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**Medical Plan Document and Summary Plan Description**

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# **COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP**

## **GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN**

### **SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this document is to provide You and Your Covered Dependents, if any, with summary information on benefits available under this Plan as well as information on a Covered Person's rights and obligations under the COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP Health Benefit Plan (the "Plan"). As a valued Employee of COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP, we are pleased to sponsor this Plan to provide benefits that can help meet Your health care needs. Please read this document carefully and contact Your Human Resources office if You have questions.

COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP is named the Plan Administrator for this Plan. The Plan Administrator has retained the services of independent Third Party Administrators to process claims and handle other duties for this self-funded Plan. The Plan Administrator for this plan is Curative for medical claims, and MedImpact for pharmacy claims. The Third Party Administrators do not assume liability for benefits payable under this Plan, as they are solely claims paying agents for the Plan Administrator.

The employer assumes the sole responsibility for funding the Plan benefits out of general assets; however, Employees help cover some of the costs of covered benefits through contributions, Deductibles, out-of-pocket, and Plan Participation amounts as described in the Schedule of Benefits. All claim payments and reimbursements are paid out of the general assets of the employer and there is no separate fund that is used to pay promised benefits. The Plan is intended to comply with and be governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and its amendments.

Some of the terms used in this document begin with a capital letter, even though the term normally would not be capitalized. These terms have special meaning under the Plan. Most terms will be listed in the Glossary of Terms, but some terms are defined within the provision the term is used. Becoming familiar with the terms defined in the Glossary will help to better understand the provisions of this Plan.

Individuals covered under this Plan will be receiving an identification card to present to the provider whenever services are received. On the back of this card are phone numbers to call in case of questions or problems.

This document summarizes the benefits and limitations of the Plan and will serve as the SPD and Plan Document. Therefore, it will be referred to as both the Summary Plan Description ("SPD") and Plan document. It is being furnished to You in accordance with ERISA.

This document summarizes the benefits available under the Plan as of June 1, 2023

## PLAN INFORMATION

<b>Plan Name</b>	COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN
<b>Name And Address Of Employer</b>	COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP 6210 EAST HWY. 290, STE. 120 AUSTIN, TX 78723
<b>Name, Address And Phone Number Of Plan Administrator</b>	COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP  6210 EAST HWY. 290, STE. 120 AUSTIN, TX 78723  512-231-5562
<b>Named Fiduciary</b>	COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP
<b>Employer Identification Number Assigned By The IRS</b>	74-2899856
<b>Plan Number Assigned By The Plan</b>	501
<b>Type Of Benefit Plan Provided</b>	Self-Funded Health & Welfare Plan providing Group Health Benefits
<b>Type Of Administration</b>	The administration of the Plan is under the supervision of the Plan Administrator. The Plan is not financed by an insurance company and benefits are not guaranteed by a contract of insurance. Curative provides administrative services such as claim payments for medical claims.
<b>Name And Address Of Agent For Service Of Legal Process</b>	HUMAN RESOURCES / COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP 6210 EAST HWY. 290, STE. 120 AUSTIN, TX 78723  Services of legal process may also be made upon the Plan Administrator.
<b>Funding Of The Plan</b>	Employer and Employee Contributions  Benefits are provided by a benefit plan maintained on a self-insured basis by Your employer.  Plan Status Non-grandfathered
<b>Benefit Plan Year</b>	Benefits begin on January 1 and end on December 31.
<b>ERISA Plan Year</b>	January 1 through December 31

**ERISA And Other Federal Compliance**

It is intended that this Plan meet all applicable requirements of ERISA and other federal regulations. In the event of any conflict between this Plan and ERISA or other federal regulations, the provisions of ERISA and the federal regulations shall be deemed controlling, and any conflicting part of this Plan shall be deemed superseded to the extent of the conflict.

**Discretionary Authority**

The Plan Administrator shall perform its duties as the Plan Administrator and in its sole discretion, shall determine appropriate courses of action in light of the reason and purpose for which this Plan is established and maintained. In particular, the Plan Administrator shall have full and sole discretionary authority to interpret all plan documents, including this SPD, and make all interpretive and factual determinations as to whether any individual is entitled to receive any benefit under the terms of this Plan. Any construction of the terms of any plan document and any determination of fact adopted by the Plan Administrator shall be final and legally binding on all parties, except that the Plan Administrator has delegated certain responsibilities to the Third Party Administrators for this Plan. Any interpretation, determination or other action of the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators shall be subject to review only if a court of proper jurisdiction determines its action is arbitrary or capricious or otherwise a clear abuse of discretion. Any review of a final decision or action of the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators shall be based only on such evidence presented to or considered by the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators at the time it made the decision that is the subject of review. Accepting any benefits or making any claim for benefits under this Plan constitutes agreement with and consent to any decisions that the Plan Administrator or the Third Party Administrators make, in its sole discretion, and further, means that the Covered Person consents to the limited standard and scope of review afforded under law.

**MEDICAL SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

Benefit Plan(s) 001

All health benefits shown on this Schedule of Benefits are subject to the following: Deductibles, Co-pays, Plan Participation rates, and out-of-pocket maximums, if any. Refer to the Out-of-Pocket Expenses section of this SPD for more details.

Benefits are subject to all provisions of this Plan including any benefit determination based on an evaluation of medical facts and covered benefits. Refer to the Covered Medical Benefits and General Exclusions sections of this SPD for more details.

Important: Prior authorization may be required before benefits will be considered for payment. Failure to obtain prior authorization will result in benefits being denied. Refer to the CARE (Care Management) section of this SPD for a description of these services and prior authorization procedures.

Notes: Refer to the Provider Network section for clarifications and possible exceptions to the In-Network or Out-of-Network classifications.

If a benefit maximum is listed in the middle of a column on the Schedule of Benefits, that means that it is a combined Maximum Benefit for services that the Covered Person receives from all In-Network and Out-of-Network providers and facilities.

<b>Schedule of Plan Benefits</b>		
<b>Plan Feature</b>	<b>In-network</b> (based on contracted or negotiated rates)	<b>Out-of-network</b> (based on Maximum Allowable Charge)
<b>Annual Deductible (per plan year)</b>	\$750/ individual \$1,500/family Separate deductible from Out-of-Network Deductible	\$ 1,125/individual \$2,250/family Separate deductible from In-Network Deductible
<b>Annual Out-of-pocket Maximum (per plan year)</b> (includes deductible and office co-pays)	\$3,850 individual \$9,700/family Separate Maximum from Out-of- Network Maximum	\$18,000/individual \$28,000/family Separate Maximum from In-Network Maximum
<b>Paid by Plan After Satisfaction of Deductible, Unless Otherwise Stated Below</b>	80%	60%
<b>Acupuncture Treatment</b>  • Paid by Plan	\$30 copay; 20 visit maximum/plan year 100% (Deductible Waived)	Not covered

<p><b>Allergy Serum and Testing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Allergy Injections When No Office Visit is Billed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p>(If An Office Visit is Billed, This is Considered under Co-pay Benefit)</p>	<p>80% (Deductible waived)</p> <p>No Co-pay 100% (Deductible waived)</p>	<p>Not covered</p> <p>Not covered</p>
<p><b>Ambulance Transportation</b> (including air ambulance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$75 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>\$75 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>
<p><b>Audiologist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$20 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>Not covered</p>
<p><b>Biofeedback Treatment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$30 copay; 20 visit maximum/plan year 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>Not covered</p>
<p><b>Breast Pumps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>60%</p>
<p><b>Chiropractic Services*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p>*Chiropractic Services included in the combined 50 session limit for therapy services</p>	<p>\$30 copay;  100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>Not covered</p>
<p><b>Contraceptive Methods and Counseling Approved by the FDA:</b></p> <p><b>Oral Contraceptives/Patch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100%</p> <p>Covered Under Prescription Drug Plan Only</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>Not covered</p>
<p><b>Dental Services- Accidental Injury</b></p> <p>Paid by Plan</p>	<p>\$35 copay per visit \$2,500 per injury maximum benefit Services must be initiated and completed within 60 days except when medical and/or dental conditions preclude completion of treatment within this time period.</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	

<p><b>Dental Services-Orthodontia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p>(Prosthetic devices related to the orthodontic treatment are only covered under this limited benefit, and not the general DME/prosthetic/orthotic coverage elsewhere in this plan.)</p>	<p>For Non-TMJ Malocclusions, 80% after deductible CARE (Care Management) Approval Required. See Covered Medical Benefits For More Information And Coverage Requirement</p>	<p>Not Covered</p>
<p><b>Durable Medical Equipment Including Insulin Pumps and Diabetic Supplies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Prior Authorization required for all Durable Medical Equipment over \$750 and for all diabetic shoes and inserts</b></p>	<p>80% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>The Plan will cover replacement, repair, or maintenance of purchased durable medical equipment or prosthetic devices when medically necessary as determined by the Curative MediView Medical Director. Curative MediView shall determine when a device or DME is eligible for replacement, and whether repair or replacement is more appropriate</p>	<p>50% after deductible</p>
<p><b>Emergency Services/Treatment:</b></p> <p><b>-After Hours Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Covers Any Visit With ARC Primary Care Physician at Physician's Office For All Diagnosis Including Preventive Visits. This Will Not Apply To Non-ARC Urgent Care Or After Hours.</b></p> <p><b>-Urgent Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Covers Any Visit With ARC Primary Care Physician at Physician's Office For All Diagnosis Including Preventive Visits. This Will Not Apply To Non-ARC Urgent Care Or After Hours.</b></p> <p><b>-Emergency Room</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p>(Copay applied to deductible If admitted as Inpatient within 24 hours)</p>	<p>\$0 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$0 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$250 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p> <p>60% after deductible</p> <p>\$250 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>



