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# Your Health Certificate

# Health Certificate of Coverage

**(herein called the “Certificate”)**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Certificate is the legal document explaining your coverage. Please read this Certificate carefully, and refer to it whenever you require medical services.

The Certificate explains many of the rights and obligations between you and Us. It also describes how to get medical care, what health services are covered and not covered, and what portion of the health care costs you will be required to pay. Many of the provisions in this Certificate are interrelated; therefore, reading just one or two sections may not give you an accurate impression of your coverage. You are responsible for knowing the terms of this Certificate.

This Health Certificate overrides and replaces any Health Certificate previously issued to you. The coverage described in this Certificate is based upon the conditions of the Group Contract issued to your employer, and is based upon the benefit plan that your Group chose for you. The Group Contract, this Certificate and any endorsements, amendments or riders attached, form the Group Contract under which Covered Services are available under your health care benefits.

Many words used in the Certificate have special meanings. These words are capitalized. If the word or phrase was not explained in the text where it appears, it may be defined in the "Definitions" section. Refer to these definitions for the best understanding of what is being stated.

If you have any questions about this Certificate, please call the member service number located on the back of your Identification (ID) Card.

### **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 ID 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.



Steve Martenet

President

## **2 FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT NOTICES**

### **Choice of Primary Care Physician**

We generally allow the designation of a Primary Care Physician (PCP). You have the right to designate any PCP who participates in Our 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 Our 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 Us or from any other person (including a PCP) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in Our 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. 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 Our website, [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

### 3 MEMBER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

As a Member, you have rights and responsibilities when receiving health care. As your health care partner, we want to make sure your rights are respected while providing your health benefits. That also means giving you access to our 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 Doctors to make choices about your health care.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- Expect us to keep your personal health information private by following our privacy policies, and state and Federal laws.
- 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:
  - Our company and services.
  - Our 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 Doctor 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 a Network Primary Care Physician, also called a PCP, if your health Plan requires it.
- Treat all Doctors, 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 us, your Doctors 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 us.
- Inform Member Services if you have any changes to your name, address or family members covered under your Plan.

If you would like more information, have comments, or would like to contact us, please go to [anthem.com](http://anthem.com) and select Customer Support > Contact Us. Or call the Member Services number on your ID card.

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



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The Schedule of Benefits is a summary of the Deductibles, Coinsurance, Copayments, maximums and other limits that apply when you receive Covered Services from a Provider. Please refer to the "Covered Services" section of this Certificate for a more complete explanation of the specific services covered by the Plan. All Covered Services are subject to the conditions, exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of this Certificate including any endorsements, amendments, or riders.

**This Schedule of Benefits lists the Member’s responsibility for Covered Services.**

**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 a Non-Network Provider, you are responsible for any balance due between the Non-Network Provider’s charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, in addition to any Deductibles, Coinsurance, Copayments, and non-covered charges.

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

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

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

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

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

**BENEFIT PERIOD**                      Plan Year

**DEPENDENT AGE LIMIT**              To the end of the month in which the child attains age 26.

**DEDUCTIBLE**

	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
Per Member	\$300	\$2,000
Per Family	\$900	\$6,000

Note: The Deductible applies to all Covered Services with Coinsurance amounts you incur in a Benefit Period, except for the following:

- Emergency Room services when subject to a Copayment plus Coinsurance
- Prescription Drug benefits

Note: The Network and Non-Network Deductibles are separate and cannot be combined. Copayments are not subject to and do not apply to the Deductible.

**OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT**

	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
Per Member	\$2,500	\$5,000
Per Family	\$5,000	\$10,000

The Out-of-Pocket Limit includes all Deductibles, Copayments, and Coinsurance amounts you incur in a Benefit Period, except for the following services:

- Non-Network Human Organ and Tissue Transplant services

No one person will pay more than their individual Out-of-Pocket Limit. Once the Member and/or family Out-of-Pocket Limit is satisfied, no additional Deductibles, Copayments, or Coinsurance will be required for the Member and/or family for the remainder of the Benefit Period, except for the services listed above.

Note: Network and Non-Network Deductibles, Copayments, Coinsurance, and Out-of-Pocket Limits are separate and do not accumulate toward each other.

**COVERED SERVICES COPAYMENTS/COINSURANCE/MAXIMUMS**

	<b>Network</b>	<b>Non-Network</b>
<b>Ambulance Services (Air and Water)</b>		10% Coinsurance

Non-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount.

**Important Note:** Air ambulance services for non-Emergency Hospital to Hospital transfers must be approved through precertification. Please see “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details.

<b>Ambulance Services (Ground)</b>	10% Coinsurance
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Non-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Plan’s Maximum Allowed Amount.

**Important Note:** All scheduled ground ambulance services for non-Emergency transfers, except transfers from one acute Facility to another, must be approved through precertification. Please see “Getting Approval for Benefits” for details.

<b>Autism Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.
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Benefits for Applied Behavior Analysis are limited to Members through 18 years of age.

Coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders will not be subject to any greater Deductible, Coinsurance, or Copayment than is applicable to other physical health care services covered by this Certificate. Any dollar or visit limits listed elsewhere in this Certificate will not apply to services rendered in the diagnosis or treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders. Age limits, other than the age limit for Dependent eligibility, also will not apply to services rendered in the diagnosis or treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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**Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services**

Coverage for the treatment of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse conditions is provided in compliance with state and federal law.

- **Inpatient Facility Services**      10% Coinsurance      40% Coinsurance
- **Inpatient Professional Services**      10% Coinsurance      40% Coinsurance
- **Outpatient Facility Services (Includes Outpatient Hospital / Alternative Care Facility)**      10% Coinsurance      40% Coinsurance
- **Outpatient Professional Services**      10% Coinsurance      40% Coinsurance
- **Office Visits**      \$15 Copayment per visit      40% Coinsurance
- **Other Outpatient Services**      10% Coinsurance      40% Coinsurance

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<b>Colonoscopies (routine and diagnostic)</b>	No Copayment/Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount	40% Coinsurance
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<b>Dental Services (only when related to accidental injury or for certain members requiring general anesthesia)</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.
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<b>Diabetic Equipment, Education and Supplies</b>	Copayments/Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.	Copayments/Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.
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For information on equipment and supplies, see "Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Appliances".

Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under "Preventive Care."

<b>Diagnostic Services</b>	When rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, the Copayment / Coinsurance is based on the setting where Covered Services are received except as listed below. Other Diagnostic Services and or tests, including services received at an independent Network lab, may not require a Copayment / Coinsurance.	
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Laboratory services provided by a facility participating in Our Laboratory Network (as shown in the Provider directory) may not require a Coinsurance / Copayment. If laboratory services are provided by an Outpatient Hospital laboratory that is not part of Our Laboratory Network, even if it is a Network Provider for other services, they will be covered as an Outpatient Services benefit.

Outpatient Laboratory & X-ray	No Copayment/Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount	40% Coinsurance
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<b>Diagnostic Services (Outpatient MRA, MRI, PET scan, CAT scan, nuclear cardiology imaging studies, non-maternity related ultrasound services )</b>	No Copayment/Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount	40% Coinsurance
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<b>Emergency Room Services</b>	\$225 Copayment per visit	Covered services are always paid at the Network level. However, Non-Network Providers may also bill you for any charges that exceed the Maximum Allowed Amount.
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Copayment / Coinsurance is waived if you are admitted

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<b>First Steps Services (Part C Early Intervention system)</b>	When received through the Missouri First Steps program, Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received.	Services are not covered except when received through the Missouri First Steps program.
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Benefit Period Maximum for Early Intervention Services for Dependent children prior to 3rd birthday \$3,000 per Member per Benefit Period, with a lifetime maximum of \$9,000 per child \*

Coverage for Early Intervention Services will not be subject to any greater Deductible, Coinsurance, or Copayment than is applicable to other similar services covered by this Certificate. Any dollar or visit limits listed elsewhere in this Certificate will not apply to Early Intervention Services.

\* Payments made during a Benefit Period by Anthem and its affiliates to the Part C early intervention system for services provided to children covered by the Part C early intervention system shall not exceed one-half of one percent of the direct written premium for health benefit plans as reported to the Department of Insurance, financial institutions and professional registration on the health carrier's most recently filed annual financial statement.

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<b>Home Care Services</b>	10% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance
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Benefit Period Maximum Visits 90 visits, Network and Non-Network combined

Note: Maximum does not include Home Infusion Therapy or post-delivery Home Care services rendered in the home.

Private Duty Nursing	
Benefit Period Maximum per Member	82 visits
Lifetime Maximum	164 visits

<b>Hospice Services</b>	No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount	No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount. You are responsible for any amounts charged that exceed the Maximum Allowable.
<b>Inpatient and Outpatient Professional Services</b>	10% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance
<b>Inpatient Facility Services</b>	10% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance
Benefit Period Maximum Inpatient days for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (includes Day Rehabilitation Therapy services on an Outpatient basis)	60 Inpatient days, combined Network and Non-Network	
Benefit Period Maximum days for Skilled Nursing Facility	90 days, combined Network and Non-Network	
<b>Mammograms (Outpatient)</b>		
• <b>Diagnostic mammograms</b>	No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount	40% Coinsurance
• <b>Routine mammograms</b>	Please see the "Preventive Care Services" provision in this Schedule.	
<b>Maternity Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
<b>Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances</b> (Includes certain diabetic and asthmatic supplies when obtained from a Non-Network Pharmacy.)	10% Coinsurance	40% Coinsurance



Hearing aid Benefit Period Maximum \$2,500

Benefit Period Maximum for Wigs following cancer treatment One wig per Member

Note: If durable medical equipment or appliances are obtained through your PCP/SCP or another Network Physician’s office, Urgent Care Center Services, Other Outpatient Services or Home Care Services, the Copayment/Coinsurance listed above will apply in addition to the Copayment/Coinsurance in the setting where Covered Services are received.

**Outpatient Services**

**Outpatient Surgery Hospital / Alternative Care Facility** 10% Coinsurance 40% Coinsurance

**Other Outpatient Services** 10% Coinsurance 40% Coinsurance

Note: Physical Medicine Therapy obtained through Day Rehabilitation Programs is subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment/Coinsurance regardless of setting where Covered Services are received.

**Physician Home Visits and Office Services**

Primary Care Physician (PCP) \$15 Copayment per visit 40% Coinsurance

Specialty Care Physician (SCP) \$40 Copayment per visit 40% Coinsurance

Online Visits \$15 Copayment per visit 40% Coinsurance

Allergy Injections \$5 Copayment per visit 40% Coinsurance

Note: Allergy testing, pharmaceutical injections and Drugs (except immunizations covered under “Preventive Care Services” in the Benefit Booklet) received in a Physician’s office are subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment / Coinsurance.

The allergy injection Copayment / Coinsurance will be applied when the injection(s) is billed by itself. The office visit Copayment / Coinsurance will apply if an office visit is billed with an allergy injection.

**Preventive Care Services** No Copayments / Coinsurance to the Maximum Allowable Amount. Copayments/Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received

Immunizations for children prior to 6th birthday	No Copayments / Coinsurance to the Maximum Allowable Amount.	No Copayments / Coinsurance to the Maximum Allowable Amount.
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<b>Surgical Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
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Morbid Obesity Surgical Treatment Maximum	Unlimited per Lifetime combined Network and Non-Network	
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Note: This maximum is limited to the Inpatient facility, surgical, and anesthesiology charges. All other charges for Covered Services related to morbid obesity surgery do not apply to this maximum.

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<b>Temporomandibular or Craniomandibular Joint Disorder and Craniomandibular Jaw Disorder</b>	Copayments/Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments/Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
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<b>Therapy Services</b>	\$15 Copayment per visit	40% Coinsurance
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Note: If different types of Therapy Services are performed during one Physician Home Visit, Office Service, or Outpatient Service, then each different type of Therapy Service performed will be considered a separate Therapy Visit. Each Therapy Visit will count against the applicable Maximum Visits listed below. For example, if both a Physical Therapy Service and a Manipulation Therapy Service are performed during one Physician Home Visit, Office Service, or Outpatient Service, they will count as both one Physical Therapy Visit and one Manipulation Therapy Visit.

Note: If you get Covered Services from a Physical Therapist in an office, you will not have to pay an office visit Copayment or Coinsurance that is higher than what you would pay for a Primary Care Physician.

Benefit Period Maximum Visits for:

Physical Therapy and Manipulation Therapy (not including Chiropractic Services)	20 visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply.	
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Occupational Therapy	20 visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply.	
Speech Therapy	Unlimited visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply.	
Cardiac Rehabilitation	36 visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply instead of the limit listed here.	
Pulmonary Rehabilitation	20 visits when rendered as Physician Home Visits and Office Services or Outpatient Services, combined Network and Non-Network. When rendered in the home, Home Care Services limits apply. When rendered as part of physical therapy, the Physical Therapy limit will apply instead of the limit listed here.	
Chiropractic Services	Unlimited visits combined Network and Non Network Chiropractic visits beyond the above limit require Prior Authorization from the Plan in order to be covered.	
<b>Transgender Services</b>	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
Gender Reassignment Counseling	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received	Copayments / Coinsurance based on setting where Covered Services are received
Transgender Surgery Benefit Maximum	\$75,000 Network and Non-Network combined This Maximum applies to all medical visits, lab procedures, and surgical procedures. It does not apply to mental health counseling services or Prescription Drugs.	
<b>Urgent Care Center Services</b>	\$50 Copayment per visit	40% Coinsurance
Allergy injections	\$5 Copayment per visit	40% Coinsurance

NOTES: Allergy testing, pharmaceutical injections and Drugs (except immunizations covered under "Preventive Care Services" in the Certificate) received in an urgent care center are subject to the Other Outpatient Services Copayment / Coinsurance.

The allergy injection Copayment / Coinsurance will be applied when the injection(s) is billed by itself. The Urgent Care Center visit Copayment / Coinsurance will apply if an Urgent Care Center visit is billed with an allergy injection.

**Vision Services**

- Vision Screenings                      Please see the "Preventive Care Services" provision in this Schedule.
- Additional Vision Services            No Copayment/Coinsurance    40% Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount

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

**The human organ and tissue transplant (bone marrow/stem cell) services benefits or requirements described below do not apply to the following:**

- **Cornea and kidney transplants; and**
- **Any Covered Services, related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received prior to or after the Transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation and any necessary additional testing to determine your eligibility as a candidate for transplant by your Provider and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells is included in the Covered Transplant Procedure benefit regardless of date of service.**

**The above services are covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed, subject to applicable Member cost shares.**

Note: 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 Us to determine which Hospitals are Network Transplant Providers. (When calling Customer Service, ask to be connected with the Transplant Case Manager for further information.)

<b>Transplant Benefit Period</b>	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Transplant</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>	<b>Transplant</b>
		<p>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 Transplant Case Manager for specific Network Transplant Provider information) for services received at or coordinated by a Network Transplant Provider Facility.</p>		<p>Starts one day prior to a Covered Transplant Procedure and continues to the date of discharge.</p>
<b>Deductible</b>	<b>Network Provider</b>	<b>Transplant</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider</b>	<b>Transplant</b>
	Not Applicable		Applicable	<p>During the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Transplant Procedure charges that count toward the Deductible will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.</p>
<b>Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period</b>	<b>Network Provider Facility</b>	<b>Transplant</b>	<b>Non-Network Provider Facility</b>	<b>Transplant</b>
		<p>During the Transplant Benefit Period, No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount. Prior to and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be paid as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed.</p>		<p>During the Transplant Benefit Period, You will pay 30% of the Maximum Allowable Amount. During the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Transplant Procedure charges at a Non-Network Transplant Provider Facility will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.</p>
				<p>If the Provider is also a Network Provider for this Certificate (for services other than Covered Transplant Procedures), then you will <b>not</b> be responsible for Covered Services that exceed the Maximum Allowable Amount.</p>

If the Provider is a Non-Network Provider for this Certificate, you **will** be responsible for Covered Services that exceed the Maximum Allowable Amount.

Prior to and after the Transplant Benefit Period, Covered Services will be paid as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed.

<b>Covered Transplant Procedure during the Transplant Benefit Period</b>	<b>Network Provider Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Providers</b>	<b>Non-Network Transplant Provider Professional and Ancillary (non-Hospital) Providers</b>
	No Copayment / Coinsurance up to the Maximum Allowable Amount	You are responsible for 30% of the Maximum Allowable Amount. These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Transportation and Lodging</b>	Covered, as approved by Us, up to a \$10,000 benefit limit per transplant	Not Covered for Transplants received at a Non-Network Transplant Provider Facility
<b>Unrelated donor searches for bone marrow/stem cell transplants for a Covered Transplant Procedure</b>	Covered, as approved by Us, up to a \$30,000 per transplant benefit limit.	Covered, as approved by the Us, up to a \$30,000 per transplant benefit limit. You will be responsible for 30% of search charges. These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit.
<b>Live Donor Health Services</b>	Medically Necessary charges for the procurement of an organ from a live donor are covered up to the Maximum Allowable Amount, including complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement.	You will pay 30% of the Maximum Allowable Amount for medically necessary live organ donor expenses. These charges will NOT apply to your Out-of-Pocket Limit. Covered expenses include complications from the donor procedure for up to six weeks from the date of procurement.

## 5 COVERED SERVICES

This section describes the Covered Services available under your health care benefits when provided and billed by Providers. **To receive maximum benefits for Covered Services, care must be received from a Primary Care Physician (PCP), Specialty Care Physician (SCP) or another Network Provider, except for Emergency Care and ambulance services. Services that are not received from a PCP, SCP or another Network Provider or approved as an Authorized Service will be considered a Non-Network service, except as specified above.** The amount payable for Covered Services varies depending on whether you receive your care from a PCP, SCP or another Network Provider or a Non-Network Provider, except for Emergency Care and ambulance services.

If you use a Non-Network Provider, you are responsible for the difference between the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, in addition to any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible. We cannot prohibit Non-Network Providers from billing you for the difference in the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount.

**All Covered Services and benefits are subject to the conditions, Exclusions, limitations, terms and provisions of this Certificate, including any attachments, riders and endorsements.** Covered Services must be Medically Necessary and not Experimental/Investigative. The fact that a Provider may prescribe, order, recommend or approve a service, treatment or supply does not make it Medically Necessary or a Covered Service and **does not** guarantee payment. To receive maximum benefits for Covered Services, you must follow the terms of the Certificate, including receipt of care from a PCP, SCP or another Network Provider, and obtain any required Prior Authorization or Precertification. Contact your Network Provider to be sure that Prior Authorization/Precertification has been obtained. We base Our decisions about Prior Authorization, Precertification, Medical Necessity, Experimental/Investigative services and new technology on Our clinical coverage guidelines and medical policy. We may also consider published peer-review medical literature, opinions of experts and the recommendations of nationally recognized public and private organizations which review the medical effectiveness of health care services and technology.

Benefits for Covered Services may be payable subject to an approved treatment plan created under the terms of this Certificate. **Benefits for Covered Services are based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for such service. Our payment for Covered Services will be limited by any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment, Deductible, or Benefit Period Limit/Maximum in this Certificate.**

### Ambulance Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

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 We require you to move from a Non-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 We require you to move from a Non-Network Hospital to a Network Hospital
    - Between a Hospital and an approved Facility.

Ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. Emergency ambulance services do not require precertification and are allowed regardless of whether the Provider is a Network or Non-Network Provider. Emergency ambulance services rendered by a Non-Network Provider will be covered as a Network service, however the Member may be responsible for the difference between the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, in addition to any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible.

Non-Emergency ambulance services are subject to Medical Necessity reviews by us. When using an air ambulance for non-Emergency transportation, we reserve the right to select the air ambulance Provider. If you do not use the air ambulance Provider we select, the Non-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 We may approve benefits for transportation to a Facility that is not the nearest Facility.

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

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

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

- a) A Doctor's office or clinic;
- b) 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.**

Ambulance services or emergency medical response agencies that are licensed by the state of Missouri to provide the above Covered Services will be paid directly by the Plan.

## Autism Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Benefits are available for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders. The following definitions apply to this section only:

**Applied Behavior Analysis** means the design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications, using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relationships between environment and behavior.

**Autism Service Provider** means any person, entity, or group that provides diagnostic or treatment services for Autism Spectrum Disorders who is licensed or certified by the state of Missouri, or any person who is licensed under chapter 337 as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board or licensed under chapter 337 as an Assistant Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

**Autism Spectrum Disorders** means a neurobiological disorder, an illness of the nervous system, which includes Autistic Disorder, Asperger's Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified, Rett's Disorder, and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the American Psychiatric Association.

**Line Therapist** means an individual who provides supervision of an individual with an autism diagnosis and other neurodevelopmental disorders pursuant to the prescribed treatment plan, and implements specific behavioral interventions as outlined in the behavior plan under the direct supervision of a licensed Behavior Analyst;

### **Benefits for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders**

Benefits include Medically Necessary Covered Services to diagnose and treat Autism Spectrum Disorders when prescribed or ordered for a Member diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder by a licensed Physician or licensed Psychologist.

Covered Services include the following:

- Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders – Medically Necessary assessments, evaluations, or tests in order to diagnose whether an individual has an Autism Spectrum Disorder;
- Habilitative or rehabilitative care – Professional, counseling, and guidance services and treatment programs, including Applied Behavior Analysis from a licensed Autism Service Provider or Line Therapist under the direct supervision of a licensed Behavioral Analyst, which are necessary to develop the functioning of the Member;

- Psychiatric care – Direct or consultative services provided by a licensed Psychiatrist;
- Psychological care – Direct or consultative services provided by a licensed Psychologist;
- Therapeutic care – Services provided by licensed Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, or Physical Therapists;
- Equipment – Medically Necessary equipment for the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders;
- Pharmacy care – Prescription Drugs used to address symptoms of an Autism Spectrum Disorder prescribed by a licensed Physician, and any health-related services deemed Medically Necessary to determine the need or effectiveness of the Prescription Drugs if those Prescription Drugs are covered by this Certificate. Pharmacy benefits will be reimbursed under the Prescription Drug benefit.

