related to:

- Human organ or tissue transplants other than as specifically stated as covered in the Benefits' Article.
- Artificial and/or mechanical hearts or ventricular and/or atrial assist devices related to a heart condition or for subsequent services and supplies for a heart condition as long as any of the above devices remain in place. This Exclusion includes services for implantation, removal and complications. This Exclusion does not apply to left ventricular assist devices when used as a bridge to a heart transplant.
- Artificial insemination.
- In vitro fertilization.
- Gamete intra fallopian transfer (GIFT).
- Immunizations except as specifically stated.
- Eye surgery to correct errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness, including without limitation radial keratotomy or keratomileusis or excimer laser refractive keratectomy.
- Reversal of sterilization.
- Services or supplies prescribed, ordered or referred by or received from a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, or self.
- Prescription, fitting, or purchase of eyeglasses or contact lenses except as otherwise specifically stated as a Covered Service. This Exclusion does not apply for initial prosthetic lenses or sclera shells following intra-ocular surgery, or for soft contact lenses due to a medical condition.
- Hearing aids or examinations for prescribing or fitting them.
- Services, supplies, or charges which the Plan determines are not Medically Necessary or do not meet the Plan's medical policy, clinical coverage guidelines, or benefit policy guidelines.
- Custodial Care, Domiciliary or convalescent care, whether or not recommended or performed by a professional. This includes services at residential treatment facility. Residential treatment means individualized and intensive treatment in a residential facility, including observation and assessment by a Provider weekly or more frequently, an individualized program of rehabilitation, therapy, education, and recreational or social activities. However, mental health and substance abuse residential treatment is a covered benefit.
- Dental treatment, regardless of origin or cause, except as specified elsewhere in this Plan's Benefits' Article. "Dental treatment" includes but is not limited to: Preventive care, diagnosis, treatment of or related to the teeth, jawbones (except that TMJ is a Covered Service as stated in this Plan's Benefits' Article) or gums, including but not limited to: extraction, restoration and replacement of teeth; Medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions; and o Services to improve dental clinical outcomes.
- Treatment of the teeth, jawbone or gums that is required as a result of a medical condition except as expressly required by law or specifically stated as a Covered Service.
- Dental implants.
- Dental braces.
- Dental x rays, supplies & appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalization and anesthesia, except as required by law. The only exceptions to this are for any of the following:
  1. transplant preparation;
  2. initiation of immunosuppressives; or
  3. direct treatment of acute traumatic injury, cancer or cleft palate.
- Treatment of congenitally missing, malpositioned, or super numerary teeth, even if part of a congenital anomaly.
- Private Duty Nursing Services rendered in a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility; Private Duty Nursing Services are Covered Services only when provided through the Home Care Services benefit as specifically stated in this Plan's Benefits' Article.

- Routine foot care (including the cutting or removal of corns and calluses); Nail trimming, cutting or debriding; Hygienic and preventive maintenance foot care, including but not limited to:
  1. cleaning and soaking the feet;
  2. applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone; or
  3. other services that are performed when there is not a localized illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.
- Surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratoses.
- Any condition, disease, defect, ailment, or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under any Worker's Compensation Act or other similar law. If Worker's Compensation Act benefits are not available to you, then this Exclusion does not apply. This exclusion applies if you receive the benefits in whole or in part. This exclusion also applies whether or not you claim the benefits or compensation. It also applies whether or not you recover from any third party.
- Examinations relating to research screenings.
- Developmental delays except for Pervasive Developmental Disorders (including Asperger's syndrome and autism) as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Conditions of the American Psychiatric Association, learning disabilities, hyperkinetic syndromes, or mental retardation.
- Illness or injury that occurs as a result of any act of war, declared or undeclared while serving in the armed forces.
- Services and supplies for which you have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
- Services and supplies incurred prior to your Effective Date.
- Services and supplies incurred after the termination date of this coverage except as specified elsewhere.
- Services or supplies provided by a sanitarium, or rest cures.
- Services or supplies furnished by any person or institution acting beyond the scope of her/his/its license.
- Plan benefits to the extent that the services are a Medicare Part A or Part B liability.
- Services and supplies received from a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trust or similar person or group.
- Services and supplies to the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.
- Mileage, lodging and meals costs, and other Covered Person's travel related expenses, except as authorized by the Plan or specifically stated as a Covered Service. Services or supplies if the Plan does not state that benefits are provided for them.
- Telephone consultations or consultations via electronic mail or internet/web site, except as required by law, or authorized by the Plan.
- Missed or canceled appointments.
- Completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports unless otherwise required by law.
- Recreation or diversional therapy.
- The cost of materials used in any Occupational Therapy.
- Personal hygiene environmental control, or convenience items including but not limited to: air conditioners, humidifiers, physical fitness equipment; personal comfort and convenience items during an Inpatient stay, including but not limited to daily television rental, telephone services, cots or visitor's meals; charges for failure to keep a scheduled visit; for non-medical self-care except as otherwise stated; purchase or rental of supplies for common household use, such as exercise cycles, air purifiers, central or unit air conditioners, water purifiers, allergenic pillows or mattresses or waterbeds, treadmill or special exercise testing or equipment solely to evaluate exercise competency or assist in an exercise program; for a health spa or similar facility.
- Hospitalization for environmental change or Provider charges connected with prescribing an environmental change.

- Weight loss programs whether or not they are under medical or Physician supervision except as specifically listed as covered in this Plan's Benefits' Article. Weight loss programs for medical reasons are also excluded, except certain surgical treatments of morbid obesity as required by law are covered. Weight loss programs include but are not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) or fasting programs.
- Stand-by charges of a Physician.
- Sex transformation and/or the reversal thereof, or male or female sexual or erectile dysfunctions or inadequacies, regardless of origin or cause. This Exclusion includes sexual therapy and counseling. This exclusion also includes penile prostheses or implants and vascular or artificial reconstruction, Prescription Drugs, and all other procedures and equipment developed for or used in the treatment of impotency, and all related Diagnostic Testing.
- Drugs in quantities which exceed the limits established by the Plan.
- Prescription Drugs, except as provided through the Pharmacy Benefits Manager.
- The Prescription Drug Copayment portion of the Pharmacy Benefits Manager.
- Any medications dispensed in a physician's office.
- Membership, administrative, or access fees charged by Physicians or other Providers. Examples of administrative fees include, but are not limited to, fees charged for educational brochures or calling a patient to provide their test results.
- Diagnostic testing or treatment related to infertility.
- Marital counseling.
- Services and supplies received from an individual or entity that is not a Provider, as defined in this Plan's Benefits' Article, or recognized by the Plan.
- A condition resulting from direct participation in a riot, civil disobedience, nuclear explosion, or nuclear accident.
- Services which are performed to preserve the present level of function or prevent regression of functions for an illness, injury or condition which is resolved or stable.
- Services or supplies primarily for educational, vocational, or training purposes, except as otherwise specified herein.
- Expenses incurred at a health spa or similar facility.
- Self-help training and other forms of non-medical self care, except as otherwise provided herein.
- Physical exams and immunizations required for enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, or for licensing.
- Experimental/Investigative Services:  
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 The Plan determines to be Experimental/Investigative is not covered under the Plan. The Plan will deem any Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply to be Experimental/Investigative if it determines 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:
  1. cannot be legally marketed in the United States without the final approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or other licensing or regulatory agency, and such final approval has not been granted;
  2. has been determined by the FDA to be contraindicated for the specific use; or
  3. is provided as part of a clinical research protocol or clinical trial 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
  4. is subject to review and approval of an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or other body serving a similar function; or
  5. is provided pursuant to informed consent documents that describe the Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply as Experimental/Investigative, 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.

Any service not deemed Experimental/Investigative based on the criteria above may still be deemed Experimental/Investigative by the Plan. In determining whether a Service is Experimental/Investigative, the Plan will consider the information described below and assess whether:

1. the scientific evidence is conclusory concerning the effect of the service on health outcomes;
2. the evidence demonstrates the service improves net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed by producing beneficial effects that outweigh any harmful effects;
3. the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to be as beneficial for the total population for whom the service might be proposed as any established alternatives; and
4. 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.

The information considered or evaluated by the Plan to determine whether a Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative under the above criteria may include one or more items from the following list which is not all inclusive:

1. published authoritative, peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature, or the absence thereof; or
2. evaluations of national medical associations, consensus panels, and other technology evaluation bodies; or
3. 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; or
4. documents of an IRB or other similar body performing substantially the same function; or
5. consent document(s) and/or 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; or
6. medical records; or
7. the opinions of consulting Providers and other experts in the field.

The Plan has 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/Investigative.

- Care required while incarcerated in a federal, state or local penal institution or required while in custody of federal, state or local law enforcement authorities, including work release programs, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.
- Court ordered testing or care unless Medically Necessary.
- Charges in excess of the Maximum Allowable Amount.
- Procedures, services, equipment or supplies provided in connection with cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are primarily intended to preserve, change or improve your appearance or are furnished for psychiatric or psychological reasons. No benefits are available for surgery or treatments to change the texture or appearance of your skin or to change the size, shape or appearance of facial or body features (such as your nose, eyes, ears, cheeks, chin, chest or breasts), except benefits are provided for a reconstructive service performed to correct a physical functional impairment of any area caused by disease, trauma, congenital anomalies, or previous therapeutic process. Reconstructive services are payable only if the original procedure would have been a Covered Service under this Plan. Other reconstructive services are not covered except as otherwise required by law. Complications directly related to cosmetic services treatment or surgery are not covered
- Vision orthoptic training.