<p><b>Extended Care Such as Skilled Nursing, Convalescent or Subacute Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived) 30-day maximum per plan year; total includes benefits available through non-network providers; Prior Authorization required</p>	<p>60% after deductible 30-day maximum per plan year; total includes benefits received through network providers; Prior Authorization required</p>
<p><b>Gender Affirming Procedures</b></p>	<p>80%</p>	<p>60%</p>
<p><b>Hearing Services</b></p> <p><b>Hearing Aids</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Maximum Benefit Every 36 months)</li> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Coverage is Allowed at ARC Providers Only</b></p>	<p>\$1,000 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>No Benefit</p>
<p><b>Home Health Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Skilled nursing services (provided on part-time or intermittent level. Not intended to provide 24 hours skilled nursing care)</li> <li>▪ Home health aide services when supervised by RN</li> <li>▪ Home infusion</li> <li>▪ Home physical, speech, occupational and Respiratory therapy</li> </ul> <p>Social work assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived) Prior Authorization required</p>	<p>60% after deductible; Prior Authorization required</p>
<p><b>Hospice Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospice Services</b></li> <li>• <b>Bereavement Counseling</b></li> <li>• <b>Respite Care</b></li> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>6 months lifetime maximum per person</p>	<p>60% after deductible 6 months lifetime maximum per person</p>

<p><b>Hospital Services- Inpatient</b> (including /Physician charges, Procedures, Surgery and Ancillary Professional services such as radiology, pathology, and anesthesia associated with an authorized inpatient stay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Hospital Services- Outpatient</b> (including /Physician charges, Procedures, Surgery and Ancillary Professional services such as radiology, pathology, and anesthesia associated with an authorized outpatient stay)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p>	<p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p>
<p><b>Free Standing Facility Services-Outpatient Including Diagnostic Procedures</b> (including infusion, EEG and Sleep Disorders and Studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Inspire Procedure for Sleep Apnea</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p>	<p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>No Benefit</p>
<p><b>Independent Radiology &amp; Pathology (Excluding Major Radiological Procedures)</b></p> <p><b>-ARC Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Non-ARC Facility</b> (non- hospital, including Seton Cedar Park)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Major Radiological Procedures</b> (MRI, CT Scan, Pet Scan, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$40 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>80% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p> <p>60% after deductible</p> <p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p>

<p><b>Infertility Diagnosis</b> (treatment, drugs and surgery are not covered by plan)</p> <p><b>-ARC OB/Gyn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-ARC Endocrinologist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Non-ARC Provider</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$30 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$35 copay 100% (Deductible Waived) Prior Authorization required</p>	<p>Not covered</p>
<p><b>Lab</b></p> <p><b>-ARC Facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Non-ARC Facility</b> (non-hospital, including CPL and LabCorp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay 100% (Deductible Waived) Certain laboratory tests collected at ARC but not performed at ARC may be subject to a \$40 copay</p> <p>\$40 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>60% after deductible</p> <p>60% after deductible</p>
<p><b>Maternity- Physician Services</b></p> <p><b>-Routine Prenatal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Delivery</b></p> <p><b>-Non Routine Prenatal and Postnatal Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$150 copay</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>60% after deductible</p> <p>Not Applicable</p> <p>60% after deductible</p>

<p><b>Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Chemical Dependency Benefits</b></p> <p><b>-Inpatient</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Day (Partial) Programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Intensive Outpatient Programs</b> (Less than 4 Hours per day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Residential Treatment Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Therapist Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Psychiatry Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Group Therapy</b> (up to 2 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Medication Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>\$40 copay 100% (Deductible Waived) Prior Authorization required</p> <p>80% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$10 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$15 copay 100% (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>60% after deductible Prior Authorization required</p> <p>60% after deductible</p> <p>60% after deductible</p> <p>60% after deductible</p> <p>60% after deductible</p>
<p><b>Morbid Obesity Treatment</b></p> <p><b>Bariatric Surgery</b> Maximum Benefit Per Lifetime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p>Note: Lifetime Maximum Is With A 90-Day Global Period And This Includes Any Follow-up And Complications Related To Procedure</p> <p><b>Diagnostic Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan After Deductible</li> </ul>	<p>\$40,000 80% after deductible</p> <p>80% after deductible</p>	<p>No Benefit</p> <p>No Benefit</p>

<p><b>Nutritional Counseling</b>  <b>-ages 0-18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-ages 19-99</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$20 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)  20-unit maximum (5  hours)/plan year</p>	<p>No Benefit</p> <p>No Benefit</p>
<p><b>Obesity- Primary Care Office Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p>	<p>No Benefit</p>
<p><b>Physician/Nurse Office Visit</b></p> <p><b>-Primary Care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Nurse Visit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-ARC Specialist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Non-ARC Specialist</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Physician Telemedicine Services- NormanMD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Physician Telemedicine Services with Providers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care</li> <li>• Specialist</li> </ul>	<p>\$0 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$0 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$30 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$40 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$0 copay  100%  (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>\$0 copay  \$30 copay</p> <p>Referral required for  non-ARC pain  management providers,  plastic surgery and non-  ARC therapy providers</p>	<p>60%</p> <p>60%</p> <p>60%</p> <p>60%</p> <p>No Benefit</p> <p>No Benefit</p>

<p><b>Preventive/Routine Care Benefits. See Glossary for Definition. Benefits Include:</b></p> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Physical Exams At Appropriate Ages</b> (1 exam per year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Immunizations</b> (excludes foreign travel and work-related immunizations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Bexsero Meningococcal-B Vaccine</b> (From Age 10-25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine DEXA and Bone Density Scans (at non-hospital facility)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Diagnostic Tests, Lab and X-rays (at non-hospital facility) At Appropriate Ages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Mammograms And Breast Exams, including 3D mammograms (at non-hospital facility) – 1 Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Pelvic Exams and Pap Test (at non-hospital facility) – 1 Exam</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine PSA Test and Prostate Exams</b> (From Age 40. 1 exam per yr.) – 1 Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Screenings/Services At Appropriate Ages and Gender</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Autism Screening:</b> (From Age 0 to 21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100%-Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible Waived</p>	<p>Not covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p>
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<p><b>Preventive/Routine Colonoscopies, Cologuard, Sigmoidoscopy And Similar Routine Surgical Procedures Done For Preventive Reasons</b> (From age 45)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Allow Colonoscopies, Cologuard, Sigmoidoscopies and Similar Routine Surgical Procedures For Ages 40-45 if Due to Family History Diagnosis.</i></p> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Fecal DNA testing for average risk individual (Ages 50-85)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Lab/Tests/X-ray/Scans /Exams performed at a hospital facility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Preventive/Routine Oral Fluoride Supplements Prescribed for Children Ages 6 Months to 5 Years Whose Primary Water Source is Deficient in Fluoride</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>100% - Deductible Waived</p> <p>100%- Deductible waived</p> <p>100%-Deductible Waived</p>	<p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p> <p>Not Covered</p>
<p><b>In Addition, The Following Preventive/Routine Services Are Covered For Women:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p>-Gestational Diabetes -Papillomavirus DNA Testing -Counseling For Sexually Transmitted Infections (Provided Annually) * -Counseling For Human Immune-deficiency Virus (Provided Annually) * -Breastfeeding Support, Supplies And Counseling -Counseling for Interpersonal and Domestic Violence for Women (provided Annually)</p> <p><i>*These services may also apply to Men</i></p>	<p>100%-Deductible Waived</p>	<p>Not Covered</p>

<b>Private Duty Nursing</b> Paid By Plan	80% after deductible	60% after deductible
<b>Prosthetics and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)</b> (including surgically implanted devices)  <b>Note: Prior Authorization required for prosthetics and DME over \$750, and for all diabetic shoes/inserts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	80%- Deductible Waived	50% after deductible
<b>Sterilization</b>  <b>-For Men</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <b>-For Women</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	100%- Deductible Waived  100% - Deductible Waived	Not covered  Not covered
<b>Temporomandibular Joint Disorder Benefits:</b>  Physician Evaluation: Co-pay Per Visit – Primary Care Physician -Co-pay Per Visit – Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <b>MRI:</b> Paid By Plan  <b>Physical Office Therapy:</b> - Co-pay Per Visit  <b>- Maximum Benefit Per Lifetime Including Physical Outpatient Hospital Therapy and Oral Devices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <b>Physical Outpatient Hospital Therapy Included in Maximum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	\$0 copay \$30 ARC Specialist \$40 Non-ARC Specialist 100% (Deductible Waived)  80%- Deductible Waived \$40 Non-ARC Specialist \$3,000 100% (Deductible Waived)  80% (Deductible Waived)	60% After Deductible  60% After Deductible  Not Covered  Not Covered  Not Covered