We may require your Provider to submit a treatment plan to Us in order to determine when benefits for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) should be available. The treatment plan would include the Member's diagnosis, proposed treatment, frequency and duration of treatment, and goals. We will not require this more than once every six months for outpatient ABA services, unless your Physician or Psychologist agrees to provide a treatment plan more frequently. The cost of obtaining any review or treatment plan will be covered by the Plan.

## Behavioral Health & Substance Abuse Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance/Copayment information. Coverage for Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, and Physician Home Visits & Office Services for the treatment of Behavioral Health Health and Substance Abuse Conditions is provided in compliance with state and federal law.**

Covered Services include the following:

- **Inpatient Services** in a Hospital or other Facility. 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,
  - Rehabilitation, therapy and education.
- **Alcoholism Treatment** or other substance abuse treatment provided in a residential or non-residential facility certified by the Department of Mental Health.

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

- Psychiatrist,
- Psychologist,

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

## 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 Certificate. 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 the Plan.

All 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. We reserve our right to exclude any of the following services

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

## Dental Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

### Related to Accidental Injury

Outpatient Services, Physician Home Visits and Office Services, Emergency Care and Urgent Care services for dental work and oral surgery are covered if they are 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 patient's condition. Injury as a result of chewing or biting is not considered an accidental injury, unless the chewing or biting results from a medical or mental condition. "Initial" dental work to repair injuries due to an accident means performed within 12 months from the injury, or as reasonably soon thereafter as possible and includes all examinations and treatment to complete the repair. For a child requiring facial reconstruction due to dental related injury, there may be several years between the accident and the final repair.

Covered Services for accidental dental include, but are not limited to:

- oral examinations.
- x-rays.
- tests and laboratory examinations.
- restorations.
- prosthetic services.
- oral surgery.
- mandibular/maxillary reconstruction.

- anesthesia.

Benefits are provided only for the administration of general anesthesia and for both facility and professional charges occurring in connection with dental services provided for the following Members:

1. A Member through the age of four;
2. A Member who is severely disabled; and
3. A Member who has a medical or behavioral condition that requires hospitalization or general anesthesia when dental services are provided.

General anesthesia is a Drug, gas or other modality that, when administered, causes a complete loss of sensation and a loss of consciousness. Benefits are not provided for routine dental services.

## Diabetic Equipment, Education and Supplies

### **See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Diabetes self-management training is covered for an individual with insulin dependent diabetes, non-insulin dependent diabetes, or elevated blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or another medical condition when:

- Medically Necessary;
- Ordered in writing by a Physician or a podiatrist; and
- Provided by a Health Care Professional who is licensed, registered, or certified under state law.

For the purposes of this benefit, a “Health Care Professional” means the Physician or podiatrist ordering the training or a Provider who has obtained certification in diabetes education by the American Diabetes Association.

Covered Services also include all Physician prescribed Medically Necessary equipment and supplies used for the management and treatment of diabetes. See “Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment and Appliances”. Screenings for gestational diabetes are covered under “Preventive Care.”

## Diagnostic Services

### **See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Diagnostic services are tests or procedures generally performed when you have specific symptoms, to detect or monitor your condition. Coverage for Diagnostic Services, including when provided as part of Physician Home Visits and Office Services, Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, Home Care Services, and Hospice Services includes but is not limited to:

- X-ray and other radiology services, including mammograms for any person diagnosed with breast disease.
- Bone density studies.

- Cytologic and chlamydia screening (including pap test).
- Prostate specific antigen testing.
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA).
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).
- CAT scans.
- Laboratory and pathology services.
- Cardiographic, encephalographic, and radioisotope tests.
- Nuclear cardiology imaging studies.
- Ultrasound services.
- Allergy tests.
- Electrocardiograms (EKG).
- Electromyograms (EMG) except that surface EMGs are not Covered Services.
- Echocardiograms.
- Positron emission tomography (PET scanning).
- Diagnostic Tests as an evaluation to determine the need for a Covered Transplant Procedure.
- Echographies.
- Doppler studies.
- Brainstem evoked potentials (BAER).
- Somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEP)
- Visual evoked potentials (VEP)
- Nerve conduction studies.
- Muscle testing.
- Electrocardiograms.

Central supply (IV tubing) and pharmacy (dye) necessary to perform tests are covered as part of the test, whether performed in a Hospital or Physician's office.

For Diagnostic services other than those approved to be received in a Physician's office, you may be required to use Our independent laboratory Network Provider called the Reference Laboratory Network (RLN).

When Diagnostic services are performed within 3 days (72 hours) as part of pre-admission testing required for an Inpatient admission or an Outpatient surgery, no Copayment is required. Any Coinsurance will still apply.

When Diagnostic radiology is performed in a Network Physician's Office, no Copayment is required. Any Coinsurance from a Network Physician will still apply.

## Emergency Care and Urgent Care Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

### Emergency Care (including Emergency Room Services)

If you are experiencing an Emergency, call 9-1-1 or go to the nearest Hospital. Emergency Care rendered by a Non-Network Provider will be covered as a Network service, however the Member **may** be responsible for the difference between the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, in addition to any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible. The Maximum Allowed Amount for Emergency Care from a Non-Network Provider will be the greatest of the following:

1. The amount negotiated with Network Providers for the emergency service furnished;
2. The amount for the emergency service calculated using the same method We generally use to determine payments for Non-Network services but substituting the Network cost-sharing provisions for the Non-Network cost-sharing provisions; or
3. The amount that would be paid under Medicare for the emergency service.

In addition, if you contact your Physician and are referred to a Hospital emergency room, benefits will be provided at the level for Emergency Care. Hospitals generally are open to treat an Emergency 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **Follow-up care is not considered Emergency Care.**

Benefits are provided for treatment of Emergency medical conditions and Emergency screening and Stabilization services without Prior Authorization for conditions that reasonably appear to a prudent layperson to constitute an Emergency medical condition based upon the patient's presenting symptoms and conditions. Benefits for Emergency Care include facility costs and Physician services, as well as supplies and Prescription Drugs charged by that facility.

Whenever you are admitted as an Inpatient directly from a Hospital emergency room, the Emergency Room Services Copayment/Coinsurance for that Emergency Room visit will be waived. For an Inpatient admission following Emergency Care, Precertification is not required. However, you must notify Us or verify that your Physician has notified Us of your admission within 48 hours or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time. When We are contacted, you will be notified whether the Inpatient setting is appropriate, and if appropriate, the number of days considered Medically Necessary. By calling Us, you may avoid financial responsibility for any Inpatient care that is determined to be not Medically Necessary under your Plan. If your Provider does not have a contract with Us or is a BlueCard Provider, you will be financially responsible for any care We determine is not Medically Necessary.

Care and treatment provided once you are Stabilized is no longer considered Emergency Care. Continuation of care from a Non-Network Provider beyond that needed to evaluate or Stabilize your condition in an Emergency will be covered as a Non-Network service unless We authorize the continuation of care and it is Medically Necessary.

### Urgent Care Center Services

Often an urgent rather than an Emergency medical problem exists. All Covered Services obtained at Urgent Care Centers are subject to the Urgent Care Copayment/Coinsurance. Urgent Care services can be obtained from a Network or Non-Network Provider. However, you must obtain Urgent Care services from a Network Provider to receive maximum benefits. Urgent Care Services received from a

Non-Network Provider will be covered as a Non-Network service and you will be responsible for the difference between the Non-Network Provider's charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, in addition to any applicable Coinsurance, Copayment or Deductible.

An Urgent Care medical problem is an unexpected episode of illness or an injury requiring treatment that cannot reasonably be postponed for regularly scheduled care. It is not considered an Emergency. Urgent Care medical problems include, but are not limited to, earache, sore throat, and fever (not above 104 degrees). Treatment of an Urgent Care medical problem is not life threatening and does not require use of an emergency room at a Hospital. If you call your Physician prior to receiving care for an urgent medical problem and your Physician authorizes you to go to an emergency room, your care will be paid at the level specified in the Schedule of Benefits for Emergency Room Services.

See your Schedule of Benefits for benefit limitations.

## First Steps Services (Part C Early Intervention system)

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment and Benefit Limitation information.**

Benefits are available for Early Intervention Services provided by Missouri First Steps to children, birth until the third birthday, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities.

**Early Intervention Services** means Medically Necessary speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and assistive technology devices for children from birth until the third birthday, who are identified by the Part C early intervention system as eligible for services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1431, et seq. Early intervention services shall include services under an active individualized family service plan that enhance functional ability without effecting a cure. An individualized family service plan is a written plan for providing early intervention services to an eligible child and the child's family that is adopted in accordance with 20 U.S.C. Section 1436. The Part C early intervention system, on behalf of its contracted regional Part C early intervention system centers and providers, shall be considered the rendering provider of services.

Benefits include Medically Necessary Early Intervention Services that are delivered by early intervention specialists who are health care professionals licensed by the state of Missouri and acting within the scope of their professions for children from birth until the third birthday, identified by the Part C early intervention system as eligible for services under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1431, et seq.

## Home Care Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Covered Services are those performed by a Home Health Care Agency or other Provider in your residence. Home Health Care includes professional, technical, health aide services, supplies, and medical equipment. The Member must be confined to the home for medical reasons, and be physically unable to obtain needed medical services on an Outpatient basis. Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- Intermittent Skilled Nursing Services (by an R.N. or L.P.N.).
- Medical/Social Services.



- Diagnostic Services.
- Nutritional Guidance.
- Home Health Aide Services. The Member must be receiving skilled nursing or therapy. Services must be furnished by appropriately trained personnel employed by the Home Health Care Provider. Other organizations may provide services only when approved by Us, and their duties must be assigned and supervised by a professional nurse on the staff of the Home Health Care Provider.
- Therapy Services (except for Manipulation Therapy which will not be covered when rendered in the home). Home Care Visit limits specified in the Schedule of Benefits for Home Care Services apply when Therapy Services are rendered in the home.
- Medical/Surgical Supplies.
- Durable Medical Equipment.
- Prescription Drugs (only if provided and billed by a Home Health Care Agency).
- Private Duty Nursing.

Non Covered Services include but are not limited to:

- Food, housing, homemaker services and home delivered meals.
- Home or Outpatient hemodialysis services (these are covered under Therapy Services).
- Physician charges.
- Helpful environmental materials (hand rails, ramps, telephones, air conditioners, and similar services, appliances and devices.)
- Services provided by Registered Nurses and other health workers who are not acting as employees or under approved arrangements with a contracting Home Health Care Provider.
- Services provided by a member of the patient's immediate family.
- Services provided by volunteer ambulance associations for which patient is not obligated to pay, visiting teachers, vocational guidance and other counselors, and services related to outside, occupational and social activities.

**Home infusion therapy** Benefits for home infusion therapy include a combination of nursing, durable medical equipment and pharmaceutical services which are delivered and administered intravenously in the home. Home IV therapy includes but is not limited to: injections (intra-muscular, subcutaneous, continuous subcutaneous), Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Enteral nutrition therapy, Antibiotic therapy, pain management and chemotherapy.

## Hospice Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

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.
- 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 Doctor and Hospice medical director must certify that you are terminally ill and likely have less than 12 months to live. Your Doctor must agree to care by the Hospice and must be consulted in the development of the care plan. The Hospice must keep a written care plan on file and give it to us upon request.

- Benefits for 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 Certificate.

## **Inpatient Services**

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Inpatient Services include:

- Charges from a Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or other Provider for room, board and general nursing services.
- Ancillary (related) services.
- Professional services from a Physician while an Inpatient.

### Room, Board, and General Nursing Services

- A room with two or more beds.
- A private room. The private room allowance is the Hospital's average semi-private room rate unless it is Medically Necessary that you use a private room for isolation and no isolation facilities are available.
- A room in a special care unit approved by Us. The unit must have facilities, equipment and supportive services for intensive care of critically ill patients.

### Ancillary (Related) Services

- Operating, delivery and treatment rooms and equipment.
- Prescribed Drugs.
- Anesthesia, anesthesia supplies and services given by an employee of the Hospital or other Provider.
- Medical and surgical dressings, supplies, casts and splints.
- Diagnostic Services.
- Therapy Services.

### Professional Services

- **Medical care visits** limited to one visit per day by any one Physician.
- **Intensive medical care** for constant attendance and treatment when your condition requires it for a prolonged time.
- **Concurrent care** for a medical condition by a Physician who is not your surgeon while you are in the Hospital for Surgery. Care by two or more Physicians during one Hospital stay when the nature or severity of your condition requires the skills of separate Physicians.
- **Consultation** which is a personal bedside examination by another Physician when requested by your Physician. Staff consultations required by Hospital rules; consultations requested by the patient; routine radiological or cardiographic consultations; telephone consultations; EKG transmittal via phone are excluded.
- **Surgery and the administration of general anesthesia.**
- **Newborn exams.** A Physician other than the Physician who performed the obstetrical delivery must do the examination.

### Copayment Waiver

When a Member is transferred from one Hospital or other facility to another Hospital or other facility on the same day, any Copayment per admission in the Schedule of Benefits is waived for the second admission.

## Maternity Services

### **See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Maternity services include Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services and Physician Home Visits and Office Services used for pregnancy, miscarriage, therapeutic abortion (abortion recommended by a Provider), and ordinary routine nursery care for a healthy newborn. Abortion means the ending of a pregnancy before the birth of the infant. Miscarriage is a spontaneous abortion (occurs naturally and suddenly). A therapeutic abortion is one performed to save the life of the mother.

An elective (voluntary) abortion is one performed for reasons other than described above. Regardless of Medical Necessity, We do not pay Covered Services from a Provider for elective abortion accomplished by any means.

Maternity services for a Dependent daughter are covered.

Complications of pregnancy are also covered. Complications of pregnancy are conditions experienced during pregnancy that may seriously jeopardize the health of either the mother or her unborn infant. The condition may be related to the pregnancy itself or be non-pregnancy related occurring coincidentally and adversely influencing the course of the pregnancy.

If the Member is in the first trimester of her pregnancy on her Effective Date, she must use a Network Provider to have Covered Services paid at the Network level. However, if the Member is in the second or third trimester of her pregnancy (13 weeks or later) on her Effective Date, and her Physician is not a Network Provider, she will not be required to change to a Network Provider for the remainder of her pregnancy. If the Member completes a Continuation of Care Request Form and submits it to Us, Covered Services (including obstetrical care provided by that Provider through the end of the pregnancy and for the immediate post-partum period) will be paid at the Network level.

Note: If a newborn child is required to stay as an Inpatient past the mother's discharge date, the services for the newborn child will then be considered a separate admission from the Maternity and an ordinary routine nursery admission, and will be subject to a separate Inpatient Coinsurance/Copayment.

Coverage for the Inpatient postpartum stay for you and your newborn child in a Hospital will be, at a minimum, 48 hours for a vaginal delivery and 96 hours for a cesarean section. Coverage will be for the length of stay recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in their Guidelines for Prenatal Care.

Coverage for a length of stay shorter than the minimum period mentioned above may be permitted if your attending Physician determines further Inpatient postpartum care is not necessary for you or your newborn child, provided the following are met and the mother concurs:

In the opinion of your attending Physician, the newborn child meets the criteria for medical stability in the Guidelines for Perinatal Care prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that determine the appropriate length of stay based upon evaluation of:

1. the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum course of the mother and infant;
2. the gestational stage, birth weight, and clinical condition of the infant;
3. the demonstrated ability of the mother to care for the infant after discharge; and
4. the availability of post-discharge follow-up to verify the condition of the infant after discharge.

**Covered Services include two at-home post delivery care visits** at your residence by a Physician or Nurse performed following you and your newborn child's discharge from the Hospital. Coverage for this visit includes, but is not limited to:

1. physical assessment of the newborn and mother;
2. parent education;
3. assistance and training in breast or bottle feeding;
4. education and services for complete childhood immunizations; and
5. performance of any maternal or neonatal tests routinely performed during the usual course of Inpatient care for you or your newborn child, including the collection of an adequate sample for the hereditary and metabolic newborn screening.

These visits will not be subject to any Home Health Care maximums.

## Medical Supplies, Durable Medical Equipment, and Appliances

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

The supplies, equipment and appliances described below are Covered Services under this benefit. If the supplies, equipment and appliances include comfort, luxury, or convenience items or features that exceed what is Medically Necessary in your situation or needed to treat your condition, reimbursement will be based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for a standard item that is a Covered Service, serves the same purpose, and is Medically Necessary. Any expense that exceeds the Maximum Allowable Amount for the standard item that is a Covered Service is your responsibility. For example, the reimbursement for a motorized wheelchair will be limited to the reimbursement for a standard wheelchair, when a standard wheelchair adequately accommodates your condition.

Repair, adjustment and replacement of purchased equipment, supplies or appliances as set forth below may be covered, as approved by Us. The repair, adjustment or replacement of the purchased equipment, supply or appliance is covered if:

- the equipment, supply or appliance is a Covered Service;
- the continued use of the item is Medically Necessary;
- there is reasonable justification for the repair, adjustment, or replacement (warranty expiration is not reasonable justification).

In addition, replacement of purchased equipment, supplies or appliance may be covered if:

1. The equipment, supply or appliance is worn out or no longer functions.
2. Repair is not possible or would equal or exceed the cost of replacement. An assessment by a rehabilitation equipment specialist or vendor should be done to estimate the cost of repair.
3. Individual's needs have changed and the current equipment is no longer usable due to weight gain, rapid growth, or deterioration of function, etc.
4. The equipment, supply or appliance is damaged and cannot be repaired.

Benefits for repairs and replacement do *not* include the following:

- Repair and replacement due to misuse, malicious breakage or gross neglect.

- Replacement of lost or stolen items.

We may establish reasonable quantity limits for certain supplies, equipment or appliances described below.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

- **Medical and surgical supplies** – Certain supplies and equipment for the management of disease that We approve are covered under the Prescription Drug benefit, if any. These supplies are considered as a medical supply benefit if the Member does not have Our Prescription Drug benefit or if the supplies, equipment or appliances are not received from the PBM's Mail Service or from a Network Pharmacy: Syringes, needles, oxygen, surgical dressings, splints and other similar items which serve only a medical purpose. Covered Services also include Prescription Drugs and biologicals that cannot be self-administered and are provided in a Physician's office. Covered Services do not include items usually stocked in the home for general use like bandages, thermometers, and petroleum jelly.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Allergy serum extracts
2. Chem strips, Glucometer, Lancets
3. Clinitest
4. Needles/syringes
5. Ostomy bags and supplies except charges such as those made by a Pharmacy for purposes of a fitting are not Covered Services

Covered Services include the following:

PKU formula and low protein modified food products for the treatment of phenylketonuria or any inherited diseases of amino acids and organic acids (covered only for children through age 5.) Low protein modified food products are foods that are specifically formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and are intended to be used under the direction of a Physician for the dietary treatment of any inherited metabolic disease. Low protein foods do not include foods that are naturally low in protein.

Non-Covered Services include but are not limited to:

1. Adhesive tape, bandages, cotton tipped applicators
2. Arch supports
3. Doughnut cushions
4. Hot packs, ice bags
5. Vitamins
6. Medinjectors
7. Elastic stockings or supports.
8. Gauze and dressings

The exclusion listed above does not apply to:

- Supplies necessary for the effective use of covered Durable Medical Equipment

- Diabetic supplies

If you have any questions regarding whether a specific medical or surgical supply is covered, call the customer service number on the back of your Identification Card.

- **Durable medical equipment** - The rental (or, at Our option, the purchase) of durable medical equipment prescribed by a Physician or other Provider. Durable medical equipment is equipment which can withstand repeated use; i.e., could normally be rented, and used by successive patients; is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose; generally is not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury; and is appropriate for use in a patient's home. Examples include but are not limited to wheelchairs, crutches, hospital beds, and oxygen equipment. Rental costs must not be more than the purchase price. The Plan will not pay for rental for a longer period of time than it would cost to purchase equipment. The cost for delivering and installing the equipment are Covered Services. Payment for related supplies is a Covered Service only when the equipment is a rental, and medically fitting supplies are included in the rental; or the equipment is owned by the Member; medically fitting supplies may be paid separately. Equipment should be purchased when it costs more to rent it than to buy it. Repair of medical equipment is covered.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Hemodialysis equipment
2. Crutches and replacement of pads and tips
3. Pressure machines
4. Infusion pump for IV fluids and medicine
5. Glucometer
6. Tracheotomy tube
7. Cardiac, neonatal and sleep apnea monitors
8. Augmentive communication devices are covered when We approve based on the Member's condition.

**Non-covered** items may include but are not limited to:

1. Air conditioners
2. Ice bags/coldpack pump
3. Raised toilet seats
4. Rental of equipment if the Member is in a Facility that is expected to provide such equipment
5. Translift chairs
6. Treadmill exerciser
7. Tub chair used in shower.

If you have any questions regarding whether a specific durable medical equipment is covered, call the customer service number on the back of your Identification Card.

- **Prosthetics** – Artificial substitutes for body parts and tissues and materials inserted into tissue for functional or therapeutic purposes. Covered Services include purchase, fitting, needed adjustment, repairs, and replacements of prosthetic devices and supplies that:

1. Replace all or part of a missing body part and its adjoining tissues; or

2. Replace all or part of the function of a permanently useless or malfunctioning body part.

Prosthetic devices should be purchased not rented, and must be Medically Necessary. Applicable taxes, shipping and handling are also covered.