- Care received in an emergency room which is not Emergency Care, except as specified as covered.
- Chiropractic services rendered in the home as part of Home Care Services.
- Alternative or complementary medicine. Services in this category include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, holistic medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, aroma therapy, massage therapy, reiki therapy, herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies, naturopathy, thermograph, orthomolecular therapy, contact reflex analysis, bioenergal synchronization technique (BEST) and iridology-study of the iris.
- Hiring, or the services of, a surrogate mother.
- Surgical treatment of gynecomastia.
- Treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating).
- Any service for which a Covered Person is responsible under the terms of this Plan to pay a Copayment or Coinsurance and the Copayment or Coinsurance is waived by a non-Network Provider.
- Human Growth Hormone for children born small for gestational age. It is only a Covered Service in other situations when allowed by the Plan through Prior Authorization.
- Elective abortions.

# CLAIMS PAYMENT

Providers who participate in the BlueCard® PPO Network have agreed to submit claims directly to the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield plan in their area. Therefore if the BlueCard® PPO Network Hospitals, Physicians and ancillary Providers are used, claims for their services will generally not have to be filed by the Member. In addition, many Out-of-Network Hospitals and Physicians will also file claims if the information on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Identification Card is provided to them. If the Provider requests a claim form to file a claim, a claim form can be obtained by contacting Your local Human Resources Department or by visiting [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Please note You may be required to complete an authorization form in order to have Your claims and other personal information sent to the Claims Administrator when You receive care in foreign countries. Failure to submit such authorizations may prevent foreign providers from sending Your claims and other personal information to the Claims Administrator.

## How to File Claims

Under normal conditions, the Claims Administrator should receive the proper claim form within 15 months after the service was provided. This section of the Benefit Booklet describes when to file a benefits claim and when a Hospital or Physician will file the claim for You.

Each person enrolled through the Plan receives an Identification Card. Remember, in order to receive full benefits, You must receive treatment from a Network Provider. When admitted to a Network Hospital, present Your Identification Card. Upon discharge, You will be billed only for those charges not covered by the Plan.

When You receive Covered Services from a Network Physician or other Network licensed health care provider, ask him or her to complete a claim form. Payment for Covered Services will be made directly to the Provider.

For health care expenses other than those billed by a Network Provider, use a claim form to report Your expenses. You may obtain these from Your Employer or the Claims Administrator. Claims should include Your name, Plan and Group numbers exactly as they appear on Your Identification Card. Attach all bills to the claim form and file directly with the Claims Administrator. Be sure to keep a photocopy of all forms and bills for Your records. The address is on the claim form.

Save all bills and statements related to Your illness or Injury. Make certain they are itemized to include dates, places and nature of services or supplies.

## Maximum Allowed Amount

### General

This section describes how the Claims Administrator determines the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for services rendered by Network and Out-of-Network Providers is based on this Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount for the Covered Service that You receive. Please see the Inter-Plan Programs section for additional information.

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

- that meet our definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under Your Plan 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 Plan.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met Your Deductible or have Coinsurance. In addition, 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.

When You receive Covered Services from a Provider, the Claims Administrator 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 the Claims Administrator's determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. The Claims Administrator's application of these rules does not mean that the Covered Services You received were not Medically Necessary. It means the Claims Administrator has 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 Physician or other healthcare professional, the Plan 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 a Network Provider or an Out-of-Network Provider.

A Network Provider is a Provider who is in the managed network for this specific product or in a special Center of Excellence or other closely managed specialty network, or who has a participation contract with the Claims Administrator. For Covered Services performed by a Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Plan is the rate the Provider has agreed with the Claims Administrator to accept as reimbursement for the Covered Services. Because 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 Coinsurance. Please call Customer Service for help in finding a Network Provider or visit [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

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

For Covered Services You receive from an Out-of-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Plan will be one of the following as determined by the Claims Administrator:

1. An amount based on the Claims Administrator's Out-of-Network Provider fee schedule/rate, which the Claims Administrator has established at its' discretion, and which the Claims Administrator reserves the right to 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 for the same services or supplies, and other industry cost, reimbursement and utilization data; or
2. 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 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 the Claims Administrator 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 contracted for other products with the Claims Administrator are also considered Out-of-Network. For this Plan, the Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the five methods shown above unless the contract between the Claims Administrator and that Provider specifies a different amount.

Unlike Network Providers, Out-of-Network Providers may send You a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. You are responsible for paying the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the amount the Provider charges. This amount can be significant. Choosing a Network Provider will likely result in lower Out-of-Pocket costs to You. Please call Customer Service for help in finding a Network Provider or visit the Claims Administrator's website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Customer Service is also available to assist You in determining this Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from an Out-of-Network Provider. In order for the Claims Administrator 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 Customer Service 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.

### **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 and/or Coinsurance).

Your cost share amount and Out-of-Pocket Limits may vary depending on whether You received services from a 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** in this Benefit Booklet for Your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Customer Service to learn how this Plan's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Provider You use.

The Plan 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 a Network or Out-of-Network Provider. Non-Covered Services include services specifically excluded from coverage by the terms of this Benefit Booklet and services received after benefits have been exhausted. Benefits may be exhausted by exceeding, for example, benefit caps or day/visit limits.

In some instances You may only be asked to pay the lower Network cost sharing amount when You use an Out-of-Network Provider. For example, if You go to a Network Hospital or Provider facility and receive Covered Services from an Out-of-Network Provider such as a radiologist, anesthesiologist or pathologist who is employed by or contracted with a Network Hospital or facility, You will pay the Network cost share amounts for those Covered Services. However, You also may be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge.

### **Authorized Services**

In some circumstances, such as where there is no Network Provider available for the Covered Service, the Plan may authorize the Network cost share amounts (Deductible and/or Coinsurance) to apply to a claim for a Covered Service You receive from an Out-of-Network Provider. In such circumstance, You must contact the Claims Administrator in advance of obtaining the Covered Service. The Plan also may authorize the Network cost share amounts to apply to a claim for Covered Services if You receive Emergency services from an Out-of-Network Provider and are not able to contact the Claims Administrator until after the Covered Service is rendered. If the Plan authorizes a Network cost share amount to apply to a Covered Service received from an Out-of-Network Provider, You also may still be liable for the difference between the Maximum Allowed Amount and the Out-of-Network Provider's charge. Please contact Customer Service for Authorized Services information or to request authorization.

### **Services Performed During Same Session**

The Plan may combine the reimbursement of Covered Services when more than one service is performed during the same session. Reimbursement is limited to the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. If services are performed by Out-of-Network Providers, then You are responsible for any amounts charged in excess of the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount with or without a referral or regardless if allowed as an Authorized Service. Contact the Claims Administrator for more information.

### **Processing Your Claim**

You are responsible for submitting Your claims for expenses not normally billed by and payable to a Hospital or Physician. Always make certain You have Your Identification Card with You. Be sure Hospital or Physician's office personnel copy Your name, and identification numbers (including the 3-letter prefix) accurately when completing forms relating to Your coverage.

### **Timeliness of Filing for Member Submitted Claims**

To receive benefits, a properly completed claim form with any necessary reports and records must be filed by You within 15 months of the date of service. Payment of claims will be made as soon as possible following receipt of the claim, unless more time is required because of incomplete or missing information. In this case, You will be notified of the reason for the delay and will receive a list of all information needed to continue processing Your claim. After this data is received, the Claims Administrator will complete claims processing. No request for an adjustment of a claim can be submitted later than 24 months after the claim has been paid.

### **Necessary Information**

In order to process Your claim, the Claims Administrator may need information from the Provider of the service. As a Member, You agree to authorize the Physician, Hospital, or other Provider to release necessary information.

The Claims Administrator will consider such information confidential. However, the Plan and the Claims Administrator have the right to use this information to defend or explain a denied claim.

### **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 balance 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.

## Explanation of Benefits

After You receive medical care, You will generally receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB). The EOB is a summary of the coverage You receive. The EOB is not a bill, but a statement sent by the Claims Administrator, to help You understand the coverage You are receiving. The EOB shows:

- total amounts charged for services/supplies received;
- the amount of the charges satisfied by Your coverage;
- the amount for which You are responsible (if any); and
- general information about Your appeals rights and for ERISA plans, information regarding the right to bring an action after the appeals process.

## Inter-Plan Programs

### Out-of-Area Services

Anthem has a variety of relationships with other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensees referred to generally as “Inter-Plan Programs.” Whenever You obtain healthcare services outside of Anthem’s service area, the claims for these services may be processed through one of these Inter-Plan Programs, which include the BlueCard Program and may include negotiated National Account arrangements available between Anthem and other Blue Cross and Blue Shield Licensees.

Typically, when accessing care outside Anthem’s service area, You will obtain care from healthcare Providers that have a contractual agreement (i.e., are “participating Providers”) with the local Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Licensee in that other geographic area (“Host Blue”). In some instances, You may obtain care from nonparticipating healthcare Providers. Anthem’s payment practices in both instances are described below.

### BlueCard® Program

Under the BlueCard® Program, when You access covered healthcare services within the geographic area served by a Host Blue, Anthem will remain responsible for fulfilling Anthem’s contractual obligations. However, the Host Blue is responsible for contracting with and generally handling all interactions with its participating healthcare Providers.

Whenever You access covered healthcare services outside Anthem’s service area and the claim is processed through the BlueCard Program, the amount You pay for covered healthcare services is calculated based on the lower of:

- the billed covered charges for Your Covered Services; or
- the negotiated price that the Host Blue makes available to Anthem.