<p><b>Oral Devices: Included In Maximum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Surgical Treatment: -Maximum Benefit Per Lifetime</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>80% - Deductible Waived</p> <p>\$12,000 80% - Deductible Waived</p>	<p>50% After Deductible</p> <p>\$12,000 60% After Deductible</p>
<p><b>Therapy Services-</b></p> <p>Therapy Services are subject to a combined limit of 50 sessions (across all Therapy Services including Chiropractic services) per calendar year</p> <p><b>Physical Therapy - Non- ARC Facility</b></p> <p><b>Rehabilitative (including but not limited to Speech*, Hearing, Occupational, Intensive Behavioral and Cardiac Rehabilitation Therapy)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><i>Rehabilitative treatment must be for illness or injury and recommended by the Primary Care or Specialty Care Physician</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>-Speech Therapy for children age 0-21 with developmental delay and recommended by the Primary or Specialty care physician.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid By Plan</li> </ul>	<p>\$30 copay (Deductible Waived)</p> <p>Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Physical Therapist</p> <p>\$30 copay - Office/Non-Hospital 100%- Deductible Waived</p> <p>Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, Physical Therapist, Cardiac Rehabilitation</p> <p>80% after deductible- Outpatient Hospital</p> <p>\$30 copay - Office/Non-Hospital</p> <p>80% after deductible- Outpatient Hospital</p>	<p>Not covered</p> <p>Not covered</p> <p>Not covered</p> <p>Not covered</p>

<p><b>Transplant Services at a Designated Transplant Facility:</b></p> <p><b>Transplant Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Prior Authorization Required</b></p>	<p>80% After Deductible</p>	
<p><b>Transplant Services at a Non-Designated Transplant Facility (Only When This Plan is the Covered Person's Secondary Coverage and the Primary Carrier allows for the Transplant):</b></p> <p><b>Transplant Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum Benefit Per Year</li> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Transplant Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Prior Authorization Required</b></p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>80% After Deductible</p>	<p>\$200,000 60% After Deductible</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>All Other Covered Expenses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid by Plan</li> </ul>	<p>80% After Deductible</p>	<p>60% After Deductible</p>

## PRESCRIPTION SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

**NOTE: Curative** (the Third Party Administrator) does not administer the benefits within this provision. Please contact MedImpact at 833-229-3590 or Your employer with any questions related to this coverage. Prescription Drug Co-pays apply to satisfy this Prescription Drug Plan's Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum as noted below. Out-of-Pocket non-compliance penalties do not contribute to meeting the Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

<b>Retail And Injectables*</b>  (30-Day Supply)	Retail Generic Drugs (preferred pharmacy)	\$15 (Your Copay)
	Retail Generic Drugs (non-preferred pharmacy)	\$25 (Your Copay)
	Retail Preferred Brand Formulary Drugs (preferred pharmacy)	20% coinsurance (You pay \$35 minimum/\$70 maximum)
	Retail Preferred Brand Formulary Drugs (non-preferred pharmacy)	20% coinsurance (You pay \$45 minimum/\$80 maximum)
	Retail Preferred Brand Non-Formulary Drugs (preferred pharmacy)	30% coinsurance (You pay \$50 minimum/\$150 maximum)
	Retail Preferred Brand Non-Formulary Drugs (non-preferred pharmacy)	30% coinsurance (You pay \$60 minimum/\$160 maximum)
	Specialty Drugs – Covered as listed above	Many specialty drugs require dispensing by a specialty pharmacy that can be coordinated through MedImpact by calling 833-229-3590.
	Tier 2 Specialty Drugs	Monthly Copay (amounts vary)  See Tier 2 Specialty Drug List for Listing of Copays
	Out of Network Pharmacy	Not Covered
<b>Mail Order</b>  (90- Day Supply)	Generic	\$40.50 (Your Copay)
	Formulary	20% coinsurance (you pay \$94.50 minimum/\$189 maximum)
	Non-Formulary	30% coinsurance (you pay \$135 minimum/\$405 maximum)

*\*For maintenance medications, 2 fills allowed at retail pharmacy. If not moved to mail order or Retail Choice90, subsequent fills at retail pharmacy will incur a \$25 penalty per fill. Specialty drugs are not eligible for 90-day supply.*

*Certain specialty drugs require enrollment in the Plan's sponsor advocacy program, Select Drugs and Products Program*

**Annual Pharmacy Out-Of-Pocket Maximum Per Year:**

Per Person - \$2,750\*      Per Family - \$3,500\*

**Eligible Co-pay and Coinsurance amounts will apply towards the Prescription Drug Out-of-Pocket Maximum. The cost of certain drugs is reimbursed for Participants under the Prescription Drug Program and such costs can be found at [www.medimpactdirect.com](http://www.medimpactdirect.com). Any financial assistance you receive will not apply to any deductible or calendar year out-of-pocket maximum amounts.**

### **Select Drugs and Products Program**

The Plan requires Plan participants to enroll in its Select Drugs and Products Program when individuals are prescribed prescription drugs listed on the Select Drugs and Products List. Participants may contact the Specialty Contact Center for additional information or to enroll: 1- 877-869-7772.

This Program is paid for by the Plan and provides matching of a Plan participant to external sources of funding to assist the Plan participant in meeting their out-of-pocket obligations. All Plan participants using listed specialty drugs are required to meet prior authorization, step-therapy, and administrative review criteria, which includes enrollment in the Program and adjudication of their prescription cost by an external funding program prior to meeting Plan coverage criteria. Failure to prior authorize and complete the requirements of the Select Drugs and Products Program will result in a cost containment penalty equal to a 100% reduction in benefits payable. This will be treated as an adverse benefit determination under the Plan and Plan participants will have an opportunity to (i) appeal that decision or (ii) comply with the requirements of the Program to avoid the cost containment penalty.

Some external funding programs require verification of income as a condition of meeting their criteria. In such cases, the Plan participants will be asked to provide this information directly to the external funding program, and such information will not be provided to the Plan and will not be a consideration in determining coverage by the Plan.

All Specialty Drug prescriptions paid for by the Plan through the appeals process must be coordinated by MedImpact by calling (800) 788-2949. Questions related to the Select Drugs and Products Program may be made directly to the Plan Specialty Contact Center by calling (877) 869-7772.

The following definitions apply:

Specialty Drug is a Drug or biologic products that have ANY of the following features associated with their use or acquisition: 1) difficult or unusual process of administration to the patient when self- administered or healthcare practitioner administered, 2) require enrollment in a FDA mandated Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy ("REMS"), 3) require enhanced data collection efforts, 4) require patient management service that are enhanced to the normal practice of pharmacy, 5) are products used in the treatment of rare disease, 6) require patient training or side effect management, and 7) as defined by the Plan through inclusion on the Specialty Drug List.

Specialty Drug List means a list of Specialty Drugs, typically dispensed by a specialty pharmacy provider. The Specialty Drug List is updated periodically by the Plan's prescription benefit manager to address changes in prescription labelling, new market entrants, and safety and efficacy considerations, certain products included on the Specialty Drug List may require step-therapy or prior authorization prior to coverage limits applying.

Select Drugs and Products List means a list of Specialty Drugs that are subject to step-therapy, prior authorization, and administrative review and must be acquired after enrollment in the Plan's Select Drugs and Products Program for coverage limits to apply.

Any financial assistance you receive will not apply to any deductible or calendar year out-of-pocket maximum amounts.

Example: If your specialty medication costs \$100, and you use an \$80 coupon or debit card and then pay the remaining \$20 out of pocket, only the \$20 will apply to your annual deductible or maximum out- of-pocket limits.

## **OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES AND MAXIMUMS**

### **CO-PAYS**

A Co-pay is the amount that the Covered Person must pay to the provider each time certain services are received. Co-pays do not apply toward satisfaction of out-of-network deductibles and out-of-network out-of-pocket maximums. The Co-pay and out-of-pocket maximum are shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

### **DEDUCTIBLES**

Deductible refers to an amount of money paid once a Plan Year by the Covered Person before any Covered Expenses are paid by this Plan. A Deductible applies to each Covered Person up to a family Deductible limit. When a new Plan Year begins, a new Deductible must be satisfied.

Deductible amounts are shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

Pharmacy expenses do not count toward meeting the Deductible of this Plan. The Deductible amounts that the Covered Person incurs for Covered Expenses will be used to satisfy the Deductible(s) shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

The In-Network deductible is separate and distinct from the Out-of-Network deductible.

If You have family coverage, any combination of covered family members can help meet the maximum family Deductible, up to each person's individual Deductible amount.