Covered Services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Aids and supports for defective parts of the body including but not limited to internal heart valves, mitral valve, internal pacemaker, pacemaker power sources, synthetic or homograft vascular replacements, fracture fixation devices internal to the body surface, replacements for injured or diseased bone and joint substances, mandibular reconstruction appliances, bone screws, plates, and vitallium heads for joint reconstruction.
2. Left Ventricular Artificial Devices (LVAD) (only when used as a bridge to a heart transplant).
3. Breast prosthesis whether internal or external, following a mastectomy, and four surgical bras per Benefit Period, as required by the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act. Maximums for Prosthetic devices, if any, do not apply. No time limits will be imposed for the receipt of the breast prosthesis.
4. Replacements for all or part of absent parts of the body or extremities, such as artificial limbs, artificial eyes, etc.
5. Intraocular lens implantation for the treatment of cataract or aphakia. Contact lenses or glasses are often prescribed following lens implantation and are Covered Services. (If cataract extraction is performed, intraocular lenses are usually inserted during the same operative session). Eyeglasses (for example bifocals) including frames or contact lenses are covered when they replace the function of the human lens for conditions caused by cataract surgery or injury; the first pair of contact lenses or eyeglasses are covered. The donor lens inserted at the time of surgery is not considered a contact lens, and is not considered the first lens following surgery. If the injury is to one eye or if cataracts are removed from only one eye and the Member selects eyeglasses and frames, then reimbursement for both lenses and frames will be covered.
6. Cochlear implant.
7. Colostomy and other ostomy (surgical construction of an artificial opening) supplies directly related to ostomy care.
8. Restoration prosthesis (composite facial prosthesis)
9. Wigs (the first one following cancer treatment, not to exceed one per Benefit Period).
10. Hearing Aids provided to a newborn for initial amplification following a newborn hearing screening (including any necessary rescreening, audiological assessment and follow-up; see "Preventive Care"). A hearing aid is an electronic device worn or implanted for the purpose of amplifying sound and assisting the physiological process of hearing.
11. Hearing Aids for Members other than newborns, as defined above.

Non-covered Prosthetic appliances include but are not limited to:

1. Dentures, replacing teeth or structures directly supporting teeth.
2. Dental appliances.
3. Such non-rigid appliances as elastic stockings, garter belts, arch supports and corsets.
4. Artificial heart implants.



5. Wigs (except as described above following cancer treatment).
6. Penile prosthesis in men suffering impotency resulting from disease or injury

If you have any questions regarding whether a specific prosthetic is covered, call the customer service number on the back of your Identification Card.

- **Orthotic devices** - Covered Services are the initial purchase, fitting, and repair of a custom-made rigid or semi-rigid supportive device used to support, align, prevent, or correct deformities or to improve the function of movable parts of the body, or which limits or stops motion of a weak or diseased body part. The cost of casting, molding, fittings, and adjustments are included. Applicable tax, shipping, postage and handling charges are also covered. The casting is covered when an orthotic appliance is billed with it, but not if billed separately.

Covered orthotic devices may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Cervical collars.
2. Ankle foot orthosis.
3. Corsets (back and special surgical).
4. Splints (extremity).
5. Trusses and supports.
6. Slings.
7. Wristlets.
8. Built-up shoe.
9. Custom made shoe inserts.

Orthotic appliances may be replaced once per year per Member when Medically Necessary in the Member's situation. However, additional replacements will be allowed for Members under age 18 due to rapid growth, or for any Member when an appliance is damaged and cannot be repaired.

Non-Covered Services include but are not limited to:

1. Orthopedic shoes except therapeutic shoes for diabetics.
2. Foot support devices, such as arch supports and corrective shoes, unless they are an integral part of a leg brace.
3. Standard elastic stockings, garter belts, and other supplies not specially made and fitted (except as specified under Medical Supplies).
4. Garter belts or similar devices.

If you have any questions regarding whether a specific orthotic is covered, call the customer service number on the back of your Identification Card.

## Outpatient Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Outpatient Services include facility, ancillary, facility use, and professional charges when given as an Outpatient at a Hospital, Alternative Care Facility, or other Provider as determined by the Plan. These

facilities may include a non-Hospital site providing Diagnostic and Therapy Services, surgery, or rehabilitation, or other Provider facility as determined by Us. Outpatient Services do not include care that is related to Behavioral Health Services, except as otherwise specified. Refer to the section titled Behavioral Health Services for services covered by the Plan. Professional charges only include services billed by a Physician or other professional.

When Diagnostic Services or Other Therapy Services (chemotherapy, radiation, dialysis, inhalation, or cardiac rehabilitation) is the only Outpatient Services charge, no Copayment is required if received as part of an Outpatient surgery. Any Coinsurance will still apply to these services.

**For Emergency Accident or Medical Care** refer to the "**Emergency Care and Urgent Care**" section.

## Physician Home Visits and Office Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Covered Services include care provided by a Physician in his or her office or your home. Refer to the sections titled "Preventive Care Services", "Maternity Care", "Home Care Services", for services covered by the Plan. For Emergency Care, refer to the "Emergency Care and Urgent Care" section.

**Office visits** for medical care and consultations to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury performed in the Physician's office. Office visits also include allergy testing, injections and serum. When allergy serum is the only charge from a Physician's office, no Copayment is required. Coinsurance is not waived.

**Home Visits** for medical care and consultations performed in your home to examine, diagnose, and treat an illness or injury.

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

**Diagnostic Services** when required to diagnose or monitor a symptom, disease or condition.

**Surgery and Surgical services** (including anesthesia and supplies). The surgical fee includes normal post-operative care.

**Therapy Services** for physical medicine therapies and other Therapy Services when given in the office of a Physician or other professional Provider.

**Online visits.** When available in your area, your coverage will include online visit services. Covered Services include a medical consultation using the internet via a webcam, chat or voice. See Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment and benefit limitation information. Non Covered Services include communications used for:

- Reporting normal lab or other test results
- Office appointment requests
- Billing, insurance coverage or payment questions
- Requests for referrals to Doctors outside the online care panel
- Benefit precertification
- Physician to Physician consultation

## Preventive Care Services

### **See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, and Copayment information.**

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 and state law. Many preventive care services are covered by this plan with no Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance from the Member when provided by a Network Provider. That means We pay 100% of the Maximum Allowed Amount. Covered Services fall under the following broad groups:

1. Services with an “A” or “B” rating from the United States Preventive Services Task Force. Examples of Covered Services include, but are not limited to, 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, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. Women’s contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and counseling. Coverage includes contraceptive devices such as diaphragms, intra uterine devices (IUDs), and implants.
  - b. Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling. Benefits for breast pumps are limited to one pump per pregnancy.
  - c. 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, but not limited to:
  - a. Counseling
  - b. Prescription Drugs
  - c. Nicotine replacement therapy products when prescribed by a Provider, including over the counter (OTC) nicotine gum, lozenges and patches.  
Prescription drugs and OTC items are limited to a no more than 180 day supply per 365 days.

6. Prescription Drugs and OTC items identified as an A or B recommendation by the United States Preventive Services Task Force when prescribed by a Provider including, but not limited to:

- a. Aspirin
- b. Folic acid supplement
- c. Vitamin D supplement
- d. Iron supplement
- e. Bowel preparations

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

You may call Customer Service using the number on your ID card for additional information about these services or view the federal government's web sites, <https://www.healthcare.gov/what-are-my-preventive-care-benefits>, <http://www.ahrq.gov>, and <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/acip/index.html>.

Covered Services also include the following services required by state and federal law:

- Well-baby and well-child care examinations for children through the age of 12, including child health supervision services, based on American Academy of Pediatric Guidelines. Child health supervision services include, but are not limited to, a review of a child's physical and emotional status performed by a Physician, by a health care professional under the supervision of a Physician, in accordance with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and includes a history, complete physical examination, developmental assessment, anticipatory guidance, appropriate immunizations, and laboratory tests.
- Immunizations (including those required for school), following the current Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule as approved by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and as provided by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for children through the age of five. These immunizations will not be subject to any Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment or benefit maximums.
- The following for newborns: hearing screenings, necessary re-screenings, audiology assessment and follow-up.
- Pelvic examinations.
- Routine cytologic screening (including pap test).
- Screening mammograms for asymptomatic women.
- Routine bone density testing for women.
- Routine prostate exam and prostate specific antigen testing.
- Routine colorectal cancer examination and related laboratory tests.
- Testing of pregnant women and other Members for lead poisoning.
- Routine patient care costs for reasonable and Medically Necessary Drugs, devices, medical treatments, procedures or other technology included as part of a Phase II, III or IV clinical trial undertaken to treat cancer. The clinical trial must be underwritten by a National Institute of Health Cooperative or an equivalent entity. Covered care includes routine patient care costs incurred for

Drugs and devices related to the clinical trial. Covered items do not include: the investigational item or service itself; items and services used only for data collection, not for clinical management of the patient; or items and services customarily provided by research sponsors at no charge.

Other Covered Services include:

- Routine vision screening.
- Routine hearing screening.

## Surgical Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Coverage for Surgical Services when provided as part of Physician Home Visits and Office Services, Inpatient Services, or Outpatient Services includes but is not limited to:

- Performance of generally accepted operative and other invasive procedures;
- The correction of fractures and dislocations;
- Anesthesia surgical assistance when Medically Necessary;
- Usual and related pre-operative and post-operative care;
- Cochlear implants;
- Other procedures as approved by Us.

The surgical fee includes normal post-operative care. We may combine the reimbursement when more than one surgery is performed during the same operative session. Contact Us for more information.

Covered Surgical Services include, but are not limited to:

- Operative and cutting procedures;
- Endoscopic examinations, such as arthroscopy, bronchoscopy, colonoscopy, laparoscopy;
- Other invasive procedures such as angiogram, arteriogram, amniocentesis, tap or puncture of brain or spine.

Although this Certificate covers certain oral surgeries, many oral surgeries (e.g. removal of wisdom teeth) are not covered. Covered Services 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.

## Reconstructive Services

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 Certificate.

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

## Mastectomy Notice

A Member who is receiving benefits for a covered mastectomy or for follow-up care in connection with a covered mastectomy, on or after the date the Women’s Health & Cancer Rights Act became effective for this Plan, and who elects breast reconstruction, will also receive coverage for:

- reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy has been performed;
- surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and
- prostheses and treatment of physical complications of all stages of mastectomy, including lymphedemas.

There is no time limit for the receipt of prosthetic devices or reconstructive surgery.

## Sterilization

Sterilization is a Covered Service. Sterilizations for women will be covered under the “Preventive Care” benefit. Please see that section for further details.

## Temporomandibular or Craniomandibular Joint Disorder and Craniomandibular Jaw Disorder

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

Benefits are provided for temporomandibular (joint connecting the lower jaw to the temporal bone at the side of the head) and craniomandibular (head and neck muscle) disorders. Covered Services include, but are not limited to the following, subject to our guidelines:

- office visits
- diagnostic services
- orthopedic appliances (including repositioning devices such as bite splints and templates)
- equilibrations (occlusal adjustments)
- surgery

Non-covered Services include:

- nutritional counseling
- activities of daily living (ADL)
- biofeedback

## Therapy Services

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

When Therapy Services are given as part of Physician Home Visits and Office Services, Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services, or Home Care Services, coverage for these Therapy Services is limited to the following:

### Physical Medicine Therapy Services

The expectation must exist that the therapy will result in a practical improvement in the level of functioning within a reasonable period of time.

- **Physical therapy** not including Chiropractic Services, including treatment by physical means, hydrotherapy, heat, or similar modalities, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. It does not include massage therapy services at spas or health clubs. Such therapy is given to relieve pain, restore function, and to prevent disability following illness, injury, or loss of a body part. Non-Covered Services include but are not limited to: maintenance therapy to delay or minimize muscular deterioration in patients suffering from a chronic disease or illness; repetitive exercise to improve movement, maintain strength and increase endurance (including assistance with walking for weak or unstable patients); range of motion and passive exercises that are not related to restoration of a specific loss of function, but are for maintaining a range of motion in paralyzed extremities; general exercise programs; diathermy, ultrasound and heat treatments for pulmonary conditions; diapulse; work hardening.
- **Speech therapy** for the correction of a speech impairment.
- **Occupational therapy** for the treatment of a physically disabled person by means of constructive activities designed and adapted to promote the restoration of the person's ability to satisfactorily accomplish the ordinary tasks of daily living and those tasks required by the person's particular occupational role. Occupational therapy does not include diversional, recreational, vocational therapies (e.g. hobbies, arts and crafts). Non-Covered Services include but are not limited to: supplies (looms, ceramic tiles, leather, utensils); therapy to improve or restore functions that could be expected to improve as the patient resumes normal activities again; general exercises to promote overall fitness and flexibility; therapy to improve motivation; suction therapy for newborns (feeding machines); soft tissue mobilization (visceral manipulation or visceral soft tissue manipulation), augmented soft tissue mobilization, myofascial; adaptations to the home such as rampways, door widening, automobile adaptors, kitchen adaptation and other types of similar equipment.
- **Manipulation Therapy** includes the manipulation and adjustment of the movable joint, muscle, and nerve tissue of the body to restore and maintain health and function. Manipulation therapy does not include chiropractic services, as identified below.

- **Chiropractic services** are available on an acute basis. Chiropractic services are services provided by a licensed Chiropractor acting within the scope of his or her practice. Coverage includes the initial diagnosis and clinically appropriate and Medically Necessary services and supplies required to treat the diagnosed disorder, subject to the terms and conditions of the Certificate.

### Other Therapy Services

- **Cardiac rehabilitation** to restore an individual's functional status after a cardiac event. It is a program of medical evaluation, education, supervised exercise training, and psychosocial support. Home programs, on-going conditioning and maintenance are not covered.
- **Chemotherapy** for the treatment of a disease by chemical or biological antineoplastic agents, including the cost of such agents.
- **Dialysis treatments** of an acute or chronic kidney ailment that may include the supportive use of an artificial kidney machine.
- **Radiation therapy** for the treatment of disease by X-ray, radium, or radioactive isotopes. Includes treatment (teletherapy, brachytherapy and intraoperative radiation, photon or high energy particle sources); materials and supplies used in therapy; treatment planning.
- **Inhalation therapy** for the treatment of a condition by the administration of medicines, water vapors, gases, or anesthetics by inhalation. Covered Services include but are not limited to, introduction of dry or moist gases into the lungs; nonpressurized inhalation treatment; intermittent positive pressure breathing treatment, air or oxygen, with or without nebulized medication; continuous positive airway pressure ventilation (CPAP); continuous negative pressure ventilation (CNP); chest percussion; therapeutic use of medical gases or Drugs in the form of aerosols, and equipment such as resuscitators, oxygen tents, and incentive spirometers; broncho-pulmonary drainage and breathing exercises.
- **Pulmonary rehabilitation** to restore an individual's functional status after an illness or injury. Covered Services include but are not limited to Outpatient short-term respiratory services for conditions that are expected to show significant improvement through short-term therapy. Also covered is inhalation therapy administered in Physician's office including but are not limited to breathing exercise, exercise not elsewhere classified, and other counseling. Pulmonary rehabilitation in the acute Inpatient rehabilitation setting is not a Covered Service.

### Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Services

A structured therapeutic program of an intensity that requires a multidisciplinary coordinated team approach to upgrade the patient's ability to function as independently as possible; including skilled rehabilitative nursing care, physical therapy (not including Chiropractic Care), occupational therapy, speech therapy and services of a Social Worker or Psychologist. The goal is to obtain practical improvement in a reasonable length of time in the appropriate Inpatient setting.

Physical medicine and rehabilitation involves several types of therapy, not just physical therapy, and a coordinated team approach. The variety and intensity of treatments required is the major differentiation from an admission primarily for physical therapy.

Non-Covered Services for physical medicine and rehabilitation include, but are not limited to:

- admission to a Hospital mainly for physical therapy;



- long term rehabilitation in an Inpatient setting.

Day Rehabilitation Program services provided through a Day Hospital for physical medicine and rehabilitation are Covered Services. A Day Rehabilitation Program is for those patients who do not require Inpatient care but still require a rehabilitation therapy program four to eight hours a day, 2 or more days a week at a Day Hospital. Day rehabilitation program services may consist of Physical Therapy (not including Chiropractic Care), Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, nursing services, and neuro psychological services. A minimum of two Therapy Services must be provided for this program to be a Covered Service.

## Transgender Services

This Plan provides transgender benefits for the following services for the purpose of Medically Necessary gender transition (also known as sex reassignment):

- Mental health counseling;
- Pharmacy benefits;
- Medical visits and lab procedures; and
- Non-cosmetic surgical procedures, subject to any maximums in the Schedule of Benefits.

Transgender surgery must be approved by Us for the type of transgender surgery requested and must be authorized prior to being performed. Charges for services that are not authorized for the transgender surgery requested, will not be considered Covered Services.

This Plan provides benefits for many of the charges for transgender surgery (also known as sex reassignment surgery). Benefits are limited as outlined in the Schedule of Benefits. Transgender surgery must be approved by Us for the type of transgender surgery requested and must be authorized prior to being performed. Charges for services that are not authorized for the transgender surgery requested will not be considered Covered Services. Some conditions apply, and all services must be authorized by Us as outlined in the "Health Care Management" section.

## Vision Services

Benefits are available for medical and surgical treatment of injuries and/or diseases affecting the eye. Vision screenings required by federal law are covered under the "Preventive Care" benefit. Benefits for other Covered Services are based on the setting in which services are received.

Benefits are not available for glasses and contact lenses except as described in the "Prosthetics" benefit.

Additional Covered Services include:

- Determination of refraction,
- Ophthalmological examination including refraction for new and established patients, and
- A visual functional screening for visual acuity.

These additional services are not part of the "Preventive Care" benefit and will be based on the setting in which services are received. No additional ophthalmological services are covered, except as described above.

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

**See the Schedule of Benefits for any applicable Deductible, Coinsurance, Copayment, and Benefit Limitation information.**

**The human organ and tissue transplant (bone marrow/stem cell) services benefits or requirements described below do not apply to the following:**

- **Cornea and kidney transplants; and**
- **Any Covered Services, related to a Covered Transplant Procedure, received prior to or after the Transplant Benefit Period. Please note that the initial evaluation and any necessary additional testing to determine your eligibility as a candidate for transplant by your Provider and the collection and storage of bone marrow/stem cells is included in the Covered Transplant Procedure benefit regardless of date of service.**

**The above services are covered as Inpatient Services, Outpatient Services or Physician Home Visits and Office Services depending where the service is performed subject to Member cost shares.**

### Covered Transplant Procedure

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

Covered Transplant Procedures include treatment of breast cancer by high-dose chemotherapy with autologous bone marrow transplantation or stem cell transplantation.

### 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 Case Manager 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 a Non-Network Transplant Provider Facility.

### Prior Approval and Precertification

In order to maximize your benefits, We strongly encourage you to call Our 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. We 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 We issue a prior approval for the Covered Transplant Procedure, We recommend that you or your Provider call Our 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 Us 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. Our assistance with travel expenses includes transportation to and from the facility and lodging for the patient and one companion. If the Member receiving treatment is a minor, then reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation and lodging may be allowed for two companions. The Member must submit itemized receipts for transportation and lodging expenses in a form satisfactory to Us when claims are filed. Contact Us for detailed information.

For lodging and ground transportation benefits, We will provide a maximum benefit up to the current limits set forth in the Internal Revenue Code. The 2008 lodging maximum is \$50 per night. Revisions will be published in IRC 213(d)(2)(B). Effective Jan. 1, 2013, the standard mileage rate is 24 cents per mile. Updates are published at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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

- Child care,
- Mileage within the medical transplant facility city,
- Rental cars, buses, taxis, or shuttle service, except as specifically approved by Us,
- Frequent Flyer miles,
- Coupons, Vouchers, or Travel tickets,
- Prepayments or deposits,
- Services for a condition that is not directly related, or a direct result, of the transplant,
- Telephone calls,
- Laundry,
- Postage,
- Entertainment,
- Interim visits to a medical care facility while waiting for the actual transplant procedure,
- Travel expenses for donor companion/caregiver,
- Return visits for the donor for a treatment of a condition found during the evaluation.

**Certain Human Organ and Tissue Transplant Services may be limited. See the Schedule of Benefits.**

## **6 NON COVERED SERVICES/EXCLUSIONS**

The following section indicates certain items that are excluded from benefit consideration, and are not considered Covered Services. Excluded items will not be covered even if the service, supply, or equipment would otherwise be considered Medically Necessary.