Often, this “negotiated price” will be a simple discount that reflects an actual price that the Host Blue pays to Your healthcare Provider. Sometimes, it is an estimated price that takes into account special arrangements with Your healthcare Provider or Provider group that may include types of settlements, incentive payments, and/or other credits or charges. Occasionally, it may be an average price, based on a discount that results in expected average savings for similar types of healthcare Providers after taking into account the same types of transactions as with an estimated price.

Estimated pricing and average pricing, going forward, also take into account adjustments to correct for over- or underestimation of modifications of past pricing for the types of transaction modifications noted above. However, such adjustments will not affect the price Anthem uses for Your claim because they will not be applied retroactively to claims already paid.

Federal law or the laws in a small number of states may require the Host Blue to add a surcharge to Your calculation. If Federal law or any state laws mandate other liability calculation methods, including a

surcharge, the Claims Administrator would then calculate Your liability for any covered healthcare services according to applicable law.

You will be entitled to benefits for healthcare services that You accessed either inside or outside the geographic area Anthem serves, if this Booklet covers those healthcare services. Due to variations in Host Blue network protocols, You may also be entitled to benefits for some healthcare services obtained outside the geographic area Anthem serves, even though You might not otherwise have been entitled to benefits if You had received those healthcare services inside the geographic area Anthem serves. In no event will You be entitled to benefits for healthcare services, wherever You received them that are specifically excluded from, or in excess of the limits of, coverage provided by this Plan.

## **Non-Participating Healthcare Providers Outside Anthem's Service Area**

### **Member Liability Calculation**

When covered healthcare services are provided outside of the Claims Administrator's Service Area by non-participating healthcare Providers, the amount You pay for such services will generally be based on either the Host Blue's non-participating healthcare Providers local payment or the pricing arrangements required by applicable state law. In these situations, You may be liable for the difference between the amount that the non-participating healthcare Provider bills and the payment the Claims Administrator will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

### **Exceptions**

In certain situations, the Claims Administrator may use other payment bases, such as billed covered charges, the payment the Claims Administrator would make if the healthcare services had been obtained within the Claims Administrator's Service Area, or a special negotiated payment, as permitted under Inter-Plan Programs Policies, to determine the amount the Claims Administrator will pay for services rendered by nonparticipating healthcare Providers. In these situations, You may be liable for the difference between the amount that the non-participating healthcare provider bills and the payment the Claims Administrator will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

If You obtain services in a state with more than one Blue Plan network, an exclusive network arrangement may be in place. If You see a Provider who is not part of an exclusive network arrangement, that Provider's service(s) will be considered Out-of-Network care, and You may be billed the difference between the charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount. You may call the Customer Service number on Your Identification Card or go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more information about such arrangements.

## **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. Fraudulent statements on enrollment forms and/or claims for services or payment involving all media (paper or electronic) may invalidate any payment or claims for services and be grounds for voiding the Member's coverage. This includes fraudulent acts to obtain medical services and/or Prescription Drugs.

## **Assignment**

You authorize the Claims Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, to make payments directly to Providers for Covered Services. The Claims Administrator also reserves the right to make payments directly to You. Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims, an alternate recipient, or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by the Claims Administrator will discharge the Employer's obligation to pay for Covered Services. You cannot assign Your right to receive payment to anyone else, except as required by a "Qualified Medical Child Support Order" as defined by ERISA or any applicable Federal law.

Once a Provider performs a Covered Service, the Claims Administrator will not honor a request to withhold payment of the claims submitted.

The coverage and any benefits under the Plan are not assignable by any Member without the written consent of the Plan, except as provided above.

### **Questions About Coverage or Claims**

If You have questions about Your coverage, contact Your Plan Administrator or the Claims Administrator's Customer Service Department. Be sure to always give Your Member identification number.

When asking about a claim, give the following information:

- identification number;
- patient's name and address;
- date of service and type of service received; and
- Provider name and address (Hospital or Physician).

To find out if a Hospital or Physician is a Network Provider, call them directly or call the Claims Administrator.

The Plan does not supply You with a Hospital or Physician. In addition, neither the Plan nor the Claims Administrator is responsible for any Injuries or damages You may suffer due to actions of any Hospital, Physician or other person. In order to process Your claims, the Claims Administrator or the Plan Administrator may request additional information about the medical treatment You received and/or other group health insurance You may have. This information will be treated confidentially.

An oral explanation of Your benefits by an employee of the Claims Administrator, Plan Administrator or Plan Sponsor is not legally binding.

Any correspondence mailed to You will be sent to Your most current address. You are responsible for notifying the Plan Administrator or the Claims Administrator of Your new address.

## YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

The Plan wants Your experience 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 Customer Service by calling the number on the back of Your Identification Card. The Claims Administrator 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 an appeal, which is defined as follows:

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 or rescission; and
- You are entitled to a full and fair review of the denial or rescission.

The procedure the Claims Administrator will follow will satisfy the 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 if You 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,
- the availability of, and contact information for, any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman who may assist You.

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 72 hours orally and then furnish a written notification.

## Appeals

You have the right to appeal an adverse benefit determination (claim denial or rescission of coverage). You or Your authorized representative must file Your appeal within 180 calendar days after You are notified of the denial or rescission. 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 Claims 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 number shown on Your Identification 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:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, ATTN: Appeals, P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, Georgia 30348

### **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 or 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 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 section entitled "Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination."

### **Voluntary Second Level Appeals**

If You are dissatisfied with the Plan's 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 the Claims Administrator's 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 Claims 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 number shown on Your Identification 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, ATTN: Appeals, P.O. Box 105568, Atlanta, Georgia 30348

**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.

**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 three years 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 Plan's 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.

**The Claims Administrator 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.**

## COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (COB)

This Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies when You have health care coverage under more than one Plan.

Please note that several terms specific to this provision are listed below. Some of these terms have different meanings in other parts of the Benefit Booklet, e.g., Plan. For this provision only, "Plan" will have the meanings as specified below. In the rest of the Benefit 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 according to its policy terms regardless of 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. A Network Provider can bill You for any remaining Coinsurance and/or Deductible under the higher of the Plans' allowable amounts. This higher allowable amount may be more than the Plan's Maximum Allowable Amount.

### COB DEFINITIONS

**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.

1. Plan includes: Group and non group insurance contracts and subscriber contracts; Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) contracts; uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; coverage under group or non group closed panel plans; group-type contracts; medical care components of long term care contracts, such as skilled nursing care; medical benefits under group or individual automobile contracts (whether "fault" or "no fault"); other governmental benefits, except for Medicare, Medicaid or a government plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance plan or other non-governmental plan.
2. Plan does not include: Accident only coverage; specified disease or specified accident coverage; limited health benefit coverage; benefits for non-medical components of long term care policies; Hospital indemnity coverage benefits or other fixed indemnity coverage; school accident-type coverages covering grammar, high school, and college students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a twenty-four (24) hour or "to and from school" basis; and Medicare supplement policies.

Each contract for coverage under items 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.

**This Plan** means the part of the contract providing 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.

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether This Plan is a Primary Plan or Secondary Plan when You have health care coverage under more than one Plan.

When This Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When This Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those

of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits do not exceed 100% of the total Allowable expense.

**Allowable expense** is a health care expense, including Deductibles and/or Coinsurance, 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; however, if a Provider has a contractual agreement with both the Primary and Secondary Plans, then the higher of the contracted fees is the Allowable expense, and the Provider may charge up to the higher contracted fee.

The following are 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.
2. If You are covered by 2 or more Plans that calculate their benefit payments on the basis of usual and customary fees or relative value schedule reimbursement method or other similar reimbursement methods, 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 method or other similar reimbursement method and another Plan that provides its benefits or services on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's payment arrangement will 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 that is subject to the Primary high-Deductible health plan's Deductible, if the Claims Administrator has 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.

**Closed panel plan** is a Plan that provides health care benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of Providers that contract with or are employed by the Plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other Providers, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.

**Custodial parent** is the parent awarded custody by a court decree or, in the absence of a court decree, 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 benefit payments are:

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

1. Except as provided in Paragraph 2. below, a Plan that does not contain a Coordination of Benefits provision that is consistent with this COB provision 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 that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage will be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major

medical coverages that are placed over base plan Hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a closed panel plan to provide Out-of-Network benefits.

A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.

Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply:

**Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers You other than as a Dependent, for example as an Employee, Member, policyholder, 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, policyholder, subscriber or retiree is the Secondary Plan and the other Plan covering You as a Dependent is the Primary Plan.

**Rule 2 - 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:

1. For a Dependent child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - the Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the Primary Plan; or
  - if both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the Primary Plan.
2. For a Dependent child whose parents are divorced or separated or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
  - 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;
  - 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 1. above will determine the order of benefits;
  - 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 1. above will determine the order of benefits; or
  - If there is no court decree assigning 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.
3. For a Dependent child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the child, the provisions of item 1. above will determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the child.

**Rule 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 also 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 "Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent" can determine the order of benefits.

**Rule 4 - COBRA.** If You are covered under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by 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 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 "Rule 1 - Non-Dependent or Dependent" can determine the order of benefits. This rule does not apply when the person is covered either: (a) as a non- Dependent under both Plans (i.e. the person is covered under a right of continuation as a qualified beneficiary who, on the day before a qualifying event, was covered under the group health plan as an Employee or as a retired Employee and is covered under his or her own Plan as an Employee, Member, subscriber or retiree); or (b) as a Dependent under both plans (i.e. the person is covered under a right of continuation as a qualified beneficiary who, on the day before a qualifying event, was covered under the group health plan as a Dependent of an Employee, Member or subscriber or retired Employee and is covered under the other plan as a Dependent of an Employee, Member, subscriber or retiree).