### **PLAN PARTICIPATION**

Plan Participation means that, after the Covered Person satisfies the Deductible, the Covered Person and the Plan each pay a percentage of the Covered Expenses until the Covered Person's (or family's, if applicable) annual out-of-pocket maximum is reached. The Plan Participation rate is shown on the Schedule of Benefits. The Covered Person will be responsible for paying any remaining charges due to the provider after the Plan has paid its portion of the Covered Expense, subject to the Plan's maximum fee schedule, Negotiated Rate, or Maximum Allowable Charge as applicable. Once the annual out-of-pocket maximum has been satisfied, the Plan will pay 100% of the Covered Expense for the remainder of the Plan Year. The Plan will apply a copay where indicated in the Schedule of Benefits, then 100%, for the remainder of the year.

Any payment for an expense that is not covered under this Plan will be the Covered Person's responsibility.

### **ANNUAL OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS (Includes Deductible)**

The annual out-of-pocket maximum is shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Amounts the Covered Person incurs for Covered Expenses, such as the Deductible, Co-pays if applicable, and any Plan Participation expense, will be used to satisfy the Covered Person's (or family's, if applicable) annual in-network out-of-pocket maximum(s). Pharmacy expenses that the Covered Person incurs do not apply toward the medical out-of-pocket maximum of this Plan.

The following will not be used to meet the out-of-pocket maximums:

- Out-of-network Co-pays.
- Penalties, legal fees and interest charged by a provider.
- Expenses for excluded services.
- Any charges above the limits specified elsewhere in this document.
- Co-pays and Participation amounts for Prescription products.
- Any amounts over the Maximum Allowable Charge or, Negotiated Rate that this Plan pays.

The eligible out-of-pocket expenses that the Covered Person Incurs at an in-network provider will apply to the in-network total out-of-pocket maximum. The eligible out-of-pocket expenses that the Covered Person Incurs at an out of network provider will apply to the out-of-network total out-of-pocket maximum.

#### **NO FORGIVENESS OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES**

The Covered Person is required to pay the out-of-pocket expenses (including Deductibles, Co-pays or required Plan Participation) under the terms of this Plan. The requirement that You and Your Dependent(s) pay the applicable out-of-pocket expenses cannot be waived by a provider under any “fee forgiveness”, “not out-of-pocket” or similar arrangement. If a provider waives the required out-of-pocket expenses, the Covered Person’s claim may be denied and the Covered Person will be responsible for payment of the entire claim. The claim(s) may be reconsidered if the Covered Person provides satisfactory proof that he or she paid the out-of-pocket expenses under the terms of this Plan.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

You are responsible for enrolling in the manner and form prescribed by Your employer, before your effective date of coverage. The Plan's eligibility and enrollment procedures include administrative safeguards and processes designed to ensure and verify that eligibility and enrollment determinations are made in accordance with the Plan. The Plan may request documentation from You or Your dependents in order to make these determinations. The coverage choices that will be offered to You will be the same choices offered to other similarly situated Employees.

### **WAITING PERIOD**

If eligible, You must complete a Waiting Period before coverage becomes effective for You and Your Dependents. A Waiting Period is a period of time that must pass before an Employee or Dependent becomes eligible for coverage under the terms of this Plan.

You are eligible for coverage on the date listed below under the Effective Date section, upon completion of 30 calendar days of regular employment in a covered position.

The start of Your Waiting Period is the first full day of employment for the job that made You eligible for coverage under this Plan.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Effective November 1, 2017, an eligible Employee is a person who is classified by the Employer on both payroll and personnel records as an Employee who has a full-time employment status of .6 or greater. Employees who begin employment on or after November 1, 2017 must have an FTE status of .6 or greater to be benefit eligible. Employees with a FTE status between .5 and .59 on November 1, 2017, Employees approved for an FTE reduction to between .5 and .59 before November 1, 2017, and future Employees who have been offered and have accepted a job as of November 1, 2017 are "grandfathered" and are considered eligible. "Grandfathered" Employees may elect coverage during the open enrollment period for the 2018-2019 plan year. "Grandfathered" Employees may not, in future open enrollments (for 2019 plan years and after), enroll in benefits that were not elected and effective February 1, 2018. For the purposes of this Plan, it does not include the following classifications of workers as determined by the Employer in its sole discretion:

- Leased employees.
- An Independent Contractor as defined in this Plan.
- A consultant who is paid on other than a regular wage or salary by the employer.
- A member of the employer's Board of Directors, an owner, partner, or officer, unless engaged in the conduct of the business on a full-time regular basis.

For purposes of this Plan, eligibility requirements are used only to determine a person's initial eligibility for coverage under this Plan. An Employee may retain eligibility for coverage under this Plan if the Employee is temporarily absent on an approved leave of absence of up to 13 weeks, with the expectation of returning to work following the approved leave as determined by the employer's leave policy, provided that contributions continue to be paid on a timely basis. Additionally, employees on leave of absence greater than 13 weeks, who meet eligibility requirements during a measurement period as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations will have been deemed to have met the eligibility requirements for the resulting stability period as required by the ACA regulations. The employer's classification of an individual is conclusive and binding for purposes of determining eligibility under this Plan. No reclassification of a person's status, for any reason, by a third-party, whether by a court, governmental agency or otherwise, without regard to whether or not the employer agrees to such reclassification, shall change a person's eligibility for benefits.

An **eligible Dependent** includes:

- Your legal spouse as defined by the state in which the marriage took place provided he or she is not covered as an Employee under this Plan. An eligible Dependent does not include an individual from whom You have obtained a legal separation or divorce or who no longer meets the definition of a Common-Law Marriage spouse. Documentation on a Covered Person's marital status may be required by the Plan Administrator.
- A Dependent Child until the Child reaches his or her 26th birthday. The term "**Child**" includes the following Dependents:
  - A natural biological Child;
  - A step Child; by legal marriage
  - A legally adopted Child or a Child legally Placed for Adoption as granted by action of a federal, state or local governmental agency responsible for adoption administration or a court of law if the Child has not attained age 26 as of the date of such placement;
  - A Child under Your (or Your spouse's) permanent or temporary Legal Guardianship as ordered by a court and is dependent upon you for more than one-half of his support as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of the United States;
  - A Child who is considered an alternate recipient under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) or National Medical Support Notice (NMSN).
- A Dependent does not include the following:
  - A foster Child;
  - A grandchild;
  - Any other relative or individual unless explicitly covered by this Plan;
  - A Dependent Child who is covered as a Dependent of another Employee at this company.

Note: An Employee must be covered under this Plan in order for Dependents to qualify for and obtain coverage.

**NON-DUPLICATION OF COVERAGE:** Any person who is covered as an eligible Employee shall not also be considered an eligible Dependent under this Plan.

**RIGHT TO CHECK A DEPENDENT'S ELIGIBILITY STATUS:** The Plan reserves the right to check the eligibility status of a Dependent at any time throughout the year. You and Your Dependent have a notice obligation to notify the Plan should the Dependent's eligibility status change throughout the Plan year. Please notify Your Human Resources Department regarding status changes.

#### **EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

A Dependent Child may be eligible for extended Dependent coverage under this Plan under the following circumstances:

- The Dependent Child was covered by this Plan on the day before the Child's 26th birthday; or
- The Dependent Child is a Dependent of an employee newly eligible for the Plan; or
- The Dependent Child is eligible due to a Special Enrollment event or a Qualifying Status Change event, as outlined in the Section 125 Plan.

**and** the Dependent Child fits the following category:

- If You have a Dependent Child covered under this Plan who is under the age of 26 and Total Disability began prior to the Child's 26<sup>th</sup> birthday, that Child's health coverage may continue beyond the day the Child would cease to be a Dependent under the terms of this Plan. The Child must be Totally Disabled, either mentally or physically. You must submit written proof that the Child is Totally Disabled within 30 calendar days after the day coverage for the Dependent would normally end. The Plan may, for two years, ask for additional proof at any time, after which the Plan can ask



for proof not more than once a year. Coverage can continue subject to the following minimum requirements:

- The Dependent must not be able to hold a self-sustaining job due to the disability; and
- Proof of the disability must be submitted as required (Notice of Award of Social Security Income is acceptable); and
- The Employee must still be covered under this Plan.

**IMPORTANT:** It is Your responsibility to notify the Plan Sponsor within 60 days if Your Dependent no longer meets the criteria listed in this section. If, at any time, the Dependent does not meet the qualifications of Totally Disabled, the Plan has the right to be reimbursed from the Dependent or Employee for any medical claims paid by the Plan during the period that the Dependent did not qualify for extended coverage. Please refer to the COBRA Section in this document.