We do not provide benefits for procedures, equipment, services, supplies or charges:

1. that We determine are not Medically Necessary or do not meet Our medical policy, clinical coverage guidelines, or benefit policy guidelines, except reasonable and Medically Necessary Drugs, devices, medical treatments, procedures or other technology included as part of a Phase II, III or IV clinical trial undertaken to treat cancer. The clinical trial must be underwritten by a National Institute of Health Cooperative or an equivalent entity. Covered care includes routine patient care costs incurred for Drugs and devices related to the clinical trial. Covered items do not include: the investigational item or service itself; items and services used only for data collection, not for clinical management of the patient; or items and services customarily provided by research sponsors at no charge.
2. received from an individual or entity that is not licensed by law to provide Covered Services, as defined in this Certificate. Examples include, but are not limited to, masseurs or masseuses (massage therapists), physical therapist technicians, and athletic trainers.
3. that are Experimental/Investigative or related to such, whether incurred prior to, in connection with, or subsequent to the Experimental/Investigative service or supply, as determined by Us, except reasonable and Medically Necessary Drugs, devices, medical treatments, procedures or other technology included as part of a Phase II, III or IV clinical trial undertaken to treat cancer. The clinical trial must be underwritten by a National Institute of Health Cooperative or an equivalent entity. Covered care includes routine patient care costs incurred for Drugs and devices related to the clinical trial. Covered items do not include: the investigational item or service itself; items and services used only for data collection, not for clinical management of the patient; or items and services customarily provided by research sponsors at no charge. The fact that a service is the only available treatment for a condition will not make it eligible for coverage if we deem it to be Experimental/Investigational.
4. for any condition, disease, defect, ailment, or injury arising out of and in the course of employment if benefits are available under any Workers' Compensation Act or other similar law. If Workers' 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.
5. to the extent that they are provided as benefits by any governmental unit, unless otherwise required by law or regulation.
6. for any illness or injury that occurs while serving in the armed forces, including as a result of any act of war, declared or undeclared. At the Subscriber's request, We will refund any Premiums paid from the date the Member enters the military.
7. for a condition resulting from direct participation in a riot, civil disobedience, nuclear explosion, or nuclear accident.
8. for court ordered testing or care unless the service is Medically Necessary.

9. for which you have no legal obligation to pay in the absence of this or like coverage.
10. for the following charges:
  - Physician or Other Practitioners' Charges for consulting with Members by telephone, facsimile machine, electronic mail systems or other consultation or medical management service not involving direct (face-to-face) care with the Member;
  - surcharges for furnishing and/or receiving medical records and reports.
  - charges for doing research with Providers not directly responsible for Your care.
  - charges that are not documented in Provider records.
  - charges from an outside laboratory or shop for services in connection with an order involving devices (e.g., prosthetics, orthotics) which are manufactured by that laboratory or shop, but which are designed to be fitted and adjusted by the attending Physician.
  - 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.
11. received from a dental or medical department maintained by or on behalf of an employer, mutual benefit association, labor union, trust, academic institution, or similar person or group.
12. prescribed, ordered or referred by or received from a member of your immediate family, including your spouse, child/stepchild, brother/stepbrother, sister/stepparent, in-law, or self.
13. for completion of claim forms or charges for medical records or reports, unless otherwise required by law.
14. for missed or canceled appointments.
15. for mileage, lodging and meals costs, and other Member travel related expenses, except as authorized by Us or specifically stated as a Covered Service.
16. for which benefits are payable under Medicare Parts A and/or B, or would have been payable if a Member had applied for Parts A and/or B, except, as specified elsewhere in this Certificate or as otherwise prohibited by federal law, as addressed in the section titled "Medicare" in General Provisions. For the purposes of the calculation of benefits, if the Member has not enrolled in Medicare Part B, we will calculate benefits as if they had enrolled.
17. in excess of Our Maximum Allowable Amounts.
18. incurred prior to your Effective Date.
19. incurred after the termination date of this coverage except as specified elsewhere in this Certificate.
20. for reconstructive services, except as specifically stated in the "Covered Services" section of this Certificate, or as required by law.
21. provided in connection with cosmetic services. Cosmetic services are primarily intended to preserve, change or improve your appearance or are furnished for psychiatric, psychological or social 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). Complications directly related to cosmetic services, treatment or surgery, as determined by Us, are not covered. This exclusion applies even if

the original cosmetic services treatment or surgery was performed while the Member was covered by another carrier/self-funded plan prior to coverage under this Certificate. Directly related means that the treatment or surgery occurred as a direct result of the cosmetic services treatment or surgery and would not have taken place in the absence of the cosmetic services treatment or surgery. This exclusion does not apply to conditions including but not limited to: myocardial infarction; pulmonary embolism; thrombophlebitis; and exacerbation of co-morbid conditions. This exclusion also does not apply to plastic or reconstructive surgery to restore breast symmetry by reduction mammoplasty, mastopexy or breast augmentation as recommended by the oncologist or PCP for a Member incident to a covered mastectomy. Coverage will include reduction or uplift surgery on the unaffected breast to produce a symmetrical appearance.

22. for maintenance therapy, which is treatment given when no additional progress is apparent or expected to occur. Maintenance therapy includes treatment that preserves your present level of functioning and prevents loss of that functioning, but which does not result in any additional improvement.
23. for the following:
  - Custodial, convalescent care or rest cures; domiciliary care provided in a residential institution, treatment center, halfway house, or school because a Member's own home arrangements are not available or are unsuitable, and consisting chiefly of room and board, even if therapy is included.
  - care provided or billed by a hotel, health resort, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or other extended care facility home for the aged, infirmary, school infirmary, institution providing education in special environments, supervised living or halfway house, or any similar facility or institution.
  - care provided or billed by residential treatment centers or facilities, unless those centers are required to be covered by state law. This includes, but is not limited to, 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.
  - services or care provided or billed by a school, Custodial Care center for the developmentally disabled, residential programs for drug and alcohol, or outward bound programs, even if psychotherapy is included.
  - wilderness camps
24. for 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:
  - cleaning and soaking the feet.
  - applying skin creams in order to maintain skin tone.
  - other services that are performed when there is not a localized illness, injury or symptom involving the foot.
25. for surgical treatment of flat feet; subluxation of the foot; weak, strained, unstable feet; tarsalgia; metatarsalgia; hyperkeratoses.
26. for dental treatment, regardless of origin or cause, except as specified elsewhere in this Certificate. "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) or gums, including but not limited to:

- extraction, restoration and replacement of teeth.
  - medical or surgical treatments of dental conditions.
  - services to improve dental clinical outcomes.
27. for 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.
28. for Dental implants.
29. for Dental braces.
30. for Dental x rays, supplies & appliances and all associated expenses, including hospitalization and anesthesia, except as explained in the "Covered Services" section of this Certificate. The only exceptions to this are for any of the following:
- transplant preparation.
  - initiation of immunosuppressives.
  - direct treatment of acute traumatic injury, cancer or cleft palate.
31. for treatment of congenitally missing, malpositioned, or super numerary teeth, even if part of a congenital anomaly.
32. weight loss programs, whether or not they are pursued under medical or Physician supervision unless specifically listed as covered in this Certificate. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, commercial weight loss programs (Weight Watchers, Jenny Craig, LA Weight Loss) and fasting programs. This exclusion does not apply to Medically Necessary treatments for morbid obesity.
33. for marital counseling.
34. for 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.
35. for vision orthoptic training.
36. for services or supplies primarily for educational, vocational, or training purposes, except as otherwise specified herein.
37. for services to reverse voluntarily induced sterility.
38. for testing or treatment related to fertilization or infertility such as diagnostic tests performed to determine the reason for infertility and any service billed with an infertility related diagnosis.
39. for personal hygiene, environmental control, or convenience items including but not limited to:
- air conditioners, humidifiers, air purifiers;
  - 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 non-medical self-care except as otherwise stated;
  - purchase or rental of supplies for common household use, such as water purifiers;
  - hypoallergenic pillows, cervical neck pillows, special mattresses, or waterbeds;

- infant helmets to treat positional plagiocephaly; safety helmets for Members with neuromuscular diseases; or sports helmets, except when required to treat congenital defects or birth abnormalities of a newborn child.
40. for telephone consultations or consultations via electronic mail or internet/web site, except as required by law, or authorized by Us.
  41. for care received in an emergency room that is not Emergency Care, except as specified in this Certificate. This includes, but is not limited to, suture removal in an emergency room.
  42. for eye surgery to correct errors of refraction, such as near-sightedness, including without limitation LASIK, radial keratotomy or keratomileusis or excimer laser refractive keratectomy.
  43. for self-help training and other forms of non-medical self care, except as specified in the "Covered Services" section of this Certificate.
  44. for examinations relating to research screenings.
  45. for stand-by charges of a Physician.
  46. for physical exams and immunizations required for enrollment in any insurance program, as a condition of employment, for licensing, or for other purposes.
  47. for 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 the "Covered Services" section.
  48. for Manipulation Therapy services rendered in the home as part of Home Care Services.
  49. for services and supplies related to 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.
  50. for elective abortions and/or fetal reduction surgery. An elective (voluntary) abortion is one performed for reasons other than described in Maternity Services in the "Covered Services" section.
  51. for Mail Order Drugs.
  52. nutritional and/or dietary supplements, except as provided in this Certificate or as required by law. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, those nutritional formulas and dietary supplements that can be purchased over the counter, which by law do not require either a written Prescription or dispensing by a licensed pharmacist.
  53. for (services or supplies related to) alternative or complementary medicine. Services in this category include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, holistic medicine, homeopathy, hypnosis, aroma therapy, massage and massage therapy, reiki therapy, herbal, vitamin or dietary products or therapies, naturopathy, thermograph, orthomolecular therapy, contact reflex analysis, bioenergal synchronization technique (BEST), iridology (study of the iris), auditory integration therapy (AIT), colonic irrigation, magnetic innervation therapy and electromagnetic therapy.
  54. for any services or supplies provided to a person not covered under the Certificate in connection with a surrogate pregnancy (including, but no limited to, the bearing of a child by another woman for an infertile couple).



55. for surgical treatment of gynecomastia.
56. for treatment of hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating).
57. for any service for which you are responsible under the terms of this Certificate to pay a Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible, and the Copayment, Coinsurance or Deductible is waived by a Non-Network Provider.
58. for Human Growth Hormone for children born small for gestational age. It is only a Covered Service in other situations when allowed by Us through Prior Authorization.
59. for services, supplies and equipment for the following:
  - gastric electrical stimulation.
  - hippotherapy.
  - intestinal rehabilitation therapy.
  - prolotherapy.
  - recreational therapy.
  - sensory integration therapy (SIT).
60. for extracorporeal shock wave treatment for plantar fasciitis and other musculoskeletal conditions.
61. for complications directly related to a service or treatment that is a non-Covered Service under this Certificate because it was determined by Us to be Experimental/Investigational or not Medically Necessary. Directly related means that the service or treatment occurred as a direct result of the Experimental/Investigational or non-Medically Necessary service and would not have taken place in the absence of the Experimental/Investigational or non-Medically Necessary service.
62. for Drugs, devices, products, or supplies with over the counter equivalents and any Drugs, devices, products, or supplies that are therapeutically comparable to an over the counter Drug, device, product, or supply. This Exclusion does not apply to over-the-counter products that we must cover as a "Preventive Care Services" benefit under federal law with a Prescription.
63. for sclerotherapy for the treatment of varicose veins of the lower extremities including ultrasonic guidance for needle and/or catheter placement and subsequent sequential ultrasound studies to assess the results of ongoing treatment of varicose veins of the lower extremities with sclerotherapy.
64. for treatment of telangiectatic dermal veins (spider veins) by any method.
65. for Outpatient Prescription Drugs, except chemotherapeutic Prescription Drugs obtained at a Pharmacy when prescribed by a Provider for the treatment of cancer or medications used to prevent the rejection of an organ following a human organ transplant.
66. for services and supplies provided pursuant to a private contract between the Member and a Provider, for which reimbursement under the Medicare program is prohibited, as specified in Section 1802 (42 U.S.C. 1395a) of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act.
67. health club memberships, exercise equipment, charges from a physical fitness instructor or personal trainer, or any other charges for activities, equipment, or facilities used for developing or maintaining physical fitness, even if ordered by a Physician. This exclusion also applies to health spas.

## EXPERIMENTAL/INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES EXCLUSION

Any Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply used in or directly related to the diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of a disease, injury, illness, or other health condition which We determine to be Experimental/Investigative is not covered under the Plan.

We will deem any Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply to be Experimental/Investigative if We determine that one or more of the following criteria apply when the service is rendered with respect to the use for which benefits are sought. The Drug, biologic, device, Diagnostic, product, equipment, procedure, treatment, service, or supply:

- cannot be legally marketed in the United States without the final approval of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), or 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 Us. In determining whether a Service is Experimental/Investigative, We 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 Us 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.

We will 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.

## 7 ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

You have coverage provided under this Certificate because of your employment with/membership with/retirement from the Group. You must satisfy certain requirements to participate in the Group's benefit plan. These requirements may include probationary or waiting periods and Actively At Work standards as determined by the Group or state and/or federal law and approved by Us.

**Your Eligibility requirements are described in general terms below. For more specific eligibility information, see your Human Resources or Benefits Department.**

### Eligibility

The following eligibility rules apply unless you are notified by Us and the Group.

#### Subscriber

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

- Be either: an employee, member, or retiree of the Group, and:
- Be entitled to participate in the benefit plan arranged by the Group;
- Have satisfied any probationary or waiting period established by the Group and be Actively At Work;
- Meet the eligibility criteria stated in the Group Contract.

## Dependents

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

- The Subscriber's spouse as recognized under the laws of the state where the Subscriber lives.
- The Subscriber's Domestic Partner. Domestic Partner, or Domestic Partnership means a person of the same or opposite sex who has signed the Domestic Partner Affidavit certifying that: he or she is the Subscriber's or the Eligible Person's sole Domestic Partner and has been for 6 months or more; he or she is mentally competent; neither the Subscriber nor the Eligible Person is related by blood closer than permitted by state law for marriage; he or she is not married to anyone else; and he or she is financially interdependent with the Subscriber or Eligible Person.

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

Any federal or state law that applies to a Member who is a spouse or child under this Plan shall also apply to a Domestic Partner or a Domestic Partner's child who is a Member under this Plan. This includes but is not limited to, COBRA, FMLA, and COB. A Domestic Partner's or a Domestic Partner's child's coverage ends on the date of dissolution of the Domestic Partnership.

To apply for coverage as Domestic Partners, both the Subscriber and the eligible Domestic Partner must complete and sign the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership in addition to the Enrollment Application, and must meet all criteria stated in the Affidavit. Signatures must be witnessed and notarized by a notary public. We reserve the right to make the ultimate decision in determining eligibility of the Domestic Partner.

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

All enrolled eligible children will continue to be covered until the age limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits.

Eligibility will be continued past the age limit only for those already enrolled unmarried Dependents who cannot work to support themselves due to physical or mental handicap. The Dependent's disability must start before the end of the period they would become ineligible for coverage. The Plan must certify the Dependent's eligibility. The Plan must be informed of the Dependent's eligibility for continuation of coverage within 31 days after the Dependent would normally become ineligible. Subsequent proof of the child's disability and dependency must be provided upon Our request. Proof may be required at reasonable intervals during the first two years after the child reaches the Dependent age limit, and no more frequently than once each year thereafter. You must notify Us if the Dependent's marital status changes and they are no longer eligible for continued coverage.

The Plan may require the Subscriber to submit proof of continued eligibility for any enrolled child. Your failure to provide this information could result in termination of a child's coverage.

To obtain coverage for children, We may require that the Subscriber complete a "Dependency Affidavit" and provide Us with a copy of any legal documents awarding guardianship of such child(ren) to the Subscriber. Temporary custody is not sufficient to establish eligibility under this Certificate.

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

Coverage Effective Dates and enrollment requirements are described in the Group Contract.

## College Student Medical Leave

The Plan will extend coverage for up to one year when a college student otherwise would lose eligibility, if a child takes a Medically Necessary leave of absence from a postsecondary educational institution. Coverage will continue for up to one year of leave, unless Dependent coverage ends earlier under another Plan provision, such as the parent's termination of employment or the child's age exceeding the Plan's limit.

**Medically Necessary change in student status.** The extended coverage is available if a college student would otherwise lose coverage because a serious illness or injury requires a Medically Necessary leave of absence or a change in enrollment status (for example, a switch from full-time to part-time student status). The Plan must receive written certification from the child's Physician confirming the serious illness or injury and the Medical Necessity of the leave or change in status.

**Coverage continues even if the plan changes.** Dependent coverage will continue during the leave as if the child had maintained student eligibility. This requirement applies even if a Plan changes during the extended period of coverage.

## Enrollment

### Initial Enrollment

An Eligible Person can enroll for Single or Family Coverage by submitting an application to the Plan. The application must be received by the date stated on the Group Contract or the Plan's underwriting rules for initial application for enrollment. Coverage will be effective based on the waiting period chosen by the Group, and will not exceed 90 days. If We do not receive the initial application by this date, the Eligible Person can only enroll for coverage during the Open Enrollment period or during a Special Enrollment period, which ever is applicable.

If a person qualifies as a Dependent but does not enroll when the Eligible Person first applies for enrollment, the Dependent can only enroll for coverage during the Open Enrollment period or during a Special Enrollment period, which ever is applicable.

It is important for you to know which family members are eligible to apply for benefits under Family Coverage. See the section on Eligible Dependents.

### Continuous Coverage

If you were covered by the Group's prior carrier or plan immediately prior to the Group's enrollment with Us, with no break in coverage, then you will receive credit for any accrued Deductible and, if applicable and approved by Us, Out-of-Pocket amounts under that other plan. This does not apply to persons who were not covered by the prior carrier or plan on the day before the Group's coverage with Us began, or to persons who join the Group later.

If your Group moves from one of Our plans to another, (for example, changes its coverage from HMO to PPO), and you were covered by the other product immediately prior to enrolling in this product with no break in coverage, then you may receive credit for any accrued Deductible and Out-of-Pocket

amounts, if applicable and approved by Us. Any maximums, when applicable, will be carried over and charged against the maximums under this Certificate.

If your Group offers more than one of Our products, and you change from one of those products to another with no break in coverage, you will receive credit for any accrued Deductible and, if applicable, Out-of-Pocket amounts and any maximums will be carried over and charged against the maximums.

If your Group offers coverage through other products or carriers in addition to Our coverage, and you change products or carriers to enroll in this product with no break in coverage, you will receive credit for any accrued Deductible, Out-of-Pocket, and any maximums.

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

- you change from one of Our individual policies to one of Our group plans;
- you change employers and both have Our coverage; or
- you are a new Member of the Group who joins the Group after the Group's initial enrollment with Us.

### **Newborn and Adopted Child Coverage**

Newborn children of the Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse will be covered for an initial period of 31 days from the date of birth. Coverage for newborns will continue beyond the 31 days only if the Subscriber submits through the Group, or the Plan, a request to add the child under the Subscriber's Certificate. The request must be submitted within 31 days after the birth of the child or within 10 days after We provide the form, whichever is later. Failure to notify the Plan during this period will result in no coverage for the newborn beyond the first 31 days, except as permitted for a Late Enrollee.

A child will be considered adopted from the earlier of: (1) the moment of placement in your home; or (2) the date of an entry of an order granting custody of the child to you. The child will continue to be considered adopted unless the child is removed from your home prior to issuance of a legal decree of adoption.

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

If a Subscriber or the Subscriber's spouse is awarded legal custody or guardianship for a child, an application must be submitted within 31 days of the date legal custody or guardianship is awarded by the court. Coverage would start on the date the court granted legal custody or guardianship. If We do not receive an application within the 31-day period, the child will be treated as a Late Enrollee.

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

If you are required by a qualified medical child support order or court order, as defined by ERISA and/or applicable state or federal law, to enroll your child under this Certificate, We will permit your child to enroll at any time without regard to any Open Enrollment limits and shall provide the benefits of this Certificate in accordance with the applicable requirements of such order. A child's coverage under this provision will not extend beyond any Dependent Age Limit listed in the Schedule of Benefits. Any claims payable under this Certificate will be paid, at Our discretion, to the child or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, for any expenses paid by the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian. We will make information available to the child, custodial parent, or legal guardian on how to obtain benefits and submit claims to Us directly.

## Special Enrollment/Special Enrollees

If you are declining enrollment for yourself or your Dependents (including your spouse) because of other health insurance coverage, you may in the future be able to enroll yourself or your Dependents in this Plan, if you or your Dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing towards your or your Dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 31 days after your other coverage ends (or within 60 days after Medicaid coverage ends) after your or your Dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage). In addition, if you have a new Dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your Dependents in the Plan, provided that you request enrollment within 31 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

If We receive an application to add your Dependent or an Eligible Person and Dependent more than 31 days after the qualifying event, we will not be able to enroll that person until the Group's next Open Enrollment.

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) under Medicaid or CHIP.

The Employee or Dependent must request Special Enrollment within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid/CHIP or of the eligibility determination. If We receive an application to add your Dependent or an Eligible Person and Dependent more than 60 days after the loss of Medicaid/CHIP or of the eligibility determination, we will not be able to enroll that person until the Group's next Open Enrollment.

Application forms are available from the Plan.

## Open Enrollment Period

An Eligible Person or Dependent who did not request enrollment for coverage during the initial enrollment period, or during a Special Enrollment period, may apply for coverage at any time, however, will not be enrolled until the Group's next annual enrollment.

Open Enrollment means a period of time (at least 31 days prior the Group's renewal date and 31 days following) which is held no less frequently than once in any 12 consecutive months.

## Notice of Changes

The Subscriber is responsible for notifying the Group of any changes that will affect his or her eligibility or that of Dependents for services or benefits under this Certificate. The Plan must be notified of any changes as soon as possible but no later than within 31 days of the event. This includes changes in address, marriage, divorce, death, change of Dependent disability or dependency status, enrollment or disenrollment in another health plan or Medicare. Failure to notify Us of persons no longer eligible for services will not obligate Us to pay for such services. Acceptance of payments from the Group for persons no longer eligible for services will not obligate Us to pay for such services.

Family Coverage should be changed to Single Coverage when only the Subscriber is eligible. When notice is provided within 31 days of the event, the Effective Date of coverage is the event date causing the change to Single Coverage. The Plan must be notified when a Member becomes eligible for Medicare.

All notifications by the Group must be in writing and on approved forms. Such notifications must include all information reasonably required to effect the necessary changes.