**Rule 5 - Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that covered You longer is the Primary Plan and the Plan that covered You the shorter period of time is the Secondary Plan.

**Rule 6 -** If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the allowable expenses will 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**

When a Member is covered under two or more Plans which together pay more than the allowable expense, the Plan will pay this Plan's benefits according to the Order of Benefit Determination Rules. This Plan's benefit payments will not be affected when it is primary. However, when this Plan is secondary under the Order of Benefit Determination Rules, we start with this Plan's allowable expense, deduct the Primary Plan's payment and then deduct any Deductibles and/or Coinsurance.

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 will 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. The Claims Administrator 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. The Claims Administrator need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give the Claims Administrator any facts the Claims Administrator 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, This Plan 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. This Plan 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 the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

## **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by This Plan is more than should have paid under this COB provision, the Plan may recover the excess from one or more of the persons:

1. the Plan has paid or for whom the Plan have paid; or
2. any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Member.

The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

## **When a Covered Person Qualifies for Medicare**

### **Determining Which Plan is Primary**

To the extent permitted by law, this Plan will pay Benefits second to Medicare when You become eligible for Medicare, even if You don't elect it. There are, however, Medicare-eligible individuals for whom the Plan pays Benefits first and Medicare pays benefits second:

- Subscribers with active current employment status age 65 or older and their Spouses age 65 or older; and
- individuals with end-stage renal disease, for a limited period of time.

### **Determining the Allowable Expense When This Plan is Secondary to Medicare**

If this Plan is secondary to Medicare, the Medicare approved amount is the Allowable Expense, as long as the Provider accepts Medicare. If the Provider does not accept Medicare, the Medicare limiting charge (the most a Provider can charge You if they don't accept Medicare) will be the Allowable Expense. Medicare payments, combined with Plan Benefits, will not exceed 100% of the total Allowable Expense.

If You are eligible for, but not enrolled in, Medicare, and this Plan is secondary to Medicare, Benefits payable under this Plan will be reduced by the amount that would have been paid if You had been enrolled in Medicare.

## SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT

These 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.

### Recovery

A "Recovery" includes, but is not limited to, monies received from any person or party, any person's or party's liability insurance, uninsured/underinsured motorist proceeds, workers' compensation insurance or fund, "no-fault" insurance and/or automobile medical payments coverage, whether by lawsuit, settlement or otherwise. Regardless of how You or Your representative or any agreements characterize the money You receive as a Recovery, it shall be subject to these provisions.

### Subrogation

The Plan has the right to recover payments it makes on Your behalf from any party responsible for compensating You for Your illnesses or injuries. The following apply:

- The Plan has first priority from any Recovery for the full amount of benefits it has paid regardless of whether You are fully compensated, and regardless of whether the payments You receive make You whole for Your losses, illnesses and/or injuries.
- You and Your legal representative must do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise the Plan's rights and do nothing to prejudice those rights.
- In the event that You or Your legal representative fail to do whatever is necessary to enable the Plan to exercise its subrogation rights, the Plan shall be entitled to deduct the amount the Plan paid from any future benefits under the Plan.
- 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.
- 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 without the Plan's prior written consent. 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.

### Reimbursement

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 and the following provisions will apply:

- You must 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.
- Notwithstanding any allocation or designation of Your Recovery (e.g., pain and suffering) made in a settlement agreement or court order, the Plan shall have a right of full recovery, in first priority, against any Recovery. Further, the Plan's rights will not be reduced due to Your negligence.
- You and Your legal representative must hold in trust for the Plan the proceeds of the gross Recovery (*i.e.*, the total amount of Your Recovery before attorney fees, other expenses or costs) to be paid to the Plan immediately upon Your receipt of the Recovery. You must reimburse the Plan, in first priority and without any set-off or reduction for attorney fees, other expenses or costs. 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.
- 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 that 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 portions 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.
  - The Plan is entitled to reimbursement from any Recovery, in first priority, even if the Recovery does not fully satisfy the judgment, settlement or underlying claim for damages or fully compensate You or make You whole.

#### **Your Duties**

- You must notify the Plan promptly of how, when and where an accident or incident resulting in personal Injury or illness to You occurred and all information regarding the parties involved.
- 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 fail 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 must not do anything to prejudice the Plan's rights.
- 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.

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

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 this provision. Likewise, if the covered person's relatives, heirs, and/or assignees make any Recovery because of injuries sustained by the covered person, that Recovery shall be subject to this provision.

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.

The Plan is entitled to recover its attorney's fees and costs incurred in enforcing this provision.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Entire Agreement

This Benefit Booklet, the Administrative Services Agreement, the Employer's application, any Riders, Endorsements or attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscribers and Members, if any, constitute the entire agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Claims Administrator by the Employer, and any and all statements made to the Employer by the Claims Administrator, are representations and not warranties, and no such statement unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under the Plan, shall be used in defense to a claim under the Plan.

## Form or Content of Benefit Booklet

No agent or Employee of the Claims Administrator is authorized to change the form or content of this Benefit Booklet. Such changes can be made only through an endorsement authorized and signed by an officer of the Employer.

## Circumstances Beyond the Control of the Plan

The Claims Administrator shall make a good-faith effort to arrange for an alternative method of administering benefits. In the event of circumstances not within the control of the Claims Administrator or Employer, including but not limited to: a major disaster, epidemic, the complete or partial destruction of facilities, riot, civil insurrection, labor disputes not within the control of the Claims Administrator, disability of a significant part of a Network Provider's personnel or similar causes, or the rendering of health care services provided by the Plan is delayed or rendered impractical, the Claims Administrator shall make a good-faith effort to arrange for an alternative method of administering benefits. In such event, the Claims Administrator and Network Providers shall administer and render services under the Plan insofar as practical, and according to their best judgment; but the Claims Administrator and Network Providers shall incur no liability or obligation for delay, or failure to administer or arrange for services if such failure or delay is caused by such an event.

## Protected Health Information Under HIPAA

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and the Privacy Regulations issued under HIPAA, contain provisions designed to protect the privacy of certain individually identifiable health information. Your Employer's Group Health Plan has a responsibility under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations to provide You with a Notice of Privacy Practices. This notice sets forth the Employer's rules regarding the disclosure of Your information and details about a number of individual rights You have under the Privacy Regulations. As the Claims Administrator of Your Employer's Plan, Anthem has also adopted a number of privacy practices and has described those in its Privacy Notice. If You would like a copy of Anthem's Notice, contact the customer service number on Your Identification Card.

## Workers' Compensation

The benefits under the Plan are not designed to duplicate any benefit for which Members are eligible under the Workers' Compensation Law. All sums paid or payable by Workers' Compensation for services provided to a Member shall be reimbursed by, or on behalf of, the Member to the Plan to the extent the Plan has made or makes payment for such services. It is understood that coverage hereunder is not in lieu of, and shall not affect, any requirements for coverage under Workers' Compensation or equivalent Employer liability or indemnification law.

## Other Government Programs

Except insofar as applicable law would require the Plan to be the primary payer, the benefits under the Plan shall not duplicate any benefits to which Members are entitled, or for which they are eligible under any other governmental program. To the extent the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all sums payable under such programs for services to Members shall be paid by or on behalf of the Member to the Plan.

## Medicare Program

When You are eligible for the Medicare program and Medicare is allowed by Federal law to be the primary payer, the benefits described in this Benefit Description will be reduced by the amount of benefits allowed under Medicare for the same Covered Services. This reduction will be made whether or not You actually receive the benefits from Medicare. For the purposes of the calculation of benefits, if the Member has not enrolled in Medicare Part B, the Plan will calculate benefits as if they had enrolled.

- **If You Are Under Age 65 With End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)**

If You are under age 65 and eligible for Medicare only because of ESRD (permanent kidney failure), the Plan will provide the benefits described in this Benefit Description before Medicare benefits. This includes the Medicare “three month waiting period” and the additional **30 months** after the Medicare effective date. After 33 months, the benefits described in this Benefit Description will be reduced by the amount that Medicare allows for the same *Covered Services*.

- **If You Are Under Age 65 With Other Disability**

If You are under age 65 and eligible for Medicare only because of a disability other than ESRD, the Plan will provide the benefits described in this Benefit Description before Medicare benefits. This is the case **only** if You are the actively employed *Subscriber* or the enrolled Spouse or child of the actively employed Subscriber.

- **If You Are Age 65 or Older**

If You are age 65 or older and eligible for Medicare only because of age, the Plan will provide the benefits described in this Benefit Description before Medicare. This can be the case **only** if You are an actively employed Subscriber or the enrolled Spouse of the actively employed Subscriber.

## Right of Recovery

Whenever payment has been made in error, the Plan will have the right to recover such payment from You or, if applicable, the Provider. In the event the Plan recovers a payment made in error from the Provider, except in cases of fraud, the Plan will only recover such payment from the Provider during the 24 months after the date the Plan made the payment on a claim submitted by the Provider. The Plan reserves the right to deduct or offset any amounts paid in error from any pending or future claim. The cost share amount shown in Your Explanation of Benefits is the final determination and You will not receive notice of an adjusted cost share amount as a result of such recovery activity.

The Claims Administrator has oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider, vendor and subcontractor contracts. The Claims Administrator may enter into a settlement or compromise regarding enforcement of these contracts and may retain any recoveries made from a Provider, vendor, or subcontractor resulting from these audits if the return of the overpayment is not feasible. The Claims Administrator has established recovery policies to determine which recoveries are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery amounts. The Claims Administrator will not pursue recoveries for overpayments if the cost of collection exceeds the overpayment amount. The Claims Administrator may not provide You with notice of overpayments made by the Plan or You if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

## Relationship of Parties (Employer-Member-Claims Administrator)

Neither the Employer nor any Member is the agent or representative of the Claims Administrator.