Employees have the right to choose which eligible Dependents are covered under the Plan.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF EMPLOYEE'S COVERAGE**

Your coverage will begin on the later of:

- If You apply within Your Waiting Period, Your coverage will become effective the first day of the month following the date You complete Your Waiting Period. If Your Waiting Period ends on the first day of the month, Your coverage will not begin until the first day of the following month.
- If You apply after the completion of Your Waiting Period, You will be considered a Late Enrollee. Coverage for a Late Enrollee will become effective January 1 following application during the annual open enrollment period. (Persons who apply under the Special Enrollment Provision are not considered Late Enrollees).
- If You are a non-full-time employee and become eligible due to a change in full-time employment status .6 or greater, You are eligible for coverage on the first day of the month following 30 days in that regular full-time employment status.
- If You are eligible to enroll under the Special Enrollment Provision, Your coverage will become effective on the date set forth under the Special Enrollment Provision if application is made within 30 days of the event.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS**

Your Dependent's coverage will be effective on the later of:

- The date Your coverage with the Plan begins if You enroll the Dependent at that time; or
- January 1 following application during the annual open enrollment period. The Dependent will be considered a Late Enrollee if You request coverage for Your Dependent more than 30 days of Your hire date, or more than 30 days following the date You acquire the Dependent; or
- If Your Dependent is eligible to enroll under the Special Enrollment Provision, the Dependent's coverage will become effective on the date set forth under the Special Enrollment Provision, if application is made within 30 days following the event; or
- The later of the date specified in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order or the date the Plan Administrator determines that the order is a QMCSO.

A contribution will be charged from the first day of coverage for the Dependent, if additional contribution is required. In no event will Your Dependent be covered prior to the day Your coverage begins.

## **ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PROVISION**

During the annual open enrollment period, eligible Employees will be able to enroll themselves and their eligible Dependents for coverage under this Plan. Covered Employees will be able to make a change in coverage for themselves and their eligible Dependents.

Coverage Waiting Periods apply during the annual open enrollment period until the first day of the new plan year for covered Employees and covered Dependents changing from one Plan to another Plan or changing coverage levels within the Plan.

If You and/or Your Dependent become covered under this Plan as a result of electing coverage during the annual open enrollment period, the following shall apply:

- The annual open enrollment period shall typically be in the months of November and December. The employer will give eligible Employees written notice prior to the start of an annual open enrollment period; and
- This Plan does not apply to charges for services performed or treatment received prior to the Effective Date of the Covered Person's coverage; and
- The Effective Date of coverage shall be January 1 following the annual open enrollment period.

## **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PROVISION**

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

This Plan gives eligible persons special enrollment rights under this Plan if there is a loss of other health coverage or a change in family status as explained below. The coverage choices that will be offered to You will be the same choices offered to other similarly situated Employees.

### **LOSS OF HEALTH COVERAGE**

Current Employees and their Dependents may have a special opportunity to enroll for coverage under this Plan if there is a loss of other health coverage.

If the following conditions are met:

- You and/or Your Dependents were covered under a group health plan or health insurance policy at the time coverage under this Plan is offered; and
- The coverage under the other group health plan or health insurance policy was:
  - COBRA continuation coverage and that coverage was exhausted; or
  - Terminated because the person was no longer eligible for coverage under the terms of that plan or policy; or
  - Terminated and no substitute coverage is offered; or
  - Exhausted due to an individual meeting or exceeding a lifetime limit on all benefits; or
  - No longer receiving any monetary contribution toward the premium from the employer.

You or Your Dependent must request and apply for coverage under this Plan no later than 30 calendar days after the date the other coverage ended.

- You and/or Your Dependents were covered under a Medicaid plan or state child health plan (CHIP) and Your or Your Dependents coverage was terminated due to loss of eligibility. You must request coverage under this Plan within 60 days after the date of termination of such coverage.

You or Your Dependents may not enroll for health coverage under this Plan due to loss of health coverage under the following conditions:

- Coverage was terminated due to failure to pay timely premiums or for cause such as making a fraudulent claim or an intentional misrepresentation of material fact, or
- You or Your Dependent voluntarily canceled the other coverage, unless the current or former employer no longer contributed any money toward the premium for that coverage.

### **CHANGE IN FAMILY STATUS**

Current Employees and their Dependents, COBRA Qualified Beneficiaries and other eligible persons have a special opportunity to enroll for coverage under this Plan if there is a change in family status.

If a person becomes Your eligible Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption, the Employee, spouse and newly acquired Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled, may enroll for health coverage under this Plan during a special enrollment period. You must request and apply for coverage within 30 calendar days of marriage, birth, adoption or Placement for Adoption.

## **NEWLY ELIGIBLE FOR PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID OR CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM**

Current Employees and their Dependents may be eligible for a Special Enrollment period if the Employee and/or Dependents are determined eligible, under a state's Medicaid plan or state child health plan, for premium assistance with respect to coverage under this Plan. The Employee must request coverage under this Plan within 60 days after the date the Employee and/or Dependent is determined to be eligible for such assistance.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE UNDER SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PROVISION**

If an eligible person properly applies for coverage during this special enrollment period, the coverage will become effective:

- In the case of marriage, the Employee may choose the date of marriage or the first day of the month following the marriage (only if within 30 days of marriage) (Note: Eligible individuals must submit their enrollment forms prior to the Effective Date of coverage in order for salary reductions to have preferred tax treatment from the date coverage begins); or
- In the case of a Dependent's birth, on the date of such birth; or
- In the case of a Dependent's adoption, the Employee may choose the date of such adoption or the first day of the month following Placement for Adoption (only if within 30 days of the Placement for adoption); or
- In the case of eligibility for premium assistance under a state's Medicaid plan or state child health plan, on the first day of the first calendar month following an approved request for coverage; or
- In the case of loss of coverage, retroactive elections are not allowed. Therefore, the Employee may choose the day he/she notifies the Plan of the loss of coverage and intent to elect, or the first day of the month following the loss of coverage.

## **RELATION TO SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN**

This Plan may also allow additional changes to enrollment due to change in status events under the employer's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Refer to the employer's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan for more information.

## TERMINATION

For information about continuing coverage, refer to the COBRA section of this SPD.

### EMPLOYEE'S COVERAGE

Your coverage under this Plan will end on the earliest of:

- The end of the period for which Your last contribution is made, if You fail to make any required contribution towards the cost of coverage when due; or
- The date this Plan is canceled; or
- The date coverage for Your benefit class is canceled; or
- The last day of the month in which You tell the Plan to cancel Your coverage if You are voluntarily canceling it while remaining eligible because of change in status, special enrollment or at annual open enrollment periods; or
- The end of the stability period in which You became a member of a non-covered class, as determined by the employer except as follows:
  - If You are temporarily absent from work due to an approved leave of absence for medical or other reasons, Your coverage under this Plan will continue during that leave for up to 13 weeks, provided that the applicable Employee contribution is paid when due.
  - If You are temporarily absent from work due to active military duty, refer to USERRA under the USERRA section; or
- The last day of the month in which Your employment ends; or
- The date You submit a false claim or are involved in any other form of fraudulent act related to this Plan or any other group plan; or
- The last day of the month in which you lose your eligibility through a reduction of hours or are no longer in an eligible class; or
- The last day of the month in which you fail to return from an approved leave of absence (13-Week Maximum. Exception: 26-week maximum for maternity leaves which include Medically Necessary leave prior to delivery; i.e. bed rest); or
- The date of Your death.

### YOUR DEPENDENT'S COVERAGE

Coverage for Your Dependent will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the period for which Your last contribution is made, if You fail to make any required contribution toward the cost of Your Dependent's coverage when due; or
- The day of the month in which Your coverage ends; or
- The last day of the month in which Your Dependent is no longer Your legal spouse or does not meet the definition of Common Law Marriage spouse due to legal separation or divorce, as determined by the law of the state where the Employee resides; or

- The last day of the month in which Your Dependent Child attains the limiting age listed under the Eligibility section, unless the Child qualifies for Extended Dependent Coverage; or
- If Your Dependent Child qualifies for Extended Dependent Coverage as Totally Disabled, the last day of the month in which Your Dependent Child is no longer deemed Totally Disabled under the terms of the Plan; or
- The last day of the month in which Your Dependent Child no longer satisfies a required eligibility criteria listed in the Eligibility and Enrollment Section; or
- The date Dependent coverage is no longer offered under this Plan; or
- The last day of the month in which You tell the Plan to cancel Your Dependent's coverage if You are voluntarily canceling it while remaining eligible because of change in status, special enrollment or at annual open enrollment periods; or
- The last day of the month in which the Dependent becomes covered as an Employee under this Plan; or
- The date You or Your Dependent submits a false claim or are involved in any other form of fraudulent act related to this Plan or any other group plan; or
- The date of Your Dependent's death.

### **RESCISSION OF COVERAGE**

As permitted by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the Plan reserves the right to rescind coverage. A rescission of coverage is a retroactive cancellation or discontinuance of coverage due to fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

A cancellation/discontinuance of coverage is **not** a rescission if:

- It has only a prospective effect; or
- It is attributable to non-payment of premiums or contributions; or
- It is initiated by YOU or Your personal representative.