A Member's coverage terminates as specified in the Termination section of this Certificate. The Plan has the right to bill the Subscriber for the cost of any services provided to such person during the period such person was not eligible under the Subscriber's coverage.

### **Nondiscrimination**

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

### **Effective Date of Coverage**

For information on your specific Effective Date of Coverage under this Certificate, please see your human resources or benefits department. You can also contact Us by calling the number located on the back of your Identification (ID) Card.

### **Statements and Forms**

Subscribers (or applicants for membership) must complete and submit applications, medical review questionnaires or other forms or statements the Plan may reasonably request.

Applicants for membership understand that all rights to benefits under this Certificate are subject to the condition that all such information is true, correct and complete. Any material misrepresentation by a Member may result in termination of coverage as provided in the "Changes in Coverage: Termination, Continuation & Conversion" section. We will not terminate this Certificate on the basis of application misstatements after two years have passed since the Enrollment Date.

### **Delivery of Documents**

We will provide an Identification Card for each Member and a Certificate for each Subscriber.

## **8 CHANGES IN COVERAGE: TERMINATION, CONTINUATION AND CONVERSION**

### **Termination**

Except as otherwise provided, your coverage may terminate in the following situations. The information provided below is general and the actual effective date of termination may vary based on your Group's agreement with Us and your specific circumstances, such as whether Premium has been paid in full:



- If you terminate your coverage, termination will generally be effective on the last day of the billing period.
- Subject to any applicable continuation or conversion requirements, if you cease to meet eligibility requirements as outlined in this Certificate, your coverage generally will terminate on the last day of the billing period. If you cease to be eligible due to termination of employment, your coverage will terminate on the last day of the billing period that first occurs after your employment termination date. The Group and/or you must notify Us immediately if you cease to meet the eligibility requirements. The Group and/or you shall be responsible for payment for any services incurred by you after you cease to meet eligibility requirements.
- If you perform an act, practice, or omission that constitutes fraud or make an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, as prohibited by the terms of your plan, your coverage and the coverage of your Dependents can be retroactively terminated or rescinded. A rescission of coverage means that the coverage may be legally voided back to the start of your coverage under the plan, just as if you never had coverage under the plan. You will be provided with a thirty (30) calendar day advance notice with appeal rights before your coverage is retroactively terminated or rescinded. You are responsible for paying Us for the cost of previously received services based on the Maximum Allowable Amount for such services, less any Copayments made or Premium paid for such services.
- A Dependent's coverage will generally terminate at the end of the billing period in which notice was received by Us that the person no longer meets the definition of Dependent, unless the termination is due to fraud or material misrepresentation as explained above.
- If coverage is through an association, coverage will generally terminate on the date membership in the association ends.
- If you elect coverage under another carrier's health benefit plan which is offered by, through, or in connection with the Group as an option instead of this Plan, then coverage for you and your Dependents will generally terminate at the end of the billing period for which Premium has been paid, subject to the consent of the Group. The Group agrees to immediately notify Us that you have elected coverage elsewhere.
- If you fail to pay or fail to make satisfactory arrangements to pay your portion of the Premiums or contributions in accordance with the terms of the Group Contract, We may terminate your coverage and may also terminate the coverage of all your Dependents, generally effective immediately upon Our written notice to the Group.
- If you permit the use of your or any other Member's Plan Identification Card by any other person; use another person's card; or use an invalid card to obtain services, your coverage will terminate immediately upon Our written notice to the Group. Any Subscriber or Dependent involved in the misuse of a Plan Identification Card will be liable to and must reimburse Us for the Maximum Allowable Amount for services received through such misuse.

## Removal of Members

Upon written request through the Group, a Subscriber may cancel the enrollment of any Member from the Plan. If this happens, no benefits will be provided for Covered Services provided after the Member's termination date.

## Reinstatement

You will not be reinstated automatically if coverage is terminated. Re-application is necessary, unless termination resulted from inadvertent clerical error. No additions or terminations of membership will be processed during the time your or the Group's request for reinstatement is being considered by Us. Your coverage shall not be adversely affected due to the Group's clerical error. However, the Group is liable to Us if We incur financial loss as a result of the Group's clerical error.

## Continuation

### Federal Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)

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

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

### COBRA Continuation Coverage

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of health coverage under the Group's health plan when coverage would otherwise end because of a life event known as a "qualifying event." Specific qualifying events are listed below. After a qualifying event, the Group must offer COBRA continuation coverage to each person who is a "qualified beneficiary." You, your spouse, and your Dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Group's health plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Group's health plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage may or may not be required to pay for COBRA continuation coverage. Contact the Group for Premium payment requirements.

If you are a Subscriber, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Group's health plan because either one of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you are the spouse of a Subscriber, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Group's health plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your Dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Group's health plan because any of the following qualifying events happens:

- The parent-Subscriber dies;
- The parent-Subscriber's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-Subscriber's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Group's health plan as a "Dependent child."

### **If Your Group Offers Retirement Coverage**

Sometimes, 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 the Group, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired Subscriber covered under the Group's health plan, the retired Subscriber will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. The retired Subscriber's spouse, surviving spouse, and Dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under Group's health plan.

### **When is COBRA Coverage Available?**

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

### **You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events**

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

### **How is COBRA Coverage Provided?**

Once the Group receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, they will offer COBRA continuation coverage to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered Subscribers may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage.

When the qualifying event is the death of the Subscriber, the Subscriber's becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), your divorce or legal separation, or a Dependent child's losing eligibility as a Dependent child, COBRA continuation coverage lasts for up to a total of 36

months. When the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the Subscriber's hours of employment, and the Subscriber became entitled to Medicare benefits less than 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for qualified beneficiaries other than the Subscriber lasts until 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement. For example, if a covered Subscriber becomes entitled to Medicare 8 months before the date on which his employment terminates, COBRA continuation coverage for his spouse and children can last up to 36 months after the date of Medicare entitlement, which is equal to 28 months after the date of the qualifying event (36 months minus 8 months). Otherwise, when the qualifying event is the end of employment or reduction of the Subscriber's hours of employment, COBRA continuation coverage generally lasts for only up to a total of 18 months. There are two ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended.

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

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Group's health plan is determined by the Social Security Administration to be disabled and you notify the Group in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to receive up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a total maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of continuation coverage.

### **Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage**

If your family experiences another qualifying event while receiving 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and Dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if notice of the second qualifying event is properly given to the Group. This extension may be available to the spouse and any Dependent children receiving continuation coverage if the Subscriber or former Subscriber dies, becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both), or gets divorced or legally separated, or if the Dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a Dependent child, but only if the event would have caused the spouse or Dependent child to lose coverage under the Group's health plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

### **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.

### **Premiums and the End of COBRA Coverage**

Premium will be no more than 102% of the Group rate (unless your coverage continues beyond 18 months because of a disability. In that case, Premium in the 19th through 29th months may be 150% of the Group rate).

Continued coverage ends earlier if the plan ends or if the person covered:

- fails to pay Premium timely;
- after the date of election, first becomes covered under another group health plan; or
- after the date of election, first becomes entitled to Medicare benefits.

### **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 Group. 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 Coverage Under Missouri Law for Groups Affected by COBRA**

Additional continuation coverage is available under Missouri law for a covered spouse and children of an employee whose Group is affected by federal COBRA coverage and has 20 or more employees at the time the qualifying event for COBRA occurs.

Under Missouri law, additional continuation coverage may be available for Dependent spouses and children if the employee's spouse will be at least 55 years of age when his or her federal COBRA coverage ends. Also, during the time the spouse was on federal COBRA coverage, the employee must have died or the employee and spouse must have divorced or legally separated.

The spouse can continue coverage until one of the following occurs:

- The spouse fails to pay Premium timely.
- The Group Contract is terminated and no replacement is obtained.
- The spouse becomes covered under any other group health plan.
- The spouse reaches age 65.

An enrolled Dependent child can continue coverage under the spouse's plan until one of the following occurs:

- The child reaches the Dependent age limit.
- The child marries.

- The spouse's coverage ends.

Coverage does not have to be provided for any family member who was not already covered at the time federal COBRA coverage ended. For this additional coverage under Missouri law, the person may be charged up to 125% of the cost of coverage. Payment must be made from the date coverage would have ended. Only hospital and medical/surgical benefits must be offered to continuation participants. The law does not require that optional benefits, such as dental or vision benefits, be offered.

The Group must receive notice within 30 days of the employee's death, within 60 days of the employee's divorce or legal separation, or before the 36 months of federal COBRA coverage ends. The notice must include the mailing address of the employee's spouse. Then, within 14 days, the Group must notify the spouse of the right to continuation coverage under Missouri law. The spouse has 60 days from the date the notice and the continuation of coverage election form were mailed to return the completed form.

The additional coverage for the person and any covered Dependents will end before the person reaches age 65 in certain cases. It will end if any one of the following is true:

- Premium is not paid timely.
- The employer stops providing a group health benefits plan for employees.
- The person becomes covered under another group health plan.

### **Continuation Coverage Under Missouri Law for Groups Not Affected by Federal Law**

If your Group is not subject to federal continuation provisions under COBRA, you may instead obtain continuation coverage under Missouri law for up to 18 months. Group coverage can be continued by the employee, or by the employee's widow(er) or divorced spouse. Covered family members may also be included on the membership. Your rights to state continuation coverage and your continuation benefits, if elected, will be administered in the same manner as continuation coverage provided to members who are eligible for federal COBRA benefits. For additional information about eligibility criteria, qualifying events, the length of time continuation coverage is available, payment obligations, required notices and elections, and any other continuation rights and provisions available under COBRA, please refer to the immediately preceding sections of this Certificate pertaining to "Federal Continuation of Coverage (COBRA)".

The additional continuation rights provided by Missouri law to divorced or surviving spouses and dependent children when the spouse is at least 55 years of age at the time continuation coverage terminates do not apply to state continuation benefits.

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

In the event you are no longer Actively At Work due to military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, you may elect to continue health coverage for yourself and your Dependents (if any) under this Certificate in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as amended. Employers must provide a cumulative total of five years, and in certain instances more than five years, of military leave.

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

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

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

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

### **Maximum Period of Coverage During Military Leave**

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

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

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

Regardless whether you continue your health coverage, if you return to your position of employment your health coverage and that of your eligible Dependents (if any) will be reinstated under this Certificate if you return within:

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

If, due to an Illness or Injury caused or aggravated by your military service, you cannot return to Active Work within the times stated above, you may take up to:

- two years; or
- as soon as reasonably possible if, for reasons beyond your control you cannot return within two years because you are recovering from such Illness or Injury.

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

Please note that, regardless of the continuation and/or reinstatement provisions listed above, this plan will not provide coverage for any Illness or Injury caused or aggravated by your military service, as indicated in the "Non-Covered Services / Exclusions" section.

## **Conversion**

If you exhaust your continuation coverage, in most cases you can obtain billed-at-home conversion coverage. If you are eligible and apply for conversion coverage within 31 days after the continuation coverage ends, your application will be accepted automatically without completion of a health history form. You will not be eligible for conversion coverage if any one of the following is true:

- You did not have group coverage through Us for at least three months before this coverage ended.
- Your Group offers you another group plan within 31 days after this coverage ends.
- You are enrolled in or eligible for Medicare.
- You could have similar coverage under another plan.
- You did not pay your Premium timely.

## **Extension of Benefits**

If your Group ends this coverage to offer coverage through another carrier and You or any covered Dependents are Totally Disabled, the new carrier will provide primary coverage for your disabling condition. We will provide secondary coverage for the disabling condition and any related conditions until the earliest of the following events occurs:

- 12 months from the date coverage under this Certificate ends;
- The person is no longer disabled; or
- The person uses all benefits available for the disabling condition.

If your Group ends this coverage but does not offer coverage through another carrier and You or any covered Dependents are Totally Disabled, We will provide primary coverage for the disabling condition and any related conditions until the earliest of the following events occurs:

- 12 months from the date coverage under this Certificate ends;
- The person is no longer disabled; or
- The person uses all benefits available for the disabling condition.



### Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

A Subscriber who is taking a period of leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (the Act) will retain eligibility for coverage during this period. The Subscriber and his or her Dependents shall not be considered ineligible due to the Subscriber not being Actively At Work.

If the Subscriber does not retain coverage during the leave period, the Subscriber and any eligible Dependents who were covered immediately prior to the leave may be reinstated upon return to work. To obtain coverage for a Subscriber upon return from leave under the Act, the Group must provide the Plan with evidence satisfactory to Us of the applicability of the Act to the Subscriber, including a copy of the health care Provider statement allowed by the Act.

## 9 HOW TO OBTAIN COVERED SERVICES

Network Providers are the key to providing and coordinating your health care services. Benefits are provided when you obtain Covered Services from Providers; however, the broadest benefits are provided for services obtained from a Primary Care Physician (PCP), Specialty Care Physician (SCP), or other Network Provider. **Services you obtain from any Provider other than a PCP, SCP or another Network Provider are considered a Non-Network Service.** Contact a PCP, SCP, other Network Provider, or Us to be sure that Prior Authorization and/or precertification has been obtained.

If a Non-Network Provider meets Our enrollment criteria and is willing to meet the terms and conditions for participation, that Provider has the right to become a Network Provider for the product associated with this Certificate.

### Network Services and Benefits

If your care is rendered by a PCP, SCP, or another Network Provider, benefits will be paid at the Network level and you will not be financially responsible for any Covered Services that We determine are not Medically Necessary. However, regardless of Medical Necessity, no benefits will be provided for care that is not a Covered Service even if performed by a PCP, SCP, or another Network Provider. All medical care must be under the direction of Physicians. We determine the Medical Necessity of the service.

We may inform you that it is not Medically Necessary for you to receive services or remain in a Hospital or other facility. This decision is made upon review of your condition and treatment. You may appeal this decision. See the “Complaint and Appeals Procedures” section of this Certificate.

- **Network Providers** - include PCPs, SCPs, other professional Providers, Hospitals, and other facility Providers who contract with Us to perform services for you. PCPs include general practitioners, internists, family practitioners, pediatricians, obstetricians & gynecologists, geriatricians or other Network Providers as allowed by the Plan. The PCP is the Physician who may provide, coordinate, and arrange your health care services. SCPs are Network Physicians who provide specialty medical services not normally provided by a PCP. Referrals are never needed to visit a Network Specialist including behavioral health Providers.

To see a Doctor, call their office:

- Tell them you are an Anthem Member,

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

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

For services rendered by Network Providers:

1. You will not be required to file any claims for services you obtain directly from Network Providers. Network Providers will seek compensation for Covered Services rendered from Us and not from you except for approved Deductibles, Coinsurance and/or Copayments. You may be billed by your Network Provider(s) for any non-Covered Services you receive or when you have not acted in accordance with this Certificate.
2. Health Care Management is the responsibility of the Network Provider.

If there is no Network Provider who is qualified to perform the treatment you require, contact Us prior to receiving the service or treatment and We may approve a Non-Network Provider for that service as an Authorized Service.

### **After Hours Care**

If you need care after normal business hours, your Doctor may have several options for you. You should call your Doctor's office for instructions if you need care in the evenings, on weekends, or during the holidays and cannot wait until the office reopens. If you have an Emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room.

### **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 Certificate. You can also find out where they are located and details about their license or training.

- See the directory of Network Providers at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com), which lists the Doctors, Providers, and Facilities that participate in this plan's network.
- Call Customer Service to ask for a list of Doctors and Providers that participate in this plan's network, based on specialty and geographic area.
- Check with your Doctor or Provider.

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

If you need details about a Provider's license or training, or help choosing a Doctor who is right for you, call the 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.

## Non-Network Services

Services that are not obtained from a PCP, SCP, or another Network Provider will be considered a Non-Network Service.

For services rendered by a Non-Network Provider, you are responsible for:

- The difference between the actual charge and the Maximum Allowable Amount, plus any Deductible and/or Coinsurance/Copayments;
- Services that are not Medically Necessary;
- Non-Covered Services;
- Filing claims; and
- Higher cost sharing amounts.

**Note:** Except as otherwise noted in this Certificate, all services covered by a Network Provider are also covered by a Non-Network Provider.

## Relationship of Parties (Plan - Network Providers)

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

The Plan shall not be responsible for any claim or demand on account of damages arising out of, or in any manner connected with, any injuries suffered by a Member while receiving care from any Network Provider or in any Network Provider's facilities.

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, Non-Network Providers, and disease management programs. If you have questions regarding such incentives or risk sharing relationships, please contact your Provider or the Plan.

To be an informed consumer, it is important for you to know what services are covered under this Certificate. At times, a Network Provider may recommend that you obtain services that are not covered under this Certificate. If a Network Provider clearly informs you that We may not cover the services or continue to cover the services, and you agree with the Network Provider to continue the services solely at your expense, you will be held liable for the actual charges of all such non-Covered Services.

## Not Liable for Provider Acts or Omissions

The Plan is not responsible for the actual care you receive from any person. This Certificate does not give anyone any claim, right, or cause of action against the Plan based on the actions of a Provider of health care, services or supplies. We and our Providers are independent entities contracting with each other for the sole purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Certificate. We will not be liable for any act or omission of any Provider or any agent or employee of a Provider.

Network Physicians maintain the Physician-patient relationship with Members and are solely responsible to Members for all medical services they provide.

## Identification Card

When you receive care, you must show your Identification Card. Only a Member who has paid the Premiums under this Certificate has the right to services or benefits under this Certificate. If anyone receives services or benefits to which he/she is not entitled to under the terms of this Certificate, he/she is responsible for the actual cost of the services or benefits.

## 10 CLAIMS PAYMENT

When you receive care through a Network Provider, you are not required to file a claim. This means that the provisions below, regarding Claim Forms and Notice of Claim, do not apply unless the Provider did not file the claim.

### How Benefits Are Paid

#### Maximum Allowed Amount

##### GENERAL

This section describes how We determine the amount of reimbursement for Covered Services. Reimbursement for services rendered by Network and Non-Network Providers is based on this/your Certificate'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 Certificate is the maximum amount of reimbursement We will allow for services and supplies:

- that meet Our definition of Covered Services, to the extent such services and supplies are covered under your Certificate 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 Certificate.

You will be required to pay a portion of the Maximum Allowed Amount to the extent You have not met your Deductible or have a Copayment or Coinsurance. In addition, when You receive Covered Services from a Non-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 Provider, We will, to the extent applicable, apply claim processing rules to the claim submitted for those Covered Services. These rules evaluate the claim information and, among other things, determine the accuracy and appropriateness of the procedure and diagnosis codes included in the claim. Applying these rules may affect Our determination of the Maximum Allowed Amount. Our application of these rules does not mean that the Covered Services You received were not Medically Necessary. It means We have determined that the claim was submitted inconsistent with procedure coding rules and/or reimbursement policies. For example, your Provider may have submitted the claim using several procedure codes when there is a single procedure code that includes all of the procedures that were performed. When this occurs, the Maximum Allowed Amount

will be based on the single procedure code rather than a separate Maximum Allowed Amount for each billed code.

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

## PROVIDER NETWORK STATUS

The Maximum Allowed Amount may vary depending upon whether the Provider is a Network Provider or a Non-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 Us. For Covered Services performed by a Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this/your Certificate is the rate the Provider has agreed with Us 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 a Copayment or 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 Us and are not in any of Our networks are Non-Network Providers, subject to Blue Cross Blue Shield Association rules governing claims filed by certain ancillary providers.

For Covered Services You receive from a Non-Network Provider, the Maximum Allowed Amount for this Certificate will be one of the following as determined by Us:

1. An amount based on Our Non-Network Provider fee schedule/rate, which We have established in Our discretion, and which We reserve 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 Us, 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, Anthem will update such information, which is unadjusted for geographic locality, no less than annually; or
3. An amount based on information provided by a third party vendor, which may reflect one or more of the following factors: (1) the complexity or severity of treatment; (2) level of skill and experience required for the treatment; or (3) comparable Providers' fees and costs to deliver care, or
4. An amount negotiated by Us or a third party vendor which has been agreed to by the Provider. This may include rates for services coordinated through case management, or
5. An amount based on or derived from the total charges billed by the Non-Network Provider.

**Providers who are not contracted for this product, but are contracted for other products with Us are also considered Non-Network. For this/your Certificate, the**

**Maximum Allowed Amount for services from these Providers will be one of the five methods shown above unless the contract between Us and that Provider specifies a different amount.**

Unlike Network Providers, Non-Network Providers may send You a bill and collect for the amount of the Provider's charge that exceeds the 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 Our website at [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com).

Customer Service is also available to assist You in determining this/your Certificate's Maximum Allowed Amount for a particular service from a Non-Network Provider. In order for Us to assist You, You will need to obtain from your Provider the specific procedure code(s) and diagnosis code(s) for the services the Provider will render. You will also need to know the Provider's charges to calculate your Out-of-Pocket responsibility. Although 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.

**For Prescription Drugs:** The Maximum Allowed Amount is the amount determined by Us using prescription drug cost information provided by the Pharmacy Benefits Manager (PBM).

## Member Cost Share

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

Your cost share amount and Out-of-Pocket Limits may vary depending on whether You received services from a Network or Non-Network Provider. Specifically, You may be required to pay higher cost sharing amounts or may have limits on your benefits when using Non-Network Providers. Please see the Schedule of Benefits in this Certificate for your cost share responsibilities and limitations, or call Customer Service to learn how this Certificate's benefits or cost share amounts may vary by the type of Provider You use.

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

In some instances You may only be asked to pay the lower Network cost sharing amount when You use a Non-Network Provider. For example, if You go to a Network Hospital or Provider facility and receive Covered Services from a Non-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 Non-Network Provider's charge.