The Employer is fiduciary agent of the Member. The Claims Administrator’s notice to the Employer will constitute effective notice to the Member. It is the Employer’s duty to notify the Claims Administrator of eligibility data in a timely manner. The Claims Administrator is not responsible for payment of Covered Services of Members if the Employer fails to provide the Claims Administrator with timely notification of Member enrollments or terminations.

## **Relationship of Parties (Claims Administrator - Network Providers)**

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

Your Network Provider's agreement for providing Covered Services may include financial incentives or risk sharing relationships related to provision of services or referrals to other Providers, including 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.

## **Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. Note**

The Employer, on behalf of itself and its Members, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that the Administrative Services Agreement (which includes this Benefit Booklet) constitutes a contract solely between the Employer and Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. (Anthem), and that Anthem is an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in the State of Indiana. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield marks are registered by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, an association of independently licensed Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in Washington, D.C. and in other countries. Further, Anthem is not contracting as the agent of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association or any other Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield Plan or licensee. This paragraph shall not create any additional obligations whatsoever on the part of Anthem other than those obligations created under other provisions of the Administrative Services Agreement or this Benefit Booklet.

## **Notice**

Any notice given under the Plan shall be in writing. The notices shall be sent to: The Employer at its principal place of business; to You at the Subscriber's address as it appears on the records or in care of the Employer.

## **Modifications or Changes in Coverage**

The Plan Sponsor may change the benefits described in this Benefit Booklet and the Member will be informed of such changes as required by law. This Benefit Booklet shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions by the Employer, or by mutual agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer without the consent or concurrence of any Member. By electing medical and Hospital benefits under the Plan or accepting the Plan benefits, all Members legally capable of contracting, and the legal representatives of all Members incapable of contracting, agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions hereof.

## **Fraud**

Fraudulent statements on Plan enrollment forms or on electronic submissions will invalidate any payment or claims for services and be grounds for voiding the Member's coverage.

## **Acts Beyond Reasonable Control (Force Majeure)**

Should the performance of any act required by this coverage be prevented or delayed by reason of any act of God, strike, lock-out, labor troubles, restrictive government laws or regulations, or any other cause beyond a party's control, the time for the performance of the act will be extended for a period equivalent to the period of delay, and non-performance of the act during the period of delay will be excused. In such an event, however, all parties shall use reasonable efforts to perform their respective obligations.

The Claims Administrator will adhere to the Plan Sponsor's instructions and allow the Plan Sponsor to meet all of the Plan Sponsor's responsibilities under applicable state and Federal law. It is the Plan Sponsor's responsibility to adhere to all applicable state and Federal laws and the Claims Administrator does not assume any responsibility for compliance.

## **Conformity with Law**

Any provision of the Plan which is in conflict with the applicable Federal laws and regulations is hereby amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

## **Clerical Error**

Clerical error, whether of the Claims Administrator or the Employer, in keeping any record pertaining to this coverage will not invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force or continue benefits otherwise validly terminated.

## **Policies and Procedures**

The Claims Administrator, on behalf of the Employer, may adopt reasonable policies, procedures, rules and interpretations to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Plan with which a Member shall comply.

Under the terms of the Administrative Service Agreement with Your Employer, the Claims Administrator has the authority, at its discretion, to institute from time to time, utilization management, care management, disease management or wellness pilot initiatives in certain designated geographic areas. These pilot initiatives are part of the Claims Administrator's ongoing effort to find innovative ways to make available high quality and more affordable healthcare. A pilot initiative may affect some, but not all Members under the Plan. These programs will not result in the payment of benefits which are not provided in the Employer's Group Health Plan, unless otherwise agreed to by the Employer. The Claim's Administrator reserves the right to discontinue a pilot initiative at any time without advance notice to the Employer.

## **Value-Added Programs**

The Claims Administrator may offer health or fitness related programs to 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 the Plan but are in addition to plan benefits. As such, program features are not guaranteed under Your Employer's Group health Plan and could be discontinued at any time. The Claims Administrator does not endorse any vendor, product or service associated with this program. Program vendors are solely responsible for the products and services You receive.

## **Waiver**

No agent or other person, except an authorized officer of the Employer, has authority to waive any conditions or restrictions of the Plan, to extend the time for making a payment to the Plan, or to bind the Plan by making any promise or representation or by giving or receiving any information.

## **Employer's Sole Discretion**

The Employer may, in its sole discretion, cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Plan. This applies if the Employer, with advice from the Claims Administrator, determines such services and supplies are in lieu of more expensive services and supplies which would otherwise be required for the care and treatment of a Member.

## **Reservation of Discretionary Authority**

The Claims Administrator shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its duties in connection with the operation of the Plan and interpretation of the Benefit Booklet. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Administrative Services Agreement, to determine all questions arising under the Plan, to resolve Member appeals and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the interpretation of the Benefit Booklet of the Plan. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language. Anthem has complete discretion to interpret the Benefit Booklet. The Claims Administrator's determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary,

Experimental/Investigative, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with the Plan's Maximum Allowed Amount. A Member may utilize all applicable appeals procedures.

### **Governmental Health Care Programs**

Under Federal law, for groups with 20 or more Employees, all active Employees (regardless of age) can remain on the Group's Health Plan and receive group benefits as primary coverage. Also, Spouses (regardless of age) of active Employees can remain on the Group's Health Plan and receive group benefits as primary coverage. Direct any questions about Medicare eligibility and enrollment to Your local Social Security Administration office.

### **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 Physicians from various medical specialties including the Claims Administrator's medical directors, Physicians in academic medicine and Physicians 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.

### **Payment Innovation Programs**

The Claims Administrator pays 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 the Claims Administrator from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of a Network Provider's total compensation to pre-defined quality, cost, efficiency or service standards or metrics. In some instances, Network Providers may be required to make payment to the Claims Administrator 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 Network Provider's achievement of these pre-defined standards. You are not responsible for any Coinsurance amounts related to payments made by or to the Claims Administrator under the Program(s), and You do not share in any payments made by Network Providers to the Claims Administrator under the Program(s).

# WHEN COVERAGE TERMINATES

## Termination of Coverage (Individual)

Membership for You and Your enrolled family members may be continued as long as You are employed by the Employer and meet eligibility requirements. It ceases if Your employment ends, if You no longer meet eligibility requirements, if the Plan ceases, or if You fail to make any required contribution toward the cost of Your coverage. In any case, Your coverage would end at the expiration of the period covered by Your last contribution.

Coverage of an enrolled child ceases at the end of the month when the child attains the age limit shown in the **Eligibility** section. Coverage of a disabled child over age 26 ceases if the child is found to be no longer totally or permanently disabled.

Coverage of the Spouse of a Subscriber terminates automatically as of the date of divorce or death.

Should You or any family Members be receiving covered care in the Hospital at the time Your membership terminates for reasons other than Your Employer's cancellation of this Plan, or failure to pay the required Premiums, benefits for Hospital Inpatient care will be provided until the date You are discharged from the Hospital.

## Continuation of Coverage (Federal Law-COBRA)

If Your coverage ends under the Plan, You may be entitled to elect continuation coverage in accordance with Federal law. If Your Employer normally employs 20 or more people, and Your employment is terminated for any reason other than gross misconduct You may elect from 18-36 months of continuation benefits. You should contact Your Employer if You have any questions about Your COBRA rights.

## Qualifying Events for Continuation Coverage Under Federal Law (COBRA)

COBRA continuation coverage is available when Your group 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 covered on the day before the qualifying event and group 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 company's Employee welfare benefit 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
<b><u>For Employees:</u></b> 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
<b><u>For Spouses/ Dependents:</u></b> A Covered Employee's Voluntary or Involuntary Termination (other than gross misconduct) or Loss of	18 months

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Availability of Coverage</b>
Coverage Under an Employer's Health Plan Due to Reduction In Hours Worked	36 months
Covered Employee's Entitlement to Medicare	36 months
Divorce or Legal Separation	36 months
Death of a Covered Employee	36 months
<b><u>For Dependents:</u></b> Loss of Dependent Child Status	36 months

Continuation coverage stops before the end of the maximum continuation period if the Member becomes entitled to Medicare benefits. If a continuing beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare benefits, then 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 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 surviving Spouse and Dependent children 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. His or her Spouse and Dependents may continue coverage for a maximum period 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 Spouse and Dependent children 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 Spouse or Dependent children to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred. A qualified beneficiary must give timely notice to the Plan Administrator in such a situation.

### **Notification Requirements**

In the event of Your termination, lay-off, reduction in work hours or Medicare entitlement, Your Employer must notify the company's benefit Plan Administrator within 30 days. You must notify the company's benefit Plan Administrator within 60 days of Your divorce, legal separation or the failure of Your enrolled Dependents to meet the program's definition of Dependent. This notice must be provided in writing to the Plan Administrator. Thereafter, the Plan Administrator will notify qualified beneficiaries of their rights within 14 days.

To continue enrollment, 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 Premium appropriate for the type of benefit coverage You choose to continue. If the Premium rate changes for active associates, Your monthly Premium will also change. The Premium You must pay cannot be more than 102% of the Premium 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 Premium payment must be made before 45 days after the initial election for continuation coverage, or Your continuation rights will be forfeited.