### **REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE**

If Your coverage ends due to termination of employment and You qualify for eligibility under this Plan under a stability period immediately preceding the termination of employment and then are rehired (or considered to be rehired for purposes of the Affordable Care Act) within the same stability period and within 13 weeks from the date Your coverage ended, Your coverage will be reinstated as soon as administratively feasible after rehire. If Your coverage ends due to termination of employment and You do not qualify for eligibility under this Plan again (are not rehired or considered to be rehired for purposes of the Affordable Care Act) within 13 weeks from the date Your coverage ended, and You did not perform any hours of service that were credited within the 13-week period, You will be treated as a new hire and will be required to meet all of the requirements of a new Employee.

If Your coverage ends due to termination or layoff, and You are rehired at an FTE status of .6 or greater within 30 days after a break in service, You will not have to complete the Waiting Period if You were covered under the Plan immediately before Your break in service. If rehire is after 30 days, You must complete the Waiting Period as if You were a new Employee. If You become eligible due to an increase of FTE status of .6 or greater within 30 days after reduction to below a .6 FTE status, You will not have to complete the Waiting Period if You were covered under the Plan immediately before Your reduction. If the increase to .6 or greater FTE is after 30 days, You must complete the Waiting Period as if You were a new Employee.

If on an approved leave of absence which extends beyond 13 weeks and you met eligibility requirements during a measurement period as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations, you will have been deemed to have met the eligibility requirements for the resulting stability period as required by the ACA regulations. If on an approved leave of absence which extends beyond 13 weeks and you have not met eligibility requirements during a measurement period as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA) regulations, your coverage will terminate on the last day of the month in which the 13 weeks is reached. Upon return from the leave of absence, You must complete the Waiting Period as if You were a new Employee.

Refer to the information on Family and Medical Leave Act or Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Act for additional information, or contact Human Resources.

## COBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

**NOTE:** Curative (the claims administrator) does not administer the benefits within this provision. Please contact the Benefit Manager or Your employer with any questions related to this coverage.

**Important.** Read this entire provision to understand a Covered Person's COBRA rights and obligations.

The following is a summary of the federal continuation requirements under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), as amended. This summary generally explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to You and Your family, and what You and Your Dependents need to do to protect the right to receive it. When You become eligible for COBRA, You may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. This summary provides a general notice of a Covered Person's rights under COBRA, but is not intended to satisfy all of the requirements of federal law. Your employer or the COBRA Administrator will provide additional information to You or Your Dependents as required.

You may have other options available to You when You lose group health coverage. For example, You may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, You may qualify for lower costs on Your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, You may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which You are eligible (such as a spouse's plan), even if that plan generally doesn't accept Late Enrollees.

**The COBRA Administrator for this Plan is: WEX INC.**

Federal law gives certain persons, known as Qualified Beneficiaries (defined below), the right to continue their health care benefits beyond the date that they might otherwise terminate. The Qualified Beneficiary must pay the entire cost of the COBRA continuation coverage, plus an administrative fee. In general, a Qualified Beneficiary has the same rights and obligations under the Plan as an active participant.

A Qualified Beneficiary may elect to continue coverage under this Plan if such person's coverage would terminate because of a life event known as a Qualifying Event, outlined below. When a Qualifying Event causes (or will cause) a Loss of Coverage, then the Plan must offer COBRA continuation coverage. Loss of Coverage means more than losing coverage entirely. It means that a person ceases to be covered under the same terms and conditions that are in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event. In short, a Qualifying Event plus a Loss of Coverage allows a Qualified Beneficiary the right to elect coverage under COBRA.

Generally, You, Your covered spouse, and Your Dependent Children may be Qualified Beneficiaries and eligible to elect COBRA continuation coverage even if the person is already covered under another employer-sponsored group health plan or is enrolled in Medicare at the time of the COBRA election.

### COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE FOR QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES

The length of COBRA continuation coverage that is offered varies based on who the Qualified Beneficiary is and what **Qualifying Event** is experienced as outlined below.



An Employee will become a Qualified Beneficiary if coverage under the Plan is lost because either one of the following Qualifying Events happens:

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Continuation</b>
• Your employment ends for any reason other than Your gross misconduct	up to 18 months
• Your hours of employment are reduced	up to 18 months

(There are two ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended. See the section below entitled “The Right to Extend Coverage” for more information.)

The spouse of an Employee will become a Qualified Beneficiary if coverage is lost under the Plan because any of the following Qualifying Events happen:

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Continuation</b>
• Your spouse dies	up to 36 months
• Your spouse’s hours of employment are reduced	up to 18 months
• Your spouse’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct	up to 18 months
• Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both)	up to 36 months
• You become divorced or legally separated from Your spouse	up to 36 months

The Dependent Children of an Employee become Qualified Beneficiaries if coverage is lost under the Plan because any of the following Qualifying Events happen:

<b>Qualifying Event</b>	<b>Length of Continuation</b>
• The parent-Employee dies	up to 36 months
• The parent-Employee’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct	up to 18 months
• The parent-Employee’s hours of employment are reduced	up to 18 months
• The parent-Employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both)	up to 36 months
• The parents become divorced or legally separated	up to 36 months
• The Child stops being eligible for coverage under the plan as a Dependent	up to 36 months

**Note: A spouse or Dependent Child newly acquired (newborn or adopted) during a period of continuation coverage is eligible to be enrolled as a Dependent. The standard enrollment provision of the Plan applies to enrollees during continuation coverage. A Dependent, other than a newborn or newly adopted Child, acquired and enrolled after the original Qualifying Event, is not eligible as a Qualified Beneficiary if a subsequent Qualifying Event occurs.**

#### **COBRA NOTICE PROCEDURES**

**Send all notices or other information required to be provided by this Summary Plan Description in writing to:**

**WEX Inc.  
1 Hancock St.  
Portland, ME 04101**

For purposes of the deadlines described in this Summary Plan Description, the notice must be postmarked by the deadline. In order to protect Your family’s rights, the Plan Administrator should be informed of any changes in the addresses of family members. Keep a copy of any notices sent to the Plan Administrator or COBRA Administrator.

## **COBRA NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND ELECTION PROCESS**

### **EMPLOYER OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE QUALIFYING EVENT**

Your employer will give notice to the COBRA Administrator when coverage terminates due to Qualifying Events that are the Employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours, death of the Employee, or the Employee becoming entitled to Medicare benefits due to age or disability (Part A, Part B, or both). Your employer will notify the COBRA Administrator within 30 calendar days when these events occur.

### **EMPLOYEE OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE QUALIFYING EVENT**

The Covered Person must give notice to the Plan Administrator in the case of other Qualifying Events that are divorce or legal separation of the Employee and a spouse, a Dependent Child ceasing to be eligible for coverage under the Plan, or a second Qualifying Event. The covered Employee or Qualified Beneficiary must provide written notice to the Plan Administrator in order to ensure rights to COBRA continuation coverage. The Covered Person must provide this notice within the 60-calendar day period that begins on the latest of:

- The date of the Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which there is a Loss of Coverage (or would be a Loss of Coverage) due to the original Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of this notice requirement by receiving this Summary Plan Description or the General COBRA Notice.

The Plan Administrator will notify the COBRA Administrator within 30 calendar days from the date that notice of the Qualifying Event has been provided.

The COBRA Administrator will, in turn, provide an election notice to each Qualified Beneficiary within 14 calendar days of receiving notice of a Qualifying Event from the employer, covered Employee or the Qualified Beneficiary.

### **MAKING AN ELECTION TO CONTINUE GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE**

Each Qualified Beneficiary has the independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. A Qualified Beneficiary will receive a COBRA election form that must be completed to elect to continue group health coverage under this Plan. A Qualified Beneficiary may elect COBRA coverage at any time within the 60-day election period. The election period ends 60 calendar days after the later of:

- The date Plan coverage terminates due to a Qualifying Event; or
- The date the Plan Administrator provides the Qualified Beneficiary with an election notice.

A Qualified Beneficiary must notify the COBRA Administrator of their election in writing to continue group health coverage and must make the required payments when due in order to remain covered. If the Qualified Beneficiary does not choose COBRA continuation coverage within the 60-day election period, group health coverage will end on the day of the Qualifying Event.

### **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND DATE COVERAGE BEGINS**

No claims will be paid under this Plan for services the Qualified Beneficiary receives on or after the date coverage is lost due to a Qualifying Event. If, however, the Qualified Beneficiary has not completed a waiver and decides to elect COBRA continuation coverage within the 60-day election period, group health coverage will be reinstated back to the date coverage was lost, provided that the Qualified Beneficiary makes the required payment when due. Any claims that were denied during the initial COBRA election period will be reprocessed once the COBRA Administrator receives the completed COBRA election form and required payment.

If a Qualified Beneficiary previously waived COBRA coverage but revokes that waiver within the 60-day election period, coverage will not be retroactive to the date of the Qualifying Event but instead will be effective on the date the waiver is revoked.

## **PAYMENT FOR CONTINUATION COVERAGE**

Qualified Beneficiaries are required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage, which includes both the employer and Employee contribution. This may also include a 2% additional fee to cover administrative expenses (or in the case of the 11-month extension due to disability, a 50% additional fee). Fees are subject to change at least once a year.