**The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Certificate's cost share amounts; see Your Schedule of Benefits for Your applicable amounts.**

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

*You undergo a surgical procedure in a Network Hospital. The Hospital has contracted with a Non-Network*

*anesthesiologist to perform the anesthesiology services for the surgery. You have no control over the anesthesiologist used.*

- *The Non-Network anesthesiologist's charge for the service is \$1200. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the anesthesiology service is \$950; Your Coinsurance responsibility is 20% of \$950, or \$190 and the remaining allowance from Us is 80% of \$950, or \$760. You may receive a bill from the anesthesiologist for the difference between \$1200 and \$950. Provided the Deductible has been met, your total Out of Pocket responsibility would be \$190 (20% Coinsurance responsibility) plus an additional \$250, for a total of \$440.*
- *You choose a Network surgeon. The charge was \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery is \$1500; Your Coinsurance responsibility when a Network surgeon is used is 20% of \$1500, or \$300. We allow 80% of \$1500, or \$1200. The Network surgeon accepts the total of \$1500 as reimbursement for the surgery regardless of the charges. Your total out of pocket responsibility would be \$300.*
- *You choose a **NON-NETWORK** surgeon. The Non-Network surgeon's charge for the service is \$2500. The Maximum Allowed Amount for the surgery service is \$1500; Your Coinsurance responsibility for the NON-NETWORK surgeon is 30% of \$1500, or \$450 after the NON-NETWORK Deductible has been met. We allow the remaining 70% of \$1500, or \$1050. **In addition**, the Non-Network surgeon could bill You the difference between \$2500 and \$1500, so your total Out of Pocket charge would be \$450 plus an additional \$1000, for a total of **\$1450**.*

## Authorized Services

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

**The following are examples for illustrative purposes only; the amounts shown may be different than this Certificate's cost share amounts; see Your Schedule of Benefits for Your applicable amounts.**

*Example:*

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

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

*Because We have authorized the Network cost share amount to apply in this situation, You will be responsible for the Network Copayment of \$25 and We will be responsible for the remaining \$175 of the \$200 Maximum Allowed Amount.*

*Because the Non-Network Provider's charge for this service is \$500, You may receive a bill from the Non-Network Provider for the difference between the \$500 charge and the Maximum Allowed Amount of \$200. Combined with your Network Copayment of \$25, your total out of pocket expense would be \$325.*

## Payment of Benefits

You authorize Us to make payments directly to Providers for Covered Services. Payments may also be made to, and notice regarding the receipt and/or adjudication of claims sent to, an Alternate Recipient (any child of a Subscriber who is recognized, under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO), as having a right to enrollment under the Group's Contract), or that person's custodial parent or designated representative. Any payments made by Us will discharge Our 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 state law.

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

## Services Performed During Same Session

We may combine the reimbursement of Covered Services when more than one service is performed during the same session. Reimbursement is limited to the Maximum Allowable Amount. **If services are performed by Non-Network Providers**, then you are responsible for any amounts charged in excess of the Maximum Allowable Amount **with or without a referral or regardless if allowed as an Authorized Service**. Contact Us for more information.

## Assignment

The Group cannot legally transfer this Certificate, without obtaining written permission from the Plan. Members cannot legally transfer the coverage. Benefits available under this Certificate are not assignable by any Member without obtaining written permission from the Plan, unless in a way described in this Certificate.

If Prescription Drugs are provided by a licensed pharmacist, We will recognize a valid assignment by You to the pharmacist of your right to receive payment for the Prescription Drugs subject to the following conditions:

The claim must provide all of the information specified above, and

Our payments must not have been made to You prior to Our receipt of the assignment.

## Claims Review

Anthem has processes to review claims before and after payment to detect fraud, waste, abuse and other inappropriate activity. Members seeking services from Non-Network Providers could be balanced billed by the Non-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.



## Notice of Claim

After you get Covered Services, we must receive written notice of your claim within 20 days in order for benefits to be paid. The claim must have the information we need to determine benefits. If the claim does not include enough information, we will ask for more details and it must be sent to us within the time listed below or no benefits will be covered, unless required by law.

If it is not reasonably possible for you to submit your claim within 20 days, you will have some extra time to file a claim. If we did not get your claim within 20 days, but it is sent in as soon as reasonably possible, you will still be able to get benefits.

## Proof of Loss

We must receive proof of loss, including all additional information needed to process your claim, within 90 days after the date of such loss. If it is not reasonably possible for you to submit such proof within 90 days, you will have some extra time to submit such proof. **However, except in the absence of legal capacity of the claimant, any claims, or additional information on claims, sent in more than 15 months after you get Covered Services will be denied.**

## Claim Forms

Claim forms will usually be available from most Providers. If forms are not available, either send a written request for claim forms to Us, or contact customer service and ask for a claim form to be sent to you. The form will be sent to you within 15 days. If you do not receive the claim form within that time, you will be deemed to have complied with the notice of claim requirements upon submitting, within the time period specified in earlier in this section, written notice of services rendered. The same information that would be given on the claim form must be included in the written notice of claim. This includes:

- Name of patient.
- Patient's relationship with the Subscriber.
- Identification number.
- Date, type and place of service.
- Your signature and the Provider's signature.

We will respond to a filed claim within 10 days of its receipt by:

- sending an acknowledgement of the date We received your claim; or
- sending notice of the status of the claim that includes a request for additional information.

These provisions do not apply if We pay the claim within 10 days after We receive it.

Claims submitted by a public (government operated) Hospital or clinic will be paid by Us directly, as long as You have not already received benefit under that claim. We will pay all claims within 30 days after We receive proof of loss. If You are dissatisfied with Our denial or amount of payment, You may request that We review the claim a second time, and you may submit any additional relevant information.

## Member's Cooperation

Each Member shall complete and submit to the Plan such authorizations, consents, releases, assignments and other documents as may be requested by the Plan in order to obtain or assure reimbursement under Medicare, Workers' Compensation or any other governmental program. Any Member who fails to cooperate (including a Member who fails to enroll under Part B of the Medicare program where Medicare is the responsible payer) will be responsible for any charge for services.

You agree (on behalf of yourself and as authorized representative of your enrolled Dependents) to furnish all information required by Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees, and that any Provider, insurance or reinsurance company, health services corporation, health maintenance organization, medical information bureau, Medicare fiscal agent, consumer reporting agency, employer or third party administrator, is authorized and directed to release any and all information relating to history, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and Covered Services relating to any condition (including but not limited to alcohol/Substance Abuse and HIV) to Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees, who are also authorized to receive and release such information in connection with: investigating, evaluating and/or processing claims; utilization, credentialing, quality or medical management programs; managing the provision of services; insurance; and carrying out any other lawful purpose relating to coverage.

This authorization remains valid until expressly revoked by notifying Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees in writing of such revocation at any time (except to the extent any action has been taken based on this authorization and/or except as release of such information may be required or authorized by law). Refusal to consent to the release of such information to Us, Our affiliates, agents or designees will permit Us to deny claims for benefits.

## Overpayment of Claims

If We make any payment to a Provider, to You, or to any other organization that is wholly or partially incorrect under the terms of this Certificate, We will seek reimbursement from You, the Provider or other organization to which payment was made. We will not request a refund or offset against a claim more than 12 months after paying the claim, except in cases of fraud or misrepresentation by the Provider. This will apply regardless of the reason for the overpayment. This provision will survive the termination of this Certificate.

## Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

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 from Us 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).
- General information about your appeals rights and for ERISA plans, information regarding the right to bring 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 Missouri Service Area, which is all of Missouri except 30 counties in the Kansas City 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<sup>®</sup> Program

Under the BlueCard<sup>®</sup> 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 law 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, We would then calculate your liability for any covered healthcare services according to applicable law.

## **Non-Participating Healthcare Providers Outside Our Service Area**

### **Member Liability Calculation**

When covered healthcare services are provided outside of our Service Area by non-participating healthcare providers, the amount you pay for such services will generally be based on either the Host Blue's nonparticipating healthcare provider 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 we will make for the Covered Services as set forth in this paragraph.

### **Exceptions**

In certain situations, we may use other payment bases, such as billed covered charges, the payment we would make if the healthcare services had been obtained within our Service Area, or a special negotiated payment, as permitted under Inter-Plan Programs Policies, to determine the amount we 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 we 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 Non-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 ID card or go to [www.anthem.com](http://www.anthem.com) for more information about such arrangements.

## **Care Outside the United States – BlueCard<sup>®</sup> Worldwide**

Before you travel outside the United States, check with your Group or call Customer Service at the number on your Identification Card to find out if your plan has BlueCard Worldwide benefits. Your coverage outside the United States may be different and we suggest:

- Before you leave home, call the Customer Service number on your Identification Card for coverage details.
- Always carry your up to date Anthem Identification Card.
- In an Emergency, go straight to the nearest Hospital.
- The BlueCard Worldwide Service Center is on hand 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 health care professional, will arrange a Doctor visit or Hospital stay, if needed.

### **Call the Service Center in these non-emergency situations:**

- You need to find a Doctor or Hospital or need health care. An assistance coordinator, along with a medical professional, will arrange a Doctor visit or Hospital stay, if needed.
- You need Inpatient care. After calling the Service Center, you must also call us to get 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 Details

- **Participating BlueCard Worldwide Hospitals.** In most cases, when you make arrangements for a Hospital stay 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, Copayments and Coinsurance) you normally pay. The Hospital should send in your claim for you.
- **Doctors and/or non-participating Hospitals.** You will need to pay upfront for outpatient services, care received from a Doctor, and Inpatient care not arranged through the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center. Then you can fill out 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 Hospital stay. You will need to pay the Hospital for the out-of-pocket costs you normally pay.
- You must file the claim for outpatient and Doctor 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 us.

## Claim Forms

You can get international claim forms from us, the BlueCard Worldwide Service Center, or online at [www.bcbs.com/bluecardworldwide](http://www.bcbs.com/bluecardworldwide). The address for sending in claims is on the form.

# 11 HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT

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. Anthem 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 Precertification telephone number on the back of 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 us within 48 hours of 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. We will review your Certificate 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 Certificate or is Experimental/Investigative as that term is defined in this Certificate.

**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 we have a related clinical coverage guideline and are typically initiated by Us.

Most Network Providers know which services require Precertification and will obtain any required Precertification or request a Predetermination if they feel it is necessary. Your Primary Care Physician and other Network Providers have been provided detailed information regarding Health Care Management procedures and are responsible for assuring that the requirements of Health Care Management are met. Generally, the ordering Provider, facility or attending Physician will contact us to request a Precertification or Predetermination review (“requesting Provider”). We will work directly with the requesting Provider for the Precertification request. However, you may designate an authorized representative to act on your behalf for a specific request. The authorized representative can be anyone who is 18 years of age or older.

<b>Who is responsible for Precertification</b>	
<b>Services provided by a Network Provider</b>	<b>Services provided by a BlueCard/Non-Network/Non-Participating Provider</b>
Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member is responsible for Precertification.</li> <li>• If Member fails to get Precertification, Member is financially responsible for service and/or setting in whole or in part.</li> <li>• For Emergency admissions, you, your authorized representative, or Physician must notify Us within 48 hours of the admission or as soon as possible within a reasonable period of time.</li> </ul>

We will utilize our clinical coverage guidelines, such as medical policy, clinical guidelines, preventative care clinical coverage guidelines, and other applicable policies and procedures to assist in making our Medical Necessity decisions, including decisions about Prescription and Specialty Drug services. These guidelines reflect the standards of practice and medical interventions identified as appropriate medical practice. We reserve the right to review and update these clinical coverage guidelines periodically. Your Certificate and Group Contract take precedence over these guidelines.

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 Precertification telephone number on the back of your Identification Card.

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

In addition, We may select certain qualifying Providers to participate in a program that exempts them from certain procedural or medical management processes that would otherwise apply. We may also exempt your claim from medical review if certain conditions apply.

Just because Anthem exempts a process, Provider or claim from the standards which otherwise would apply, it does not mean that Anthem will do so in the future, or will do so in the future for any other Provider, claim or Member. Anthem 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 Customer Service at the number on the back of your ID card.

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

## 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. Concurrent Reviews may be initiated by the treating Providers, member or Us during the course of Your treatment by a Provider.

**Retrospective** - a request for Precertification that is conducted after the service, treatment or admission has occurred. Post Service Clinical Claims Reviews are 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 on state and federal regulations. Where state regulations are stricter than federal regulations, we will abide by state regulations. If you reside and/or receive services in a state other than the state where your contract was issued / health benefit plan is administered other state-specific Health Care Management requirements may apply. You may call the telephone number on the back of your membership card for additional information.

<b>Request Category</b>	<b>Timeframe Requirement For Decision</b>	<b>Timeframe Requirement for Notification</b>
<i>Precertification Requests</i>		
Prospective Urgent	36 hours from the receipt of request, including 1 business day <i>If the Member receives an Emergency service that requires immediate post evaluation or post stabilization services, we will provide an authorization decision within 60 minutes of receiving the request; if the authorization decision is not made within 30 minutes, such services shall be deemed approved.</i>	For approval determination, we will notify the Provider by telephone within 24 hours of the decision and notify the Member or Member representative and Provider by written or electronic means within 2 business days of the decision.
Prospective Non-Urgent	36 hours from the receipt of the request, including 1 business day	For Adverse Determination, we will notify the Provider by telephone within 24 hours of the decision and notify the Member or Member representative and Provider by written or electronic means within 1 business day of the decision.



Concurrent / Continued Stay Review Urgent	1 business day from the receipt of the request	For approval determination, we will notify the Provider by telephone within 1 business day of the decision and notify the Member or Member representative and Provider by written or electronic means within 1 business days of the telephonic notification.  For Adverse Determination, we will notify the Provider by telephone within 24 hours of the decision and notify the Member or Member representative and Provider by written or electronic means within 1 business days of the telephonic notification.
Continued Review Non-Urgent for ongoing outpatient treatment	1 business day from the receipt of the request	The service will continue without Member liability until the Member has been notified of the determination
Retrospective	10 business days from the receipt of the request	We will notify the Member by written means of the determination within 10 business days of the determination.
<i>Predetermination Requests</i>		
Prospective Urgent	36 hours from the receipt of request, including 1 business day	
Prospective Non-Urgent	36 hours from the receipt of the request, including 1 business day	
Concurrent / Continued Stay Review Urgent	1 business day from the receipt of the request	
Continued Review Non-Urgent for ongoing outpatient treatment	1 business day from the receipt of the request	

If additional information is needed to make our decision, we 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 we do 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 our possession.

We will provide notification of our decision in accordance with state and 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.

If We authorize medical services, We will not subsequently retract Our authorization after the services have been provided, or reduce payment for an item or service furnished in reliance on approval, unless:

- (1) Such authorization is based on a material misrepresentation or omission about the Member's health condition or the cause of the health condition; or
- (2) Coverage terminates under the Group Contract before the services are provided; or
- (3) The Member's coverage terminates before the services are provided.

## Health Plan Individual Case Management

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

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

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

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

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

## Voluntary Wellness Incentive Programs

We may offer health or fitness related program options for purchase by your Group to help you achieve your best health. These programs are not Covered Services under Your Group's *medical insurance policy*, but are separate components of your Group Health Plan which are not guaranteed under your *insurance Certificate* and could be discontinued at any time. If your Group has selected one of these options to make available to all employees, You may receive incentives such as gift cards by participating in or

completing such voluntary wellness promotion programs as health assessments, weight management or tobacco cessation coaching. Under other options a Group may select, you may receive such incentives by achieving specified standards based on health factors under wellness programs that comply with applicable law. If you think you might be unable to meet the standard, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. You may contact us at the customer service number on your I.D. card and we will work with you (and, if you wish, your Doctor) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status. (If you receive a gift card as a wellness reward and use it for purposes other than for qualified medical expenses, this may result in taxable income to you. For additional guidance, please consult your tax advisor.)

### **Value-Added Programs**

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

### **Voluntary Clinical Quality Programs**

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

## **12 GRIEVANCE AND EXTERNAL REVIEW PROCEDURES**

We want your experience with us to be as positive as possible. There may be times, however, when you have a complaint, problem, or question about your Plan or a service you have received. In those cases, please contact Customer Service by calling the number on the back of your ID card. We will try to resolve your complaint informally by talking to your Provider or reviewing your claim. If you are not satisfied with the resolution of your complaint, you have the right to file an appeal or grievance, as defined below.

You also may file an appeal or grievance without first requesting a review. An “appeal” is a written complaint that involves any nonpayment of benefits (an adverse benefit determination). A “grievance” is a written complaint about: the availability, delivery or quality of health care services, including a complaint regarding an adverse determination made pursuant to utilization review; claims payment, handling or reimbursement for health care services; or matters pertaining to the contractual relationship between a Member and Anthem. We will not charge you anything to file an appeal or a complaint.

## How To File a Expedited Appeal Review

If your complaint concerns a decision or action by us that could significantly increase the risk to your life, health, or ability to regain maximum function, the appeal may be made by phone, or fax instead of going through the mail. Please call the number on the back of your ID Card. This is an **expedited** appeal. We will notify the person filing the appeal within 24 hours of all information we need to evaluate the appeal.

Then, we will make a decision within 24 hours after we receive the information and notify you orally of the determination within 72 hours after receipt of the expedited review request. We will send written confirmation to you within three working days.

## How To File a First Level Appeal or Grievance for Review

A standard appeal or grievance should be submitted to us in writing and sent to the address listed below:

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield  
Attn: Member Grievances & Appeals  
P.O. Box 105568  
Atlanta, GA 30348-5568

If you send us a written complaint, please include with your letter any records or other information you believe supports your appeal or grievance. We will carefully consider your complaint. We will not charge you anything to file a grievance, and filing a grievance will not affect your benefits.

We will acknowledge receipt in writing of the appeal or grievance within 10 working days, unless it is resolved within that period of time.

Then, We will conduct a complete investigation of the appeal or grievance within 20 working days after receipt of it, unless the investigation cannot be completed within this time. If the investigation cannot be completed within 20 working days after receipt of the appeal or grievance, You will be notified in writing on or before the 20th working day, and the investigation will be completed within 30 additional days. The notice will include specific reasons why additional time is needed for the investigation.

A person or committee who was not involved in the initial decision and does not report to, or is not subordinate to, the person involved in the initial decision, will review your complaint. If the decision you are asking us to review was based on a medical judgment, the review will include consultation with a health care professional who has training and experience in the appropriate medical field and who was not involved in the initial decision. The person or committee who reviews your appeal will not be bound by, or be expected to defer to, the initial decision.

Within five working days after the investigation is completed, the representative not involved in the circumstances giving rise to your appeal or grievance or its investigation will decide upon the appropriate resolution and notify you in writing of our decision and your right to file an appeal or grievance for a second review. The notice will explain the resolution of the appeal or grievance and the

right to appeal in terms that are clear and specific. You, or the person who filed the appeal or grievance upon your behalf, will be notified of the resolution within 15 working days.

If we deny your appeal and you are a member of a group plan governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), you have the right to bring a civil action in federal court under ERISA Section 502(a)(1)(B). In any case, if we deny your appeal, you may voluntarily request a second appeal by writing to the address above. If you are a member of a group governed by ERISA, you are not required to file this appeal before bringing a civil action. If you do file a voluntary second appeal, we agree that any applicable statute of limitation will be temporarily suspended while the second appeal is pending.

## **How to File a Second Level Appeal or Grievance for Review**

If you remain dissatisfied with the response to the first level review, you may submit any additional information, including written comments, records or documents that you want us to consider along with your letter of appeal, addressed to us at the address below.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Attn: Member Grievances & Appeals

P.O. Box 105568

Atlanta, GA 30348-5568

The appeal or grievance will be reviewed by the Grievance Advisory Panel within 20 working days after receipt, unless the investigation cannot be completed within this time. If the investigation cannot be completed within 20 working days after receipt of a Grievance, you, or Your representative acting upon your behalf, will be notified in writing on or before the 20th working day, and the investigation will be completed within 30 days thereafter. The notice will state specific reasons why additional time is needed for the investigation. A panel of individuals who were not involved in either the initial decision or the first appeal will review your second appeal. If the decision you are asking us to review is based on a medical judgment, the committee will include, or will consult with, two or more health care professionals of the same or a similar specialty that would typically manage the medical condition or treatment plan under review.

Within five working days after the investigation is completed, the Grievance Advisory Panel will decide upon the appropriate resolution of the appeal or grievance and We will notify you in writing, in terms that are clear and specific, of the panel's decision. If your health benefit program is regulated by the Department of Insurance and your appeal involved an adverse determination (that is, a benefit denial), We will also notify you of your right to file a grievance with the director of the Missouri Department of Insurance. The notice will contain the toll-free telephone number and address of the director. You, or the person you authorized to represent you in filing the appeal or grievance, will be notified of the resolution of the Grievance within 15 working days after the investigation is completed. Your decision to file an appeal will not affect your rights to any other benefits under your coverage. Your relative, friend, lawyer or other representative may help you with your appeal.

At any time, you can request free copies of all records and other information we have relevant to your written complaint, including the name of any health care professional we consulted. To obtain copies, send a written request to the Appeals/Grievance Unit address given above. When we receive your appeal, we will carefully consider any new information we receive, as well as all other information we have about your claim.