For Employees 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 Employees who become disabled during the first 60 days of COBRA continuation coverage, coverage may continue from 18 to 29 months. These Employees' Dependents are also eligible for the 18 to 29-month disability extension. (This provision also applies if any covered family member is found to be disabled.) This provision would only apply if the qualified beneficiary provides notice of disability status within 60 days of the disabling determination. In these cases, the Employer can charge 150% of Premium 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 is determined by the Social Security Administration to no longer be disabled, such 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**

These 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 Premium on time;
- a covered individual becomes covered under any other group health plan after electing COBRA;
- a covered individual becomes entitled to Medicare after electing COBRA; or
- the group 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 [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov).

### **If You Have Questions**

Questions concerning Your Group'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 [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa). (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.)

### **Continuation of Coverage During Military Leave (USERRA)**

Under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), the Member may have a right to continuation of benefits subject to the conditions described below.

Under USERRA, if the Employee (or his or her Dependents) is covered under this Plan, and if the Employee becomes absent from employment by reason of military leave, the Employee (or his or her Dependents) may have the right to elect to continue health coverage under the Plan. In order to be eligible for coverage during the period that the Employee is gone on military leave, the Employee must give reasonable notice to the Employer of his or her military leave and the Employee will be entitled to COBRA-like rights with respect to his or her medical benefits in that the Employee and his or her Dependents can elect to continue

coverage under the plan for a period of 24 months from the date the military leave commences or, if sooner, the period ending on the day after the deadline for the Employee to apply for or return to work with the Employer. During military leave the Employee is required to pay the Employer for the entire cost of such coverage, including any elected Dependents' coverage. However, if the Employee's absence is less than 31 days, the Employer must continue to pay its portion of the premiums and the Employee is only required to pay his or her share of the premiums without the COBRA-type 2% administrative surcharge.

Also, when the Employee returns to work, if the Employee meets the requirements specified below, USERRA states that the Employer must waive any exclusions and waiting periods, even if the Employee did not elect COBRA continuation. These requirements are (i) the Employee gave reasonable notice to his or her Employer of military leave, (ii) the military leave cannot exceed a prescribed period (which is generally five (5) years, except in unusual or extraordinary circumstances) and the Employee must have received no less than an honorable discharge (or, in the case of an officer, not been sentenced to a correctional institution), and (iii) the Employee must apply for reemployment or return to work in a timely manner upon expiration of the military leave (ranging from a single day up to 90 days, depending upon the period that he or she was gone). The Employee may also have to provide documentation to the Employer upon reemployment that would confirm eligibility. This protection applies to the Employee upon reemployment, as well as to any Dependent who has become covered under the Plan by reason of the Employee's reinstatement of coverage.

### **Continuation of Coverage Due to Family and Medical Leave (FMLA)**

An Employee may continue membership in the Plan as provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act. An Employee who has been employed at least one year, within the previous 12 months is eligible to choose to continue coverage for up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for the following reasons:

- the birth of the Employee's child;
- the placement of a child with the Employee for the purpose of adoption or foster care;
- to care for a seriously ill Spouse, child or parent; or,
- a serious health condition rendering the Employee unable to perform his or her job.

If the Employee chooses to continue coverage during the leave, the Employee will be given the same health care benefits that would have been provided if the Employee were working, with the same premium contribution ratio. If the Employee's premium for continued membership in the Plan is more than 30 days late, the Employer will send written notice to the Employee. It will tell the Employee that his or her membership will be terminated and what the date of the termination will be if payment is not received by that date. This notice will be mailed at least 15 days before the termination date.

If membership in the Plan is discontinued for non-payment of premium, the Employee's coverage will be restored to the same level of benefits as those the Employee would have had if the leave had not been taken and the premium payment(s) had not been missed. This includes coverage for eligible Dependents. The Employee will not be required to meet any qualification requirements imposed by the Plan when he or she returns to work. This includes: new or additional waiting periods; waiting for an open enrollment period; or passing a medical exam to reinstate coverage.

Please contact Your Human Resources Department for state specific Family and Medical Leave Act information.

### **For More Information**

This notice does not fully describe the continuation coverage or other rights under the Plan. More information about continuation coverage and Your rights under this Plan is available from the Plan Administrator.

If You have any questions concerning the information in this notice or Your rights to coverage, You should contact Your 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 U.S Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in Your area, or visit the EBSA website at [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa).

# DEFINITIONS

## **Accidental Injury**

Bodily Injury sustained by a Member as the result of an unforeseen event and which is the direct cause (independent of disease, bodily infirmity or any other cause) for care which the Member receives. Such care must occur while this Plan is in force. It does not include injuries for which benefits are provided under any Workers' Compensation, Employer's liability or similar law.

## **Administrative Services Agreement**

The agreement between the Claims Administrator and the Employer regarding the administration of certain elements of the health care benefits of the Employer's Group Health Plan. This Benefit Booklet in conjunction with the Administrative Services Agreement, the application, if any, any amendment or rider, Your Identification Card and Your application for enrollment constitutes the entire Plan. If there is any conflict between either this Benefit Booklet or the Administrative Services Agreement and any amendment or rider, the amendment or rider shall control. If there is any conflict between this Benefit Booklet and the Administrative Services Agreement, the Administrative Services Agreement shall control.

## **Ambulance Services**

A state-licensed emergency vehicle which carries injured or sick persons to a Hospital. Services which offer non-emergency, convalescent or invalid care do not meet this definition.

## **Authorized Service(s)**

A Covered Service rendered by any Provider other than a Network Provider, which has been authorized in advance (except for Emergency Care which may be authorized after the service is rendered) by the Claims Administrator to be paid at the Network level. The Member **may** be responsible for the difference between the Out-of-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, in addition to any applicable Network Coinsurance or Deductible. For more information, see the **Claims Payment** section.

## **Behavioral Health Care**

Includes services for Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Mental Health and Substance Abuse is a condition that is listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) as a mental health or substance abuse condition.

## **Centers of Excellence (COE) Network**

A network of health care facilities selected for specific services based on criteria such as experience, outcomes, efficiency, and effectiveness. For example, an organ transplant managed care program wherein Members access select types of benefits through a specific network of medical centers.

A network of health care professionals contracted with the Claims Administrator or one or more of its affiliates, to provide transplant or other designated specialty services.

## **Claims Administrator**

The company the Plan Sponsor chose to administer its health benefits. Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc. was chosen to administer this Plan. The Claims Administrator provides administrative claims payment services only and does not assume any financial risk or obligation with respect to claims.

## **Coinsurance**

If a Member's coverage is limited to a certain percentage, for example 70%, then the remaining 30% for which the Member is responsible is the Coinsurance amount. The Coinsurance may be capped by the Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

## **Combined Limit**

The maximum total of Network and Out-of-Network benefits available for designated health services in the **Schedule of Benefits**.

## **Complications of Pregnancy**

Complications of Pregnancy result from conditions requiring Hospital confinement when the pregnancy is not terminated. The diagnoses of the complications are distinct from pregnancy but adversely affected or caused by pregnancy.

Such conditions include acute nephritis, nephrosis, cardiac decompensation, missed or threatened abortion, preeclampsia, intrauterine fetal growth retardation and similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity. An ectopic pregnancy which is terminated is also considered a Complication of Pregnancy.

Complications of Pregnancy shall not include false labor, caesarean section, occasional spotting, Physician prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy, morning sickness, hyperemesis gravidarum and similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy which are not diagnosed distinctly as Complications of Pregnancy.

## **Congenital Anomaly**

A condition or conditions that are present at birth regardless of causation. Such conditions may be hereditary or due to some influence during gestation.

## **Coordination of Benefits**

A provision that is intended to avoid claims payment delays and duplication of benefits when a person is covered by two or more plans providing benefits or services for medical, dental or other care or treatment. It avoids claims payment delays by establishing an order in which plans pay their claims and providing an authority for the orderly transfer of information needed to pay claims promptly. It may avoid duplication of benefits by permitting a reduction of the benefits of a plan when, by the rules established by this provision, it does not have to pay its benefits first.

## **Cosmetic Surgery**

Any non-Medically Necessary surgery or procedure, the primary purpose of which is to improve or change the appearance of any portion of the body, but which does not restore bodily function, correct a disease state, physical appearance or disfigurement caused by an accident, birth defect, or correct or naturally improve a physiological function. Cosmetic Surgery includes but is not limited to: rhinoplasty, lipectomy, surgery for sagging or extra skin, any augmentation or reduction procedures (e.g., mammoplasty, liposuction, keloids, rhinoplasty and associated surgery) or treatment relating to the consequences or as a result of Cosmetic Surgery.

## **Covered Dependent**

Any Dependent in a Subscriber's family who meets all the requirements of the **Eligibility** section of this Benefit Booklet, has enrolled in the Plan, and is subject to administrative service fee requirements set forth by the Plan.

## **Covered Services**

Medically Necessary health care services and supplies that are: (a) defined as Covered Services in the Member's Plan, (b) not excluded under such Plan, (c) not Experimental/Investigative and (d) provided in accordance with such Plan.

## **Covered Transplant Procedure**

Any Medically Necessary human organ and stem cell/bone marrow transplants and transfusions as determined by the Claims Administrator including necessary acquisition procedures, collection and storage, and including Medically Necessary preparatory myeloablative therapy.