If Your employer offers annual open enrollment opportunities for active Employees, each Qualified Beneficiary will have the same options under COBRA (for example, the right to add or eliminate coverage for Dependents). The cost of continuation coverage will be adjusted accordingly.

The **initial payment** is due no later than 45 calendar days after the Qualified Beneficiary elects COBRA as evidenced by the postmark date on the envelope. This first payment must cover the cost of continuation coverage from the time coverage under the Plan would have otherwise terminated, up to the time the first payment is made. If the initial payment is not made within the 45-day period, then coverage will remain terminated without the possibility of reinstatement. There is no grace period for the initial payment.

The due date for **subsequent payments** is typically the first day of the month for any particular period of coverage, however the Qualified Beneficiary will receive specific payment information including due dates, when the Qualified Beneficiary becomes eligible for and elects COBRA continuation coverage.

If, for whatever reason, any Qualified Beneficiary receives any benefits under the Plan during a month for which the payment was not made on time, then the Qualified Beneficiary will be required to reimburse the Plan for the benefits received.

**Note: Payment will not be considered made if a check is returned for non-sufficient funds.**

## **A QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY'S NOTICE OBLIGATIONS WHILE ON COBRA**

Always keep the COBRA Administrator informed of the current addresses of all Covered Persons who are or who may become Qualified Beneficiaries. Failure to provide this information to the COBRA Administrator may cause You or Your Dependents to lose important rights under COBRA.

In addition, after any of the following events occur, written notice to the COBRA Administrator is required within 30 calendar days of:

- The date any Qualified Beneficiary marries. Refer to the Special Enrollment section of this SPD for additional information regarding special enrollment rights.
- The date a Child is born to, adopted by, or Placed for Adoption by a Qualified Beneficiary. Refer to the Special Enrollment section of this SPD for additional information regarding special enrollment rights.
- The date of a final determination by the Social Security Administration that a disabled Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled.
- The date any Qualified Beneficiary becomes covered by another group health plan or enrolls in Medicare Part A or Part B.
- Additionally, if the COBRA Administrator or the Plan Administrator requests additional information from the Qualified Beneficiary, the Qualified Beneficiary must provide the requested information within 30 calendar days.

## LENGTH OF CONTINUATION COVERAGE

COBRA coverage is available up to the maximum periods described below, subject to all COBRA regulations and the conditions of this Summary Plan Description:

- For Employees and Dependents. 18 months from the Qualifying Event if due to the Employee's termination of employment or reduction of work hours. (If an active Employee enrolls in Medicare before his or her termination of employment or reduction in hours, then the covered spouse and Dependent Children would be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to the greater of 18 months from the Employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours, or 36 months from the earlier Medicare Enrollment Date, whether or not Medicare enrollment is a Qualifying Event.)
- For Dependents only. 36 months from the Qualifying Event if coverage is lost due to one of the following events:
  - Employee's death.
  - Employee's divorce or legal separation.
  - Former Employee becomes enrolled in Medicare.
  - A Dependent Child no longer being a Dependent as defined in the Plan.

## THE RIGHT TO EXTEND THE LENGTH OF COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

While on COBRA continuation coverage, certain Qualified Beneficiaries may have the right to extend continuation coverage provided that written notice to the COBRA Administrator is given as soon as possible but no later than the **required** timeframes stated below.

**Social Security Disability Determination (For Employees and Dependents):** A Qualified Beneficiary may be granted an 11-month extension to the initial 18-month COBRA continuation period, for a total maximum of 29 months of COBRA, in the event that the Social Security Administration determines the Qualified Beneficiary to be disabled either before becoming eligible for, or within the first 60 days of being covered by, COBRA continuation coverage. This extension will not apply if the original COBRA continuation was for 36 months.

If the Qualified Beneficiary has non-disabled family members who are also Qualifying Beneficiaries, those non-disabled family members are also entitled to the disability extension.

The Qualified Beneficiary must give the COBRA Administrator a copy of the Social Security Administration letter of disability determination before the end of the 18-month period and within 60 days of the later of:

- The date of the SSA disability determination;
- The date the Qualifying Event occurs;
- The date the Qualified Beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage due to the original Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of the requirement to notify the COBRA Administrator of the disability by receiving this Summary Plan Description or the General COBRA Notice.

Note: Premiums may be higher after the initial 18-month period for persons exercising this disability extension provision available under COBRA.

If the Social Security Administration determines the Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled, the Qualified Beneficiary must notify the Plan of that fact within 30 days after the Social Security Administration's determination.

**Second Qualifying Events: (Dependents Only)** If Your family experiences another Qualifying Event while receiving 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and Dependent Children in Your family who are Qualified Beneficiaries can receive up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation

coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if notice of the second event is provided to the COBRA Administrator. This additional coverage may be available to the spouse or Dependent Children who are Qualified Beneficiaries if the Employee or former Employee dies, becomes entitled to Medicare (Part A, Part B or both) or is divorced or legally separated, or if the Dependent Child stops being eligible under the Plan as a Dependent. This extension is available only if the Qualified Beneficiaries were covered under the Plan prior to the original Qualifying Event or in case of a newborn Child being added as a result of a HIPAA Special Enrollment right. A Dependent acquired during COBRA continuation (other than newborns and newly adopted Children) is not eligible to continue coverage as the result of a subsequent Qualifying Event. These events will only lead to the extension when the event would have caused the spouse or Dependent Child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

You or Your Dependents must provide the notice of a second Qualifying Event to the COBRA Administrator within a 60-day period that begins to run on the latest of:

- The date of the second Qualifying Event; or
- The date the Qualified Beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage due to the second Qualifying Event; or
- The date on which the Qualified Beneficiary is informed of the requirement to notify the COBRA Administrator of the second Qualifying Event by receiving this Summary Plan Description or the General COBRA Notice.

### **COVERAGE OPTIONS OTHER THAN 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 (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).

### **EARLY TERMINATION OF COBRA CONTINUATION**

COBRA continuation coverage may terminate before the end of the above maximum coverage periods for any of the following reasons:

- The employer ceases to maintain a group health plan for any Employees. (Note that if the employer terminates the group health plan that the Qualified Beneficiary is under, but still maintains another group health plan for other similarly-situated Employees, the Qualified Beneficiary will be offered COBRA continuation coverage under the remaining group health plan, although benefits and costs may not be the same).
- The required contribution for the Qualified Beneficiary's coverage is not paid on time.
- After electing COBRA continuation coverage, the Qualified Beneficiary becomes entitled to and enrolled with Medicare.
- After electing COBRA continuation coverage, the Qualified Beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan.
- The Qualified Beneficiary is found not to be disabled during the disability extension. The Plan will terminate the Qualified Beneficiary's COBRA continuation coverage one month after the Social Security Administration makes a determination that the Qualified Beneficiary is no longer disabled.
- Termination for cause, such as submitting fraudulent claims.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE (Read This If Thinking Of Declining COBRA Continuation Coverage)**

At the time of a COBRA Qualifying Event, a Qualified Beneficiary has two primary options. The first is to waive his or her right to COBRA and make an election for coverage, whether group health coverage or insurance coverage through the individual market or the exchanges, in accordance with his or her HIPAA special enrollment rights. Please refer to the Special Enrollment section for further details. The second option is to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If COBRA continuation coverage is elected, the continuation coverage must be maintained (by paying the cost of the coverage) for the duration of the COBRA continuation period. If the continuation coverage is not exhausted and maintained for the duration of the COBRA continuation period, the Qualified Beneficiary will lose his or her special enrollment rights. It is important to note that losing HIPAA special enrollment rights may have adverse effects for the Qualified Beneficiary as it will make it difficult to obtain coverage, whether group health coverage or insurance coverage through the individual market or the exchange. After COBRA continuation coverage is exhausted, the Qualified Beneficiary will have the option of electing other group health coverage or insurance coverage through the individual market or the exchange, in accordance with his or her HIPAA special enrollment rights.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Qualified Beneficiary** means a person covered by this group health Plan immediately before the Qualifying Event who is the Employee, the spouse of a covered Employee or the Dependent Child of a covered Employee. This includes a Child who is born to or Placed for Adoption with a covered Employee during the Employee's COBRA coverage period if the Child is enrolled within the Plan's Special Enrollment Provision for newborns and adopted Children. This also includes a Child who was receiving benefits under this Plan pursuant to a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) immediately before the Qualifying Event.

**Qualifying Event** means Loss of Coverage due to one of the following:

- The death of the covered Employee.
- Voluntary or involuntary termination of the covered Employee's employment (other than for gross misconduct).
- A reduction in work hours of the covered Employee.
- Divorce or legal separation of the covered Employee from the Employee's spouse. (Also, if an Employee terminates coverage for his or her spouse in anticipation of a divorce or legal separation, and a divorce or legal separation later occurs, then the later divorce or legal separation may be considered a Qualifying Event even though the ex-spouse lost coverage earlier. If the ex-spouse notifies the Plan or the COBRA Administrator in writing within 60 calendar days after the divorce or legal separation and can establish that the coverage was originally eliminated in anticipation of the divorce or legal separation, then COBRA coverage may be available for the period after the divorce or legal separation).
- The covered former Employee becomes enrolled in Medicare.
- A Dependent Child no longer being a Dependent as defined by the Plan.