## Review of Your Complaint by the MDI

At any time, you may request help from, or file an appeal with, the Missouri Department of Insurance (MDI). The number is 1-800-726-7390. The address is:

Missouri Department of Insurance  
Consumer Complaints  
P.O. Box 690  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0690

If you file a Grievance with the MDI and your Grievance is not yet resolved after the MDI completes its consumer complaint process, the MDI will refer your Grievance to an independent review organization (IRO). Within 20 calendar days after receiving your Grievance, the IRO will complete an external review and will submit its opinion to the MDI. Within 25 calendar days of receiving the IRO's opinion, the MDI will notify You of its decision and it will be binding on You and Us. You may request an expedited external review if your Grievance involves emergency care (and you have not yet been discharged from the hospital) or if a delay would jeopardize your life or health or would jeopardize your ability to regain maximum function. If You request an expedited review, the IRO will submit its opinion to the MDI as expeditiously as possible; and the MDI will notify You of its decision as expeditiously as possible, but no more than 72 hours after the IRO receives the request for an expedited review.

## Legal Action

You may not take legal action against us to receive benefits:

- Earlier than 60 days after we receive the claim; or
- Later than three years after the date the claim is required to be furnished to us.

## 13 GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Entire Contract

Note: The laws of the state in which the Group Contract was issued will apply unless otherwise stated herein.

This Certificate, the Group Contract, the Group application, any Riders, Endorsements or attachments, and the individual applications of the Subscriber and Dependents, if any, constitute the entire Contract between the Plan and the Group and as of the Effective Date, supersede all other agreements between the parties. Any and all statements made to the Plan by the Group and any and all statements made to the Group by the Plan are representations and not warranties, and no such statement, unless it is contained in a written application for coverage under this Certificate, shall be used in defense to a claim under this Certificate.

### Form or Content of Certificate

No agent or employee of the Plan is authorized to change the form or content of this Certificate. Changes can only be made through a written authorization, signed by an officer of the Plan.

## Disagreement with Recommended Treatment

Each Member enrolls in the Plan with the understanding that he/she, in consultation with his/her Providers, is responsible for determining the treatment appropriate for his/her care. You may, for personal reasons, refuse to accept procedures or treatment recommended by your Providers. Providers may regard such refusal to accept their recommendations as incompatible with continuance of the Physician-patient relationship and as obstructing the provision of proper medical care. In this event, the Provider shall have no further responsibility to provide care to you, and We shall have no obligation to have Network Providers available who will render the care.

If you refuse to follow a recommended treatment or procedure, and the Provider believes that no professionally acceptable alternative exists, you will be so advised. In such case, neither the Plan, nor any Provider shall have any further responsibility to provide care in the case of the Provider, and to arrange care in the case of the Plan for the condition under treatment or any complications thereof.

## Coordination of Benefits

### Applicability

This coordination of benefits (COB) provision applies to this plan when an employee or the employee's covered Dependent has health care coverage under more than one plan. "Plan" and "this plan" are defined here.

If this COB provision applies, the order of benefit determination rules should be looked at first. Those rules determine whether the benefits of this plan are determined before or after those of another plan. The benefits of this plan:

- will not be reduced when, under the order of benefit determination rules, this plan determines its benefits before another plan; but
- may be reduced when, under the order of benefits determination rules, another plan determines its benefits first. This reduction is defined in "Effect on the Benefits of this Plan" below.

### Definitions

"Plan" is any of those that provides benefits or services for, or because of, medical or dental care or treatment:

Group insurance or group-type coverage, whether insured or uninsured. This includes prepayment, group practice or individual practice coverage. It also includes coverage other than school accident-type coverage.

Coverage under a governmental plan, or coverage required or provided by law. This does not include Medicare Part B or Part D or a state plan under Medicaid (Title XIX, Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs, of the United States Social Security Act, as amended from time-to-time). Each contract or other arrangement for coverage is a separate plan. Also, if an arrangement has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is a separate plan.

"This plan" is the part of the group contract that provides benefits for health care expenses.

"Primary plan/secondary plan": The order of benefit determination rules state whether this plan is a primary plan or secondary plan as to another plan covering the person. When this plan is a primary plan, its benefits are determined before those of the other plan and without considering the other plan's

benefits. When this plan is a secondary plan, its benefits are determined after those of the other plan and may be reduced because of the other plan's benefits. When there are more than two plans covering the person, this plan may be a primary plan to one or more other plans, and may be a secondary plan as to a different plan(s).

"Allowable expense" means a necessary, reasonable and customary item of expense for health care; including Prescription Drugs, when the items of expense are covered at least in part by one or more plans covering the person for whom the claim is made. "Allowable expense" is limited to like items of expense, such that medical expenses will only coordinate with other medical expenses. The difference between the cost of a private room in a hospital and the cost of a semi-private room in a hospital is not considered an allowable expense under this definition unless the patient's stay in a private room is Medically Necessary either in terms of generally accepted medical practice, or as specifically defined in the plan. When a plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service rendered will be considered both an allowable expense and a benefit paid. When benefits are reduced under a primary plan because a covered person does not comply with the plan provisions, the amount of that reduction will not be considered an allowable expense. Examples of these provisions are those related to second surgical opinions, Precertification of admissions or services, and preferred Provider arrangements.

Allowable Expense does not include the amount that is subject to the Primary high-deductible health plan's deductible, if we have been advised by You that all Plans covering you are high-deductible health plans and You intend to contribute to a health savings account established in accordance with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Claim determination period" means a calendar year. However, it does not include any part of a year during which a person is not covered under this plan, or any part of a year before the date this COB provision or similar provision takes effect.

### **Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

When there is a basis for a claim under this plan and another plan. This plan is a secondary plan that has its benefits determined after those of the other plan, unless:

1. the other plan has rules coordinating its benefits with those of this plan; and
2. both those rules and this plan's rules, outlined below, require that this plan's benefits be determined before those of the other plan.

This plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules which applies:

1. Nondependent/dependent. The benefits of the plan which covers the person as an employee, member or subscriber (that is, other than as a dependent) are determined before those of the plan which covers the person as a dependent; except that; if the person is also a Medicare beneficiary, and as a result of the rule established by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations, Medicare is:
  - a. secondary to the plan covering the person as a dependent; and
  - b. primary to the plan covering the person as other than a dependent (for example, a retired employee), then the benefits of the plan covering the person as a dependent are determined before those of the plan covering that person as other than a dependent.



2. Dependent child/parents not separated or divorced. Except as stated in the definition of “Primary plan/secondary plan”, when this plan and other plan cover the same child as a dependent of different persons, called parents:
  - a. The benefits of the plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in a year are determined before those of the plan of the parent whose birthday falls later in that year; but
  - b. If both parents have the same birthday, the benefits of the plan that covered one parent longer are determined before those of the plans that covered the other parent for a shorter period of time. However, if the other plan does not have the rule described previously and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, the rule in the other plan will determine the order of benefits.
3. Dependent child/separated or divorced. If two or more plans cover a person as a dependent child of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the child are determined in this order:
  - a. First, the plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - b. Then, the plan of the spouse of the parent with the custody of the child; and
  - c. Finally, the plan of the parent not having custody of the child. However, if the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the health care expense of the child, and the entity obligated to pay or provide the benefits of the plan of that parent or spouse of the other parent has actual knowledge of those terms, the benefits of that plan are determined first. The plan of the other parent will be the secondary plan. This paragraph does not apply with respect to any claim determination period or plan year during which any benefits are actually paid or provided before the entity has that actual knowledge.
4. Joint custody. If the specific terms of a court decree state that the parents will share joint custody, without stating that one of the parents is responsible for the health Care expenses of the child, the plans covering the child will follow the order of benefit determination rules outlined in 3. above.
5. Active/inactive employee. The benefits of a plan that covers a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired are determined before those of a plan that covers that person as a laid off or retired employee. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of a person covered as a retiree and an employee. If the other plan does not have this rule and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
6. Continuation coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation pursuant to federal or state law also is covered under another plan, the following will be the order of benefit determination:
  - a. First, the benefits of a plan covering the person as an employee, member or subscriber (or as that person’s dependent);
  - b. Second, the benefits under the continuation coverage. If the other plan does not have the rule described here and if, as a result, the plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
7. Longer/shorter length of coverage. If none of the previous rules determines the order of benefits, the benefits of the plan that covered an employee, member or subscriber longer are determined before those of the plan that covered that person for the shorter term.

### **Effect on the benefits of this plan**

This section applies when, in accordance with the “Order of Benefit Determination Rules” above, this plan is a secondary plan as to one or more other plans. In that event, the benefits of this plan may be reduced under this section. Such other plans(s) are referred to as the other plans below.

The benefits of this plan will be reduced when the sum of:

- The benefits that would be payable for the allowable expense under this plan in the absence of this COB provision; and
- The benefits that would be payable for the allowable expenses under the other plans, in the absence of provisions with a purpose like that of this COB provision, whether or not claim is made; exceed those allowable expenses in a claim determination period. In that case, the benefits of this plan will be reduced so that they and the benefits payable under the other plans do not total more than those allowable expenses. When the benefits of this plan are reduced as described previously, each benefit is in proportion. It is then charged against any applicable benefit maximum of this plan.

### **Right to receive and release needed information**

Certain facts are needed to apply these COB rules. We have the right to decide which facts it needs. It may get needed facts from or give them to any other organization or person. We need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under this plan must give Us any facts it needs to pay the claim.

### **Facility of payment**

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

### **Medicare**

Any benefits covered under both this Certificate and Medicare will be paid pursuant to Medicare Secondary Payer legislation, regulations, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines, subject to federal court decisions. Federal law controls whenever there is a conflict among state law, Certificate provisions, and federal law.

Except when federal law requires the Plan to be the primary payer, the benefits under this Certificate for Members age 65 and older, or Members otherwise eligible for Medicare, do not duplicate any benefit for which Members are entitled under Medicare, including Part B. Where Medicare is the responsible payer, all sums payable by Medicare for services provided to Members shall be reimbursed by or on behalf of the Members to the Plan, to the extent the Plan has made payment for such services. For the purposes of the calculation of benefits under this Plan, if the Member has not enrolled in Medicare Part B, we will calculate benefits as if they had enrolled.

**Physical Examination**

When a claim is pending, We reserve the right to request a Member to be examined by an applicable Provider, at Our expense. This will be requested as often as reasonably required.

**Workers' Compensation**

The benefits under this Certificate are not designed to duplicate benefits that Members are eligible for under the Workers' Compensation Law. All money paid or owed by Workers' Compensation for services provided to a Member shall be paid back by, or on behalf of, the Member to the Plan if the Plan has made or makes payment for the services received. It is understood that coverage under this Certificate does not replace or affect any Workers' Compensation coverage requirements.

**Other Government Programs**

The benefits under this Certificate shall not duplicate any benefits that Members are entitled to, or eligible for, under any other governmental program. This does not apply if any particular laws require the Plan to be the primary payer. If the Plan has duplicated such benefits, all money paid by such programs to Members for services they have or are receiving, shall be paid by or on behalf of the Member to the Plan.

**Subrogation**

Subrogation will not be allowed in any plan as distinguished from the right of recovery.

**Right of Recovery**

Whenever payment has been made in error, We will have the right to recover such payment from you or, if applicable, the Provider. In the event We recover a payment made in error from the Provider, except in cases of fraud, We will only recover such payment from the Provider during the 12 months after the date We made the payment on a claim submitted by the Provider. We reserve 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.

We have oversight responsibility for compliance with Provider, vendor and Subcontractor contracts. We 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. We have established recovery policies to determine which recoveries are to be pursued, when to incur costs and expenses and settle or compromise recovery amounts. We will not pursue recoveries for overpayments if the cost of collection exceeds the overpayment amount. We may not provide you with notice of overpayments made by Us or you if the recovery method makes providing such notice administratively burdensome.

**Relationship of Parties (Group-Member Plan)**

Neither the Group nor any Member is the agent or representative of the Plan.

We and your Group are independent entities contracting with each other for the sole purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Certificate. We will not be liable for any act or omission of any Group or any agent or employee of a Group.

The Group is responsible for passing information to the Member. For example, if the Plan gives notice to the Group, it is the Group's responsibility to pass that information to the Member. The Group is also responsible for passing eligibility data to the Plan in a timely manner. If the Group does not provide the Plan with timely enrollment and termination information, the Plan is not responsible for the payment of Covered Services for Members.

### **Important Note**

The Group, on behalf of itself and its participants, hereby expressly acknowledges its understanding that this Certificate constitutes a contract solely between the Group and Healthy Alliance Life Insurance Company, dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem), and that Anthem is an independent corporation licensed to use the Blue Cross and Blue Shield names and marks in its Missouri service area. 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 this agreement.

### **Modifications**

This Certificate allows the Group to make the Plan coverage available to eligible Members. However, this Certificate shall be subject to amendment, modification, and termination in accordance with any of its provisions, the Group Contract's provisions, or by mutual agreement between the Plan and the Group, without the permission or involvement of any Member. Changes will not be effective until after We provide written notice to the Group about the change. Any changes will be effective upon the next renewal date unless the change is a result of a legislative or regulatory action. The legislative or regulatory action may involve the promulgation of a new federal or state law or regulation, a change in a federal or state law or regulation, or a change in the interpretation of a federal or state law or regulation. In that event, the change will be effective on a date established by the Plan. Any such change by the Plan will be considered accepted by the Group upon mailing of such notice to the last address given to the Plan. Whether services are covered depends upon the Certificate provisions in effect at the time services are provided. If We change the Certificate, services received after the change is effective are covered only to the extent allowed by the Certificate as amended.

By electing medical and Hospital coverage under the Plan or accepting the Plan benefits, all Members who are legally capable of entering into a contract, and the legal representatives of all Members that are incapable of entering into a contract, agree to all terms, conditions, and provisions in this Certificate.

### **Conformity with Law**

Any provision of this Plan which is in conflict with the laws of the state in which the Group Contract is issued, or with federal law, is hereby automatically amended to conform with the minimum requirements of such laws.

## **Clerical Error**

A clerical error will never disturb or affect a Member's coverage, as long as the Member's coverage is valid under the rules of this Certificate. This rule applies to any clerical error, regardless of whether it was the fault of the Group or the Plan.

## **Policies and Procedures**

The Plan is able to introduce new policies, procedures, rules and interpretations, as long as they are reasonable. Such changes are introduced to make the Certificate more orderly and efficient.

Under the terms of the Group Contract, the Plan may introduce or terminate from time to time, pilot or test programs for disease management or wellness initiatives that may result in the payment of benefits not otherwise specified in this Certificate. The Plan reserves the right to discontinue a pilot or test program at any time. The Plan will provide 30 days advance written notice to the Group of the introduction or termination of any such program.

## **Medical Policy and Technology Assessment**

Anthem 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 Anthem's medical policy is provided by the Medical Policy and Technology Assessment Committee (MPTAC) which consists of approximately 20 Doctors from various medical specialties including Anthem's medical directors, Doctors in academic medicine and Doctors in private practice.

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

## **Payment Innovation Programs**

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

These Programs may vary in methodology and subject area of focus and may be modified by us from time to time, but they will be generally designed to tie a certain portion of 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 us under the Program as a consequence of failing to meet these pre-defined standards.

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

### **Additional Benefits**

The Plan may cover services and supplies not specifically covered by the Certificate. This applies if the Plan 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 Plan, or anyone acting on Our behalf, shall determine the administration of benefits and eligibility for participation in such a manner that has a rational relationship to the terms set forth herein. However, We, or anyone acting on Our behalf, has complete discretion to determine the administration of your benefits. Our determination shall be final and conclusive and may include, without limitation, determination of whether the services, care, treatment, or supplies are Medically Necessary or Experimental/Investigative, whether surgery is cosmetic, and whether charges are consistent with the Maximum Allowable Amount. However, a Member may utilize all applicable complaint and appeals procedures.

The Plan, or anyone acting on Our behalf, shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate to enable it to carry out its duties in connection with the operation and administration of the Certificate. This includes, without limitation, the power to construe the Contract, to determine all questions arising under the Certificate and to make, establish and amend the rules, regulations and procedures with regard to the interpretation and administration of the provisions of this Certificate. However, these powers shall be exercised in such a manner that has reasonable relationship to the provisions of the Contract, the Certificate, Provider agreements, and applicable state or federal laws. A specific limitation or exclusion will override more general benefit language.

## **14 DEFINITIONS**

If a word or phrase in this Certificate has a special meaning, or is a title, it will start with a capital letter. If the word or phrase is not explained in the text where it appears, it will be defined in this section.

If you need additional clarification on any of these definitions, please contact the customer service number located on the back of your ID Card.

**Actively At Work** – An employee who is capable of carrying out his/her regular job duties and who is present at his/her place of work. Additionally, Subscribers who are absent from work due to a health related absence or disability and those on maternity leave or scheduled vacation, are considered Actively At Work.

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

**Benefit Period** – The length of time that We will pay benefits for Covered Services. The Benefit Period is listed in the Schedule of Benefits. If your coverage ends before this length of time, then the Benefit Period also ends.

**Benefit Period Maximum** – The maximum that We will pay for specific Covered Services during a Benefit Period.

**Center of Excellence (COE)** - A health care Provider which has a Center of Excellence Agreement in effect with Us at the time services are rendered. COE facilities agree to accept the COE negotiated rate as payment in full for Covered Services. A Network Provider under this Plan is not necessarily a COE. A Provider's participation with the network or other agreement with Us is not a substitute for a Center of Excellence Agreement.

**Certificate** – The document providing a summary of the terms of your benefits. It is attached to, and is a part of, the Group Contract. It is also subject to the terms of the Group Contract.

**Coinsurance** - A specific percentage of the Maximum Allowable Amount for Covered Services indicated in the Schedule of Benefits that you must pay. Coinsurance normally applies after the Deductible, if applicable, that you are required to pay. See the Schedule of Benefits for any exceptions. Your Coinsurance will not be reduced by refunds, rebates or any other form of negotiated post-payment adjustments.

**Copayment** – A specific dollar amount of the Maximum Allowable Amount for Covered Services, indicated in the Schedule of Benefits, which you must pay. The Copayment does not apply to any Deductible or Coinsurance that you are required to pay. Your Copayment will be the lesser of the amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits or amount charged by the Provider. For covered chiropractic services, the Copayment for a single service will not be more than 50% of the total cost of that service.

**Covered Services** - Services, supplies or treatment as described in this Certificate which are performed, prescribed, directed or authorized by a Provider. To be a Covered Service the service, supply or treatment must be:

- Medically Necessary or otherwise specifically included as a benefit under this Certificate.
- Within the scope of the license of the Provider performing the service.
- Rendered while coverage under this Certificate is in force.
- Not Experimental/Investigative or otherwise excluded or limited by this Certificate, or by any amendment or rider thereto.
- Authorized in advance by Us if such Prior Authorization is required in this Certificate.

A charge for a Covered Service is incurred on the date the service, supply or treatment was provided to you.

The incurred date (for determining application of Deductible and other cost share amounts) for an Inpatient admission is the date of admission except as otherwise specified in "Extension of Benefits". Covered Services do not include any services or supplies that are not documented in Provider records.

**Covered Transplant Procedure** – Any Medically Necessary human organ and bone marrow / stem cell transplant / transfusion as determined by Us including necessary acquisition procedures, collection and storage, and including Medically Necessary preparatory myeloblastic therapy.

**Custodial Service or Care** - Care primarily for the purpose of assisting you in the activities of daily living or in meeting personal rather than medical needs. Custodial Care is not specific treatment for an illness or injury. Care which cannot be expected to substantially improve a medical condition and has minimal therapeutic value. Such care includes, but is not limited to:

- Assistance with walking, bathing, or dressing
- Transfer or positioning in bed
- Normally self-administered medicine

- Meal preparation
- Feeding by utensil, tube, or gastrostomy
- Oral hygiene
- Ordinary skin and nail care
- Catheter care
- Suctioning
- Using the toilet
- Enemas
- Preparation of special diets and supervision over medical equipment or exercises or over self-administration of oral medications not requiring constant attention of trained medical personnel.

Care can be Custodial regardless of whether it is recommended by a professional or performed in a facility, such as a Hospital or Skilled Nursing Facility, or at home.

**Deductible** – The dollar amount of Covered Services, listed in the Schedule of Benefits, which you must pay for before We will pay for those Covered Services in each Benefit Period.

**Dependent** – A member of the Subscriber's family who is covered under the Certificate, as described in the "Eligibility and Enrollment" section.

**Effective Date** – The date that a Subscriber's coverage begins under this Certificate. You must be Actively At Work on your Effective Date for your coverage to begin. If you are not Actively At Work on your Effective Date, your Effective Date changes to the date that you do become Actively At Work.

A Dependent's coverage also begins on the Subscriber's Effective Date, unless otherwise specified.

**Eligible Person** – A person who meets the Group's requirements and is entitled to apply to be a Subscriber.

**Emergency (Emergency Medical Condition)** – An accidental bodily injury or other medical condition that arises suddenly and unexpectedly and manifests itself by acute symptoms of such severity that the absence of immediate medical attention could be reasonably expected by a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to:

- place the person's health in significant jeopardy;
- result in serious impairment to a bodily function;
- result in serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;
- result in inadequately controlled pain; or
- with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions:
  1. believe that there is inadequate time to effect a safe transfer to another Hospital before delivery; or
  2. believe that transfer to another Hospital may pose a threat to the health or safety of the woman or unborn child.



**Emergency Care** - 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 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.

**Enrollment Date** – The day the Group or Member signs up for coverage or, when there is a waiting period, the first day of the waiting period (normally the date that employment begins).

**Experimental/Investigative** – A Drug, device or medical treatment or procedure that:

- has not been given approval for marketing by the United States Food and Drug Administration at the time it is furnished and such approval is required by law; or
- reliable evidence shows is the subject of ongoing phase I, II or III clinical trials or under study to determine its maximum tolerated dose, its toxicity, its safety, its standard means of treatment or diagnosis. Reliable evidence means only the published reports and articles and authoritative medical and scientific literature, written protocol or protocols by the treating facility or other facility studying substantially the same Drug, device or medical treatment or procedure; or the written informed consent used by the treating facility or other facilities studying substantially the same Drug, device or medical treatment or procedure.