## **Custodial Care**

Any type of care, including room and board, that (a) does not require the skills of professional or technical personnel; (b) is not furnished by or under the supervision of such personnel or does not otherwise meet the requirements of post-Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility care; (c) is a level such that the Member has reached the maximum level of physical or mental function and is not likely to make further significant improvement. Custodial Care includes, but is not limited to, any type of care the primary purpose of which is to attend to the Member's activities of daily living which do not entail or require the continuing attention of trained medical or paramedical personnel. Examples of Custodial Care include, but are not limited to, assistance in walking, getting in and out of bed, bathing, dressing, feeding, using the toilet, changes of dressings of non-infected, post-operative or chronic conditions, preparation of special diets, supervision of medication that can be self-administered by the Member, general maintenance care of colostomy or ileostomy, routine services to maintain other services which, in the sole determination of the Plan, can be safely and adequately self-administered or performed by the average non-medical person without the direct supervision of trained medical and paramedical personnel, regardless of who actually provides the service, residential care and adult day care, protective and supportive care including educational services, rest care and convalescent care.

## **Deductible**

The portion of the bill You must pay before Your medical expenses become Covered Services. It usually is applied on a calendar year basis.

## **Dependent**

The Spouse or same and opposite sex Domestic Partner and all children until attaining age limit stated in the **Eligibility** section. Children include natural children, legally adopted children, foster children that live with the Employee and for whom the Employee is the primary source of financial support, and stepchildren. Also included are Your children (or children of Your Spouse) for whom You have legal responsibility resulting from a valid court decree. Mentally retarded or physically disabled children remain covered no matter what age. You must give the Claims Administrator evidence of Your child's incapacity within 31 days of attainment of age 26. The certification form may be obtained from the Claims Administrator or Your Employer. This proof of incapacity may be required annually by the Plan. Such children are not eligible under this Plan if they are already 26 or older at the time coverage is effective.

## **Detoxification**

The process whereby an alcohol or drug intoxicated or alcohol or drug dependent person is assisted, in a facility licensed by the appropriate regulatory authority, through the period of time necessary to eliminate, by metabolic or other means, the intoxicating alcohol or drug, alcohol or drug dependent factors or alcohol in combination with drugs as determined by a licensed Physician, while keeping the physiological risk to the patient to a minimum.

## **Developmental Delay**

The statistical variation, as defined by standardized, validated developmental screening tests, such as the Denver Developmental Screening Test, in reaching age appropriate verbal/growth/motor skill developmental milestones when there is no apparent medical or psychological problem. It alone does not constitute an illness or an Injury.

## **Durable Medical Equipment**

Equipment which is (a) made to withstand prolonged use; (b) made for and mainly used in the treatment of a disease or Injury; (c) suited for use while not confined as an Inpatient at a Hospital; (d) not normally of use to persons who do not have a disease or Injury; (e) not for exercise or training.

## **Effective Date**

The date for which the Plan approves an individual application for coverage. For individuals who join this Plan after the first enrollment period, the Effective Date is the date the Claims Administrator approves each future Member according to its normal procedures.

## **Elective Surgical Procedure**

A surgical procedure that is not considered to be an emergency, and may be delayed by the Member to a later point in time.

## **Emergency Medical Condition**

(“Emergency services,” “emergency care,” or “Medical Emergency”) Emergency Medical Condition means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in one of the following conditions:

- Placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy;
- Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

## **Employee**

A person who is engaged in active employment with the Employer and is eligible for Plan coverage under the employment regulations of the Employer. The Employee is also called the Subscriber.

## **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.

## **Experimental/Investigative**

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 the Claims Administrator determines to be unproven.

The Claims Administrator will deem any Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply to be Experimental/Investigative if the Claims Administrator, determines 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 other licensing or regulatory agency, and such final approval has not been granted;
- has been determined by the FDA to be contraindicated for the specific use; 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/Investigative, 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.

Any service not deemed Experimental/Investigative based on the criteria above may still be deemed Experimental/Investigative by the Claims Administrator. In determining whether a service is Experimental/Investigative, the Claims Administrator will consider the information described below and assess whether:

- the scientific evidence is conclusory concerning the effect of the service on health outcomes;
- the evidence demonstrates the service improves net health outcomes of the total population for whom the service might be proposed by producing beneficial effects that outweigh any harmful effects;
- the evidence demonstrates the service has been shown to be as beneficial for the total population for whom the service might be proposed as any established alternatives; and
- 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.

The information considered or evaluated by the Claims Administrator to determine whether a Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply is Experimental/Investigative under the above criteria may include one or more items from the following list which is not all inclusive:

- published authoritative, peer-reviewed medical or scientific literature, or the absence thereof; or
- evaluations of national medical associations, consensus panels, and other technology evaluation bodies; or
- 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; or
- documents of an IRB or other similar body performing substantially the same function; or
- consent document(s) and/or 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; or
- medical records; or
- the opinions of consulting Providers and other experts in the field.

The Claims Administrator has 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/Investigative.

## **Formulary**

A document setting forth certain rules relating to the coverage of pharmaceuticals, that may include but not be limited to (1) a listing of preferred Prescription medications that are covered and/or prioritized in order of preference by the Claims Administrator, and are dispensed to Members through pharmacies that are Network Providers, and (2) Precertification rules. This list is subject to periodic review and modification. Charges for medications may be Ineligible Charges, in whole or in part, if a Member selects a medication not included in the Formulary.

## **Freestanding Ambulatory Facility**

A facility, with a staff of Physicians, at which surgical procedures are performed on an outpatient basis (no patients stay overnight). The facility offers continuous service by both Physicians and registered nurses (R.N.s). It must be licensed by the appropriate agency. A Physician's office does not qualify as a Freestanding Ambulatory Facility.

## **Group Health Plan or Plan**

An employee welfare benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA), established by the Employer, in effect as of the Effective Date.

## **Home Health Care**

Care, by a licensed program or Provider, for the treatment of a patient in the patient's home, consisting of required intermittent skilled care, which may include observation, evaluation, teaching and nursing services consistent with the diagnosis, established and approved in writing by the patient's attending Physician.

## **Home Health Care Agency**

A Provider who renders care through a program for the treatment of a patient in the patient's home, consisting of required intermittent skilled care, which may include observation, evaluation, teaching and nursing services consistent with the diagnosis, established and approved in writing by the patient's attending Physician. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency.

## **Hospice**

A Provider which provides care for terminally ill patients and their families, either directly or on a consulting basis with the patient's Physician. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency.

## **Hospice Care Program**

A coordinated, interdisciplinary program designed to meet the special physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of the terminally ill Member and his or her covered family members, by providing palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other services through at-home or Inpatient care. The Hospice must be licensed by the appropriate agency and must be funded as a Hospice as defined by those laws. It must provide a program of treatment for at least two unrelated individuals who have been medically diagnosed as having no reasonable prospect of cure for their illnesses.

## **Hospital**

An institution licensed by the appropriate agency, which is primarily engaged in providing diagnostic and therapeutic facilities on an Inpatient basis for the surgical and medical diagnosis, treatment and care of injured and sick persons by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians duly licensed to practice medicine, and which continuously provides 24-hour-a-day nursing services by registered graduate nurses physically present and on duty.

“Hospital” does not mean other than incidentally:

- an extended care facility; nursing home; place for rest; facility for care of the aged;
- a custodial or domiciliary institution which has as its primary purpose the furnishing of food, shelter, training or non-medical personal services; or
- an institution for exceptional or disabled children.

### **Identification Card**

The latest card given to You showing Your identification and group numbers, the type of coverage You have and the date coverage became effective.

### **Ineligible Charges**

Charges for health care services that are not Covered Services because the services are not Medically Necessary or Precertification was not obtained. Such charges are not eligible for payment.

### **Ineligible Provider**

A Provider which does not meet the minimum requirements to become a contracted Provider with the Claims Administrator. Services rendered to a Member by such a Provider are not eligible for payment.

### **Infertile or Infertility**

The condition of a presumably healthy Member who is unable to conceive or produce conception after a period of one year of frequent, unprotected heterosexual vaginal intercourse. This does not include conditions for men when the cause is a vasectomy or orchiectomy or for women when the cause is tubal ligation or hysterectomy.

### **Initial Enrollee**

A person actively employed by the Employer (or one of that person’s Covered Dependents) who was either previously enrolled under the group coverage which this Plan replaces or who is eligible to enroll on the Effective Date of this Plan.

### **Injury**

Bodily harm from a non-occupational accident.

### **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 Care Unit**

A special unit of a Hospital that: (1) treats patients with serious illnesses or Injuries; (2) can provide special life-saving methods and equipment; (3) admits patients without regard to prognosis; and (4) provides constant observation of patients by a specially trained nursing staff.

### **Late Enrollees**

Late Enrollees mean Employees or Dependents who request enrollment in a health benefit plan after the initial open enrollment period. An individual will not be considered a Late Enrollee if: (a) the person enrolls during his/her initial enrollment period under the Plan; (b) the person enrolls during a special enrollment period; or (c) a court orders that coverage be provided for a minor Covered Dependent under a Member’s Plan, but only as long as the Member requests enrollment for such Dependent within thirty-one (31) days after the court order is so issued. Late Enrollees are those who declined coverage during the initial open enrollment period and did not submit a certification to the Plan that coverage was declined because other coverage existed.

## Maternity Care

Obstetrical care received both before and after the delivery of a child or children. It also includes care for miscarriage or abortion. It includes regular nursery care for a newborn infant as long as the mother's Hospital stay is a covered benefit and the newborn infant is an eligible Member under the Plan.

## Maximum Allowed Amount

The maximum amount that the Plan will allow for Covered Services You receive. For more information, see the **Claims Payment** section.

## Medical Facility

A facility, including but not limited to, a Hospital, Freestanding Ambulatory Facility, Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, Home Health Care Agency or mental health facility, as defined in this Benefit booklet. The facility must be licensed, registered or approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals or meet specific requirements established by the Claims Administrator.

## Medical Necessity or Medically Necessary

An intervention that is or will be provided for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of a condition, illness, disease or Injury and that is determined by the Claims Administrator to be:

- medically appropriate for and consistent with the symptoms and proper diagnosis or treatment of the Member's condition, illness, disease or Injury;
- obtained from a Provider;
- provided in accordance with applicable medical and/or professional standards;
- known to be effective, as proven by scientific evidence, in materially improving health outcomes;
- the most appropriate supply, setting or level of service that can safely be provided to the Member and which cannot be omitted consistent with recognized professional standards of care (which, in the case of hospitalization, also means that safe and adequate care could not be obtained in a less comprehensive setting);
- cost-effective compared to alternative interventions, including no intervention. Cost effective does not always mean lowest cost. It does mean that as to the diagnosis or treatment of the Member's 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;
- not Experimental/Investigative;
- not primarily for the convenience of the Member, the Member's family or the Provider; or,
- not otherwise subject to an exclusion under this Benefit Booklet.

The fact that a 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 or a Covered Service and **does not** guarantee payment.

## Member

Individuals, including the Subscriber and his/her Dependents, who have satisfied the Plan eligibility requirements of the Employer, applied for coverage, and been enrolled for Plan benefits.

## Network Provider

A Physician, health professional, Hospital, Pharmacy, or other individual, organization and/or facility that has entered into a contract, either directly or indirectly, with the Claims Administrator to provide Covered Services to Members through negotiated reimbursement arrangements.

## New Hire

A person who is not employed by the Employer on the original Effective Date of the Plan.

## **Non-Covered Services**

Services that are not benefits specifically provided under the Plan, are excluded by the Plan, are provided by an Ineligible Provider, or are otherwise not eligible to be Covered Services, whether or not they are Medically Necessary.

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

A Provider, including but not limited to, a Hospital, Freestanding Ambulatory Facility (Surgical Center), Physician, Skilled Nursing Facility, Hospice, Home Health Care Agency, other medical practitioner or Provider of medical services or supplies, that does not have an agreement or contract with the Claims Administrator to provide services to its Members at the time services are rendered.

Benefit payments and other provisions of this Plan are limited when a Member uses the services of Out-of-Network Providers.

## **Out-of-Pocket Maximum**

The maximum amount of a Member's Coinsurance payments during a given calendar Plan year. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is reached, the level of benefits is increased to 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount for Covered Services.

## **Pharmacy**

An establishment licensed to dispense Prescription Drugs and other medications through a duly licensed pharmacist upon a Physician's order. A Pharmacy may be a Network Provider or an Out-of-Network Provider.

## **Physical Therapy**

The care of disease or Injury by such methods as massage, hydrotherapy, heat, or similar care.

## **Physician**

Any licensed Physician of Medicine (M.D.) legally entitled to practice medicine and perform surgery, any licensed Physician of Osteopathy (D.O.) legally licensed to perform the duties of a D.O., any licensed Physician of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.) legally entitled to practice podiatry, and any licensed Physician of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) legally entitled to perform oral surgery; Optometrists and Clinical Psychologists (PhD) are also Providers when acting within the scope of their licenses, and when rendering services covered under this Plan.

## **Plan**

The arrangement chosen by the Plan Sponsor to fund and provide for delivery of the Employer's health benefits.

## **Plan Administrator**

The person or entity named by the Plan Sponsor to manage the Plan and answer questions about Plan details. **The Plan Administrator is not the Claims Administrator.**

## **Plan Sponsor**

The legal entity that has adopted the Plan and has authority regarding its operation, amendment and termination. **The Plan Sponsor is not the Claims Administrator.**

## **Prescription Drug (Drug) (Also referred to as Legend Drug)**

A medicine that is approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to treat illness or injury. Under the Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act, such substances must bear a message on its original packing label that says, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription." This includes the following:

- compounded (combination) medications, when one or more ingredients are FDA-approved, require a prescription to dispense, and are not essentially the same as an FDA-approved product from a drug manufacturer; and
- insulin.

## **Primary Care Physician**

A Provider who specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other Provider as allowed by the Plan. A PCP supervises, coordinates and provides initial care and basic medical services to a Member and is responsible for ongoing patient care.

## **Prior Authorization**

The process applied to certain drugs and/or therapeutic categories to define and/or limit the conditions under which these drugs will be covered. The drugs and criteria for coverage are defined by the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

## **Provider**

A duly licensed person or facility that provides services within the scope of an applicable license and is a person or facility that the Plan approves. This includes any Provider rendering services which are required by applicable state law to be covered when rendered by such Provider. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Benefit Booklet. If You have a question if a Provider is covered, please call the number on the back of Your Identification Card.

## **QMCSO, or MCSO – Qualified Medical Child Support Order or Medical Child Support Order**

A QMCSO creates or recognizes the right of a child who is recognized under the order as having a right to be enrolled under the health benefit plan to receive benefits for which the Employee is entitled under the plan; and includes the name and last known address of the Employee and each such child, a reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided by the plan, the period for which coverage must be provided and each plan to which the order applies.

An MCSO is any court judgment, decree or order (including a court's approval of a domestic relations settlement agreement) that:

- provides for child support payment related to health benefits with respect to the child of a group health plan Member or requires health benefit coverage of such child in such plan, and is ordered under state domestic relations law; or
- enforces a state law relating to medical child support payment with respect to a group health plan.

## **Retail Health Clinic**

A facility that provides limited basic medical care services to Members on a "walk-in" basis. These clinics normally operate in major pharmacies or retail stores. Medical services are typically provided by Physicians Assistants and Nurse Practitioners. Services are limited to routine care and treatment of common illnesses for adults and children.

## **Semiprivate Room**

A Hospital room which contains two or more beds.

## **Skilled Convalescent Care**

Care required, while recovering from an illness or Injury, which is received in a Skilled Nursing Facility. This care requires a level of care or services less than that in a Hospital, but more than could be given at the patient's home or in a nursing home not certified as a Skilled Nursing Facility.

## **Skilled Nursing Facility**

An institution operated alone or with a Hospital which gives care after a Member leaves the Hospital for a condition requiring more care than can be rendered at home. It must be licensed by the appropriate agency and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the Bureau of Hospitals of the American Osteopathic Association, or otherwise determined by the Claims Administrator to meet the reasonable standards applied by any of the aforesaid authorities.

## **Specialist (Specialty Care Physician\Provider or SCP)**

A Specialist is a Physician 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**

Typically high cost drugs that are injected or infused in the treatment of acute or chronic diseases. Specialty Drugs often require special handling such as temperature-controlled packaging and expedited delivery. Most Specialty Drugs require preauthorization to be considered Medically Necessary.

## **Spouse**

For the purpose of this Plan, a Spouse is defined as shown in the **Eligibility** section of this Benefit Booklet.

## **Therapeutic Equivalent**

Therapeutic/Clinically Equivalent drugs are drugs that can be expected to produce similar therapeutic outcomes for a disease or condition.

## **Transplant Providers**

**Network Transplant Provider** - A Provider that has been designated as a "Center of Excellence" for Transplants by the Claims Administrator and/or a Provider selected to participate as a Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Such Provider has entered into a transplant Provider agreement to render Covered Transplant Procedures and certain administrative functions to You for the transplant network. A Provider may be a Network Transplant Provider with respect to:

- certain Covered Transplant Procedures; or
- all Covered Transplant Procedures.

**Out-of-Network Transplant Provider** - Any Provider that has NOT been designated as a "Center of Excellence" for Transplants by the Claims Administrator nor has not been selected to participate as a Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

## **Urgent Care**

Services received for a sudden, serious, or unexpected illness, Injury or condition. Urgent Care is not considered an emergency. Care is needed right away to relieve pain, find out what is wrong, or treat a health problem that is not life-threatening.

**Utilization Review**

A function performed by the Claims Administrator or by an organization or entity selected by the Claims Administrator to review and approve whether the services provided are Medically Necessary, including but not limited to, whether acute hospitalization, length of stay, Outpatient care or diagnostic services are appropriate.

**You and Your**

Refer to the Subscriber, Member and each Covered Dependent.

## HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE UNDER FEDERAL LAW

### Choice of Primary Care Physician

The Plan generally allows the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in the Claims 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 Claims Administrator's website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com). For children, You may designate a pediatrician as the PCP.

### Access to Obstetrical and Gynecological (ObGyn) Care

You do not need Prior Authorization from the Plan 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 Claims Administrator's network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining Prior Authorization for certain services or following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. 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 Claims Administrator's website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### 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 (e.g., Your Physician, nurse midwife, or Physician assistant), 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). However, to use certain Providers or facilities, or to reduce Your Out-of-Pocket costs, You may be required to obtain Precertification. For information on Precertification, contact Your Plan Administrator.

Also, under Federal law, plans may not set the level of benefits or Out-of-Pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48 hour (or 96 hour) stay is treated in a manner less favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

### 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**.

If You would like more information on WHCRA benefits, call Your Plan Administrator.

## **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 Your Employer or Plan Administrator 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/visit limits on medical/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/visit limits for medical and surgical benefits. A plan that does not impose day/visit limits on medical and surgical benefits may not impose such day/visit limits on mental health and substance abuse benefits offered under the Plan. Also, the Plan may not impose Deductibles, Coinsurance and out-of-pocket expenses on mental health and substance abuse benefits that are more restrictive than Deductibles, 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 You or Your Dependents' other coverage). However, You must request enrollment within 31 days after You 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 Employees and Dependents may also enroll under two additional circumstances:

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

The Employee 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 the Customer Service telephone number on Your Identification Card or contact Your Plan Administrator.

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