We may consult with professional peer review committees or other appropriate sources for recommendations.

**Family Coverage** – Coverage for the Subscriber and all eligible Dependents.

**Grievance Advisory Panel** - A panel consisting of other enrollees; Our representatives who were not involved in the circumstances giving rise to the grievance or in any subsequent investigation or determination of the grievance; and, where the grievance involves an adverse determination, a majority of persons that are appropriate clinical peers in the same or similar specialty as would typically manage the case being reviewed who were not involved in the circumstances giving rise to the grievance or in any subsequent investigation or determination of the grievance.

**Group** – The employer, or other organization, that has entered into a Group Contract with the Plan.

**Group Contract (or Contract)** – The Contract between the Plan and the Group; It includes this Certificate, your application, any supplemental application or change form, your Identification Card, and any additional legal terms added by Us to the original Contract.

**Identification Card / ID Card** – A card issued by the Plan, showing the Member's name, membership number, and occasionally coverage information.

**Inpatient** – A Member who receives care as a registered bed patient in a Hospital or other Provider where a room and board charge is made. This does not apply to a Member who is placed under observation for fewer than 24 hours.

**Late Enrollee** – An Eligible Person whose enrollment did not occur on the earliest date that coverage can become effective under this Certificate and who did not qualify for Special Enrollment.

**Maximum Allowable Amount (Maximum Allowed Amount)** – The maximum amount that We will allow for Covered Services you receive. For more information, see the "Claims Payment" section.

**Medically Necessary or Medical Necessity** - Services rendered for the diagnosis or treatment of a condition that are generally accepted as being necessary and appropriate according to the prevalent standards of medical care practice. The level and amount of services must not be greater than is necessary and appropriate according to said standards; for example, Inpatient services are not Medically Necessary if the services could have been appropriately provided as Outpatient services according to said standards. Services will not be considered Medically Necessary simply because they are rendered or

prescribed by the Member's Physician or other Provider. We may consult with professional peer review committees or other appropriate sources for recommendations.

Services must also be 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.

**Medicare** – The programs of health care for the aged and disabled established by Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended.

**Member** – A Subscriber or Dependent who has satisfied the eligibility conditions, applied for coverage, been approved by the Plan and been covered by the required Premium payment; Members are sometimes called "you" or "your" in this Certificate.

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

- **Mental Illness** – Any condition or disorder defined by categories listed in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, except for Substance Abuse.
- **Substance Abuse** – The psychological or physiological dependence upon or abuse of drugs, including alcohol, characterized by drug tolerance or withdrawal and the impairment of social or occupational role functioning or both.

**Network Provider** - A Provider who has entered into a contractual agreement or is being used by Us, or another organization, which has an agreement with Us, to provide Covered Services and certain administration functions for the Network associated with this Certificate.

**Network Transplant Provider** – A Provider that has been designated as a "center of excellence" by Us 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.

**Non-Network Provider** - A Provider who has not entered into a contractual agreement with Us for the Network associated with this Certificate. Providers who have not contracted or affiliated with Our designated Subcontractor(s) for the services they perform under this Certificate are also considered Non-Network Providers.

**Non-Network Transplant Provider** - Any Provider that has **NOT** been designated as a "center of excellence" by Us or has not been selected to participate as a Network Transplant Provider by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

**Open Enrollment** – A period of enrollment designated by the Plan in which Eligible Persons or their Dependents can enroll without penalty after the initial enrollment; See "Eligibility and Enrollment" section for more information.

**Out-of-Pocket Limit** - A specified dollar amount of expense incurred by a Member and/or family for Covered Services in a Benefit Period as listed on the Schedule of Benefits. When the Out-of-Pocket Limit is reached for a Member and/or family, then no additional Deductibles and Coinsurance are

required for that person and/or family unless otherwise specified in this Certificate and/or the Schedule of Benefits.

**Outpatient** - A Member who receives services or supplies while not an Inpatient.

**Plan (or We, Us, Our)** – Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, which provides or administers benefits for the Covered Services described in this Certificate.

**Premium** – The charges that must be paid by the Subscriber or the Group to maintain coverage. This may be based on your age, depending on the Group’s Contract with the Plan.

**Prescription Order** – A legal request, written by a Provider, for a Prescription Drug or medication and any subsequent refills.

**Primary Care Physician (“PCP”)** – A Network Provider who is a practitioner that specializes in family practice, general practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, geriatrics or any other Network 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 services, supplies, treatment, and certain Drugs and/or therapeutic categories to define and/or limit the conditions under which they will be covered. Prescription Drugs and their criteria for coverage are defined by the P&T 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 that are required by applicable state law to be covered when rendered by such Provider. Providers that deliver Covered Services are described throughout this Booklet. Providers include, but are not limited to, the following persons and facilities listed below. If you have a question about a Provider not shown below, please call the number on the back of your ID Card.

- **Alternative Care Facility** – A non-Hospital health care facility, or an attached facility designated as free standing by a Hospital that the Plan approves, which provides Outpatient Services primarily for but not limited to:
  1. Diagnostic Services such as Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT scan) or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
  2. Surgery
  3. Therapy Services or rehabilitation.
- **Ambulatory Surgical Facility** - A facility, with an organized staff of Physicians, that:
  1. is licensed as such, where required;
  2. has permanent facilities and equipment for the primary purpose of performing surgical procedures on an Outpatient basis;
  3. provides treatment by or under the supervision of Physicians and nursing services whenever the patient is in the facility;
  4. does not provide Inpatient accommodations; and
  5. is not, other than incidentally, used as an office or clinic for the private practice of a Physician or other professional Provider.
- **Certified Advance Registered Nurse Practitioner**
- **Certified Nurse Midwife** – When services are supervised and billed for by an employer Physician.

- **Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist** – When services are performed in collaboration with a Physician and billed by a certified facility or Hospital.
- **Certified Surgical Assistant**
- **Chiropractor**
- **Community Mental Health Center** – A legal entity certified by the Department of Mental Health or accredited by a nationally recognized organization, through which a comprehensive array of mental health services are provided to individuals.
- **Day Hospital** - A facility that provides day rehabilitation services on an Outpatient basis.
- **Dialysis Facility** - A facility that mainly provides dialysis treatment, maintenance or training to patients as an Outpatient or at your home. It is not a Hospital.
- **Home Health Care Agency** – A facility, licensed in the state in which it is located, which:
  1. provides skilled nursing and other services on a visiting basis in the Member's home; and
  2. is responsible for supervising the delivery of such services under a plan prescribed and approved in writing by the attending Physician.
- **Home Infusion Facility** - A facility which provides a combination of:
  1. Skilled nursing services
  2. Prescription Drugs
  3. Medical supplies and appliances

in the home as home infusion therapy for Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN), Antibiotic therapy, Intravenous (IV) Chemotherapy, Enteral Nutrition Therapy, or IV pain management.
- **Hospice** - A coordinated plan of home, Inpatient and Outpatient care that provides palliative and supportive medical and other health services to terminally ill patients. An interdisciplinary team provides a program of planned and continuous care, of which the medical components are under the direction of a Physician. Care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Hospice must meet the licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.
- **Hospital** - A Provider constituted, licensed, and operated as set forth in the laws that apply to Hospitals, which:
  1. provides room and board and nursing care for its patients;
  2. has a staff with one or more Physicians available at all times;
  3. provides 24 hour nursing service by or under the supervision of graduate Registered Nurses on call or on duty;
  4. maintains on its premises all the facilities needed for the diagnosis, medical care, and treatment of an illness or injury; and
  5. is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

The term Hospital does not include a Provider, or that part of a Provider, used mainly for:

1. nursing care
2. rest care
3. extended care
4. convalescent care
5. care of the aged
6. Custodial Care
7. educational care
8. treatment of mental illness
9. treatment of alcohol or drug abuse

- **Laboratory (Clinical)**

- **Licensed Marital and Family Therapist**

- **Licensed Mental Health Professional** – A licensed Physician specializing in the treatment of Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse, a licensed Psychologist, a licensed clinical Social Worker or a Licensed Professional Counselor.

- **Licensed Practical Nurse** – When services are supervised and billed for by an employer Physician.

- **Licensed Professional Counselors**

- **Occupational Therapist**

- **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 a Non-Network Provider.

- **Physical Therapist**

- **Physician (Doctor)** - A legally licensed doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy (bones and muscles), dental surgeon (teeth), podiatrist (diseases of the foot) or surgical chiropodist (surgical foot specialist) or ophthalmologist (eye and sight specialist).

- **Psychologist** - A licensed clinical Psychologist. In states where there is no licensure law, the Psychologist must be certified by the appropriate professional body.

- **Registered Nurse First Assistant** – When services are supervised and billed for by an employer Physician.

- **Registered Nurse** – When services are supervised and billed for by an employer Physician.

- **Registered Nurse Practitioner**

- **Regulated Physician's Assistant** – When services are supervised and billed for by an employer Physician.

- **Rehabilitation Hospital** - A facility that is primarily engaged in providing rehabilitation services on an Inpatient or Outpatient basis. Rehabilitation care services consist of the combined use of medical, social, educational, and vocational services to enable patients disabled by disease or injury to achieve some reasonable level of functional ability. Services are provided by or under the supervision of an organized staff of Physicians. Continuous nursing services are provided under the supervision of a Registered Nurse.
- **Respiratory Therapist (Certified)**
- **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.
- **Skilled Nursing Facility** - A Provider constituted, licensed, and operated as set forth in applicable state law, which:
  1. mainly provides Inpatient care and treatment for persons who are recovering from an illness or injury;
  2. provides care supervised by a Physician;
  3. provides 24 hour per day nursing care supervised by a full-time Registered Nurse;
  4. is not a place primarily for care of the aged, Custodial or domiciliary care, or treatment of alcohol or drug dependency; and
  5. is not a rest, educational, or custodial Provider or similar place.
- **Social Worker** - A licensed Clinical Social Worker. In states where there is no licensure law, the Social Worker must be certified by the appropriate professional body.
- **Speech Therapist**
- **Supplier of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetic Appliances and/or Orthotic Devices**
- **Urgent Care Center** - A licensed health care facility that is organizationally separate from a Hospital and whose primary purpose is the offering and provision of immediate, short-term medical care, without appointment, for Urgent Care.

**Service Area** – The geographical area where Our Covered Services are available.

**Single Coverage** – Coverage that is limited to the Subscriber only.

**Special Enrollment** – A period of enrollment in which certain Eligible Persons or their Dependents can enroll after the initial enrollment, typically due to an event such as marriage, birth, adoption, etc.

**Specialty Care Physician (SCP)** - A Network Provider, other than a Primary Care Physician, who provides services within a designated specialty area of practice.

**Stabilize** - The provision of medical treatment to you in an Emergency as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability, that material deterioration of your condition is not likely to result from or during any of the following:

- your discharge from an emergency department or other care setting where Emergency Care is provided to you; or
- your transfer from an emergency department or other care setting to another facility; or

- your transfer from a Hospital emergency department or other Hospital care setting to the Hospital's Inpatient setting.

**Subcontractor** – We may subcontract particular services to organizations or entities that have specialized expertise in certain areas. This may include but is not limited to Prescription Drugs. Such subcontracted organizations or entities may make benefit determinations and/or perform administrative, claims paying, or customer service duties on Our behalf.

**Subscriber** - An employee or member of a Group who is eligible to receive benefits under the Group Contract.

**Therapy Services** – Services and supplies that are used to help a person recover from an illness or injury. Covered Therapy Services are limited to services listed in the "Covered Services" section.

**Total Disability (or Totally Disabled)** – A Subscriber or a Dependent who had been actively working is considered Totally Disabled if the Member is unable to perform the material and substantial duties of his or her occupation for a period of at least 12 months.

A retiree or a Dependent who had not been actively working is considered Totally Disabled if he or she is unable, because of an illness or injury, to perform the usual and ordinary activities of a person of like age. (In any of these situations, the disability may be either permanent or temporary.)

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RightCHOICE® Managed Care, Inc. (RIT), Healthy Alliance® Life Insurance Company  
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# Notice of Privacy Practices



## Information That's Important to You

Every year, we're required to send you specific information about your rights, your benefits and more. This can use up a lot of trees, so we've combined a couple of these required annual notices. Please take a few minutes to read about:

- State notice of privacy practices
- HIPAA notice of privacy practices
- Breast reconstruction surgery benefits

Want to save more trees? Go to [anthem.com](http://anthem.com) and sign up to receive these types of notices by e-mail.

## State notice of privacy practices

As mentioned in our Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) notice, we must follow state laws that are stricter than the federal HIPAA privacy law. This notice explains your rights and our legal duties under state law. This applies to life insurance benefits, in addition to health, dental and vision benefits that you may have.

## Your personal information

We may collect, use and share your nonpublic personal information (PI) as described in this notice. PI identifies a person and is often gathered in an insurance matter.

We may collect PI about you from other persons or entities, such as doctors, hospitals or other carriers. We may share PI with persons or entities outside of our company - without your OK in some cases. If we take part in an activity that would require us to give you a chance to opt out, we will contact you. We will tell you how you can let us know that you do not want us to use or share your PI for a given activity. You have the right to access and correct your PI. Because PI is defined as any information that can be used to make judgments about your health, finances, character, habits, hobbies, reputation, career and credit, we take reasonable safety measures to protect the PI we have about you. A more detailed state notice is available upon request. Please call the phone number printed on your ID card.

## HIPAA notice of privacy practices

This notice describes how health, vision and dental information about you may be used and disclosed, and how you can get access to this information with regard to your health benefits. Please review it carefully.

We keep the health and financial information of our current and former members private, as required by law, accreditation standards and our rules. This notice explains your rights. It also explains our legal duties and privacy practices. We are required by federal law to give you this notice.

## Your Protected Health Information

We may collect, use and share your Protected Health Information (PHI) for the following reasons and others as allowed or required by law, including the HIPAA Privacy rule:

**For payment:** We use and share PHI to manage your account or benefits; or to pay claims for health care you get through your plan.

**For health care operations:** We use and share PHI for health care operations.

**For treatment activities:** We do not provide treatment. This is the role of a health care provider, such as your doctor or a hospital.

### **Examples of ways we use your information for payment, treatment and health care operations:**

- We keep information about your premium and deductible payments.
- We may give information to a doctor's office to confirm your benefits.
- We may share explanation of benefits (EOB) with the subscriber of your plan for payment purposes.
- We may share PHI with your health care provider so that the provider may treat you.
- We may use PHI to review the quality of care and services you get.
- We may use PHI to provide you with case management or care coordination services for conditions like asthma, diabetes or traumatic injury.
- We may also use and share PHI directly or indirectly with health information exchanges for payment, health care operations and treatment. If you do not want your PHI to be shared for payment, health care operations, or treatment purposes in health information exchanges, please visit <https://www.anthem.com/health-insurance/about-us/privacy> for more information.

**To you:** We must give you access to your own PHI. We may also contact you to let you know about treatment options or other health-related benefits and services. When you or your dependents reach a certain age, we may tell you about other products or programs for which you may be eligible. This may include individual coverage. We may also send you reminders about routine medical checkups and tests.

**To others:** In most cases, if we use or disclose your PHI outside of treatment, payment, operations or research activities, we must get your OK in writing first. We must receive your written OK before we can use your PHI for certain marketing activities. We must get your written OK before we sell your PHI. If we have them, we must get your OK before we disclose your provider's psychotherapy notes. Other uses and disclosures of your PHI not mentioned in this notice may also require your written OK. You always have the right to revoke any written OK you provide.

You may tell us in writing that it is OK for us to give your PHI to someone else for any reason. Also, if you are present and tell us it is OK, we may give your PHI to a family member, friend or other person. We would do this if it has to do with your current treatment or payment for your treatment. If you are not present, if it is an emergency, or you are not able to tell us it is OK, we may give your PHI to a family member, friend or other person if sharing your PHI is in your best interest.

As allowed or required by law: We may also share your PHI for other types of activities including:

- Health oversight activities;
- Judicial or administrative proceedings, with public health authorities, for law enforcement reasons, and with coroners, funeral directors or medical examiners (about decedents);

- Organ donation groups for certain reasons, for research, and to avoid a serious threat to health or safety;
- Special government functions, for Workers' Compensation, to respond to requests from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and to alert proper authorities if we reasonably believe that you may be a victim of abuse, neglect, domestic violence or other crimes; and
- As required by law.

If you are enrolled with us through an employer-sponsored group health plan, we may share PHI with your group health plan. If your employer pays your premium or part of your premium, but does not pay your health insurance claims, your employer is not allowed to receive your PHI - unless your employer promises to protect your PHI and makes sure the PHI will be used for legal reasons only.

**Authorization:** We will get an OK from you in writing before we use or share your PHI for any other purpose not stated in this notice. You may take away this OK at any time, in writing. We will then stop using your PHI for that purpose. But, if we have already used or shared your PHI based on your OK, we cannot undo any actions we took before you told us to stop.

**Genetic information:** We cannot use or disclose PHI that is an individual's genetic information for underwriting.

**Race, Ethnicity, and Language.** We may receive race, ethnicity, and language information about you and protect this information as described in this Notice. We may use this information for various health care operations which include identifying health care disparities, developing care management programs and educational materials, and providing interpretation services. We do not use race, ethnicity, and language information to perform underwriting, rate setting or benefit determinations, and we do not disclose this information to unauthorized persons.

## Your Rights

Under federal law, you have the right to:

- Send us a written request to see or get a copy of certain PHI, including a request to receive a copy of your PHI through e-mail. It is important to note that there is some level of risk that your PHI could be read or accessed by a third party when it is sent by unencrypted e-mail. We will confirm that you want to receive PHI by unencrypted e-mail before sending it to you.
- Ask that we correct your PHI that you believe is missing or incorrect. If someone else (such as your doctor) gave us the PHI, we will let you know so you can ask him or her to correct it.
- Send us a written request to ask us not to use your PHI for treatment, payment or health care operations activities. We are not required to agree to these requests.
- Give us a verbal or written request to ask us to send your PHI using other means that are reasonable. Also, let us know if you want us to send your PHI to an address other than your home if sending it to your home could place you in danger.
- Send us a written request to ask us for a list of certain disclosures of your PHI. Call Customer Service at the phone number printed on your identification (ID) card to use any of these rights. Customer Service representatives can give you the address to send the request. They can also give you any forms we have that may help you with this process.

- **Right to a restriction for services you pay for out of your own pocket:** If you pay in full for any medical services out of your own pocket, you have the right to ask for a restriction. The restriction would prevent the use or disclosure of that PHI for treatment, payment or operations reasons. If you or your provider submits a claim to Anthem, Anthem does not have to agree to a restriction (see Your Rights section above). If a law requires the disclosure, Anthem does not have to agree to your restriction.

## **How we protect information**

We are dedicated to protecting your PHI, and have set up a number of policies and practices to help make sure your PHI is kept secure.

We have to keep your PHI private. If we believe your PHI has been breached, we must let you know.

We keep your oral, written and electronic PHI safe using physical, electronic, and procedural means. These safeguards follow federal and state laws. Some of the ways we keep your PHI safe include securing offices that hold PHI, password-protecting computers, and locking storage areas and filing cabinets. We require our employees to protect PHI through written policies and procedures. These policies limit access to PHI to only those employees who need the data to do their job. Employees are also required to wear ID badges to help keep people who do not belong out of areas where sensitive data is kept. Also, where required by law, our affiliates and nonaffiliates must protect the privacy of data we share in the normal course of business. They are not allowed to give PHI to others without your written OK, except as allowed by law and outlined in this notice.

## **Potential Impact of Other Applicable Laws**

HIPAA (the federal privacy law) generally does not preempt, or override, other laws that give people greater privacy protections. As a result, if any state or federal privacy law requires us to provide you with more privacy protections, then we must also follow that law in addition to HIPAA.

## **Contacting you**

We, including our affiliates or vendors, may call or text any telephone numbers provided by you using an automated telephone dialing system and/or a prerecorded message. Without limitation, these calls may concern treatment options, other health-related benefits and services, enrollment, payment, or billing.

## **Complaints**

If you think we have not protected your privacy, you can file a complaint with us. You may also file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will not take action against you for filing a complaint.

## **Contact Information**

Please call Customer Service at the phone number printed on your ID card. Representatives can help you apply your rights, file a complaint or talk with you about privacy issues.

## **Copies and Changes**

You have the right to get a new copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to get this notice by electronic means, you still have the right to a paper copy. We reserve the right to change this notice. A revised notice will apply to PHI we already have about you, as well as any PHI we may get in the future. We are required by law to follow the privacy notice that is in effect at this time. We may tell you about any changes to our notice in a number of ways. We may tell you about the changes in a member newsletter or post them on our website. We may also mail you a letter that tells you about any changes.

## **Effective Date of this notice**

The original effective date of this Notice was April 14, 2003. The most recent revision date is indicated in the footer of this Notice.

## **Breast reconstruction surgery benefits**

If you ever need a benefit-covered mastectomy, we hope it will give you some peace of mind to know that your Anthem benefits comply with the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, which provides for:

- Reconstruction of the breast(s) that underwent a covered mastectomy.
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to restore a symmetrical appearance.
- Prosthesis and coverage for physical complications related to all stages of a covered mastectomy, including lymphedema.

All applicable benefit provisions will apply, including existing deductibles, copayments and/or co-insurance. Contact your Plan administrator for more information.

**For more information about the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act, you can go to the federal Department of Labor website at: [dol.gov/ebsa/publications/whcra.html](http://dol.gov/ebsa/publications/whcra.html).**

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