**Loss of Coverage** means any change in the terms or conditions of coverage in effect immediately before the Qualifying Event. Loss of Coverage includes change in coverage terms, change in plans, termination of coverage, partial Loss of Coverage, increase in Employee cost, as well as other changes that affect terms or conditions of coverage. Loss of Coverage does not always occur immediately after the Qualifying Event, but it must always occur within the applicable 18- or 36-month coverage period. A Loss of Coverage that is not caused by a Qualifying Event may not trigger COBRA.

## **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

Questions concerning Your Plan or Your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about Your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 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.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

The Plan Administrator:  
COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS LP  
6210 EAST HWY. 290, STE. 120  
AUSTIN, TX 78723

The COBRA Administrator  
WEX INC. 1 HANCOCK ST. PORTLAND ME 04101

## **UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT OF 1994**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Employers are required to offer COBRA-like health care continuation coverage to persons in the armed/uniformed service if the absence for military duty would result in loss of coverage as a result of active duty. Uniformed services include the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard; Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force Reserve or Coast Guard Reserve; Army National Guard or Air National Guard, Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service; any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or emergency. "Service" in the uniformed services means: active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty training, full-time National Guard duty and absence from work for an examination to determine a person's fitness for any of the designated types of duties. Employees on leave for military service must be treated like they are on leave of absence and are entitled to any other rights and benefits accorded to similarly situated Employees on leave of absence or furlough. If an employer has different types of benefits available depending on the type of leave of absence, the most favorable comparable leave benefits must apply to Employees on military leave. Reinstatement following the military leave of absence cannot be subject to Waiting Periods.

### **COVERAGE**

The maximum length of health care continuation coverage required under is the lesser of:

- 24 months beginning on the day that the Uniformed Service leave begins, or
- A period beginning on the day that the Service leave begins and ending on the day after the Employee fails to return to or reapply for employment within the time allowed by USERRA.

### **USERRA NOTICE AND ELECTION**

An Employee or an appropriate officer of the uniformed service in which his or her service is to be performed must notify the employer that the Employee intends to leave the employment position to perform service in the uniformed services. An Employee should provide notice as far in advance as is reasonable under the circumstances. The Employee is excused from giving notice due to military necessity, or if it is otherwise impossible or unreasonable under all the circumstances.

Upon notice of intent to leave for uniformed services, Employees will be given the opportunity to elect USERRA continuation. Dependents do not have an independent right to elect USERRA coverage. Election, payment and termination of the USERRA extension will be governed by the same requirements set forth under the COBRA Section, to the extent these COBRA requirements do not conflict with USERRA.

### **PAYMENT**

If the military leave orders are for a period of 30 days or less, the Employee is not required to pay more than the amount he or she would have paid as an active Employee. For periods of 31 days or longer, if an Employee elects to continue health coverage pursuant to USERRA, such Employee and covered Dependents will be required to pay up to 102% of the full premium for the coverage elected.

### **EXTENDED COVERAGE RUNS CONCURRENT**

Employees and their Dependents may be eligible for both COBRA and USERRA at the same time. Election of either the COBRA or USERRA extension by an Employee on leave for military service will be deemed an election under both laws, and the coverage offering the most benefit to the Employee will generally be extended. Coverage under both laws will run concurrently. Dependents who choose to independently elect extended coverage will only be deemed eligible for COBRA extension because they are not eligible for a separate, independent right of election under USERRA.



## THE PROVIDER NETWORK

### Using Network Providers

The Plan offers You the choice of an extensive network of providers who have agreed to offer their services at negotiated rates. These providers are referred to as in-network. All other providers are referred to as out-of-network. This arrangement results in the following benefits to Participants:

1. The Plan provides different levels of benefits based on whether the Participants use a Network or Non-Network Provider. Unless one of the exceptions shown below applies, if a Participant elects to receive medical care from the Non-Network Provider, the benefits payable are generally lower than those payable when a Network Provider is used. The following exceptions apply:
  - a. In the event a Network Provider refers a Participant to a Non-Network Provider for diagnostic testing, x-rays, laboratory services or anesthesia, then charges of the Non-Network Provider will be paid as though the services were provided by a Network Provider.
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2. Except as outlined in “No Surprises Act – Emergency Services and Surprise Bills” below, if the charge billed by a Non-Network Provider for any covered service is higher than the Maximum Allowable Charge determined by the Plan, Participants are responsible for the excess unless the Provider accepts assignment of benefits as consideration in full for services rendered. Since Network Providers have agreed to accept a negotiated discounted fee as full payment for their services, Participants are not responsible for any billed amount that exceeds that fee. The Plan Administrator reserves the right to revoke any previously-given assignment of benefits or to proactively prohibit assignment of benefits to anyone, including any Provider, at its discretion.

When You enroll in the Plan, You are not required to select a specific Primary Care Physician (PCP) for in-network benefits. Rather, You can choose to see any PCP in the network at any time. A PCP is a network provider who practices in one of the following specialties:

- Family practice;
- General practice;
- Internal medicine;
- Pediatrics;
- Obstetrics/gynecology;
- Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder.

You are encouraged to select a single PCP for all of Your primary care. This helps avoid conflicting treatments and medication because Your PCP is coordinating Your care.

Consult the Provider Directory for a complete listing of network providers. Each covered person in Your family can select his or her own PCP.

A PCP provides all of Your primary care and may arrange for specialty and hospital care when needed. A referral is not required for most specialist office visits except for non-ARC pain management, plastic surgery, and non-ARC therapy providers. Office visits to these specialties and other certain procedures and medical services may require prior authorization from Curative (Please refer to the section “Services Requiring Prior Authorization” for the list of services requiring preauthorization).

If a particular service is not deemed Medically Necessary or is not a covered service under the Plan, the service may not be covered even if Your PCP has given You a referral. In such cases, You are responsible for paying for those services.

In most cases when You visit a network provider, You do not have to file claim forms; the provider will do that for You. If a situation arises where You do need to file a claim form, You must submit Your claim to the Plan within 90 days after the services were received.

## **Urgent Care**

If you need immediate, urgent care after normal physician office hours, call the ARC After Hours Clinic.

Urgent care is treatment for an illness or injury that requires immediate attention but is not life- or limb-threatening. This is the type of care that would normally be provided by a PCP if the condition occurred during normal office hours. Out-of-network benefits will apply to all urgent care services that are provided in a non-network facility. It is not necessary to contact Your PCP for a referral to receive urgent care, but it is a good idea in case they want to see You or participate in Your care. They will also be able to provide relevant medical history and coordinate follow-up care.

## **Continuity of Care**

In the event a Participant is a continuing care patient receiving a course of treatment from a Provider which is In-Network or otherwise has a contractual relationship with the Plan governing such care and that contractual relationship is terminated, not renewed, or otherwise ends for any reason other than the Provider's failure to meet applicable quality standards or for fraud, the Participant shall have the following rights to continuation of care.

The Plan shall notify the Participant in a timely manner that the Provider's contractual relationship with the Plan has terminated, and that the Participant has rights to elect continued transitional care from the Provider. If the Participant elects in writing to receive continued transitional care, Plan benefits will apply under the same terms and conditions as would be applicable had the termination not occurred, beginning on the date the Plan's notice of termination is provided and ending 90 days later or when the Participant ceases to be a continuing care patient, whichever is sooner.

For purposes of this provision, "continuing care patient" means an individual who:

- 1) is undergoing a course of treatment for a serious and complex condition from a specific Provider,
- 2) is undergoing a course of institutional or Inpatient care from a specific Provider,
- 3) is scheduled to undergo non-elective surgery from a specific Provider, including receipt of postoperative care with respect to the surgery,
- 4) is pregnant and undergoing a course of treatment for the Pregnancy from a specific Provider, or
- 5) is or was determined to be terminally ill and is receiving treatment for such illness from a specific Provider.

Note that during continuation, Plan benefits will be processed as if the termination had not occurred, however, the Provider may be free to pursue the Participant for any amounts above the Plan's benefit amount.

## **No Surprises Act – Emergency Services and Surprise Bills**

For Non-Network claims subject to the No Surprises Act ("NSA"), Participant cost-sharing will be the same amount as would be applied if the claim was provided by a Network Provider and will be calculated as if the Plan's Allowable Expense was the Recognized Amount, regardless of the Plan's actual Maximum Allowable Charge. The NSA prohibits Providers from pursuing Participants for the difference between the Maximum Allowable Charge and the Provider's billed charge for applicable services, with the exception of valid Plan-appointed cost-sharing as outlined above. Any such cost-sharing amounts will accrue toward In-Network Deductibles and out of pocket maximums.

Benefits for claims subject to the NSA will be denied or paid within 30 days of receipt of an initial claim, and if approved will be paid directly to the Provider.

Claims subject to the NSA are those which are submitted for:

- Emergency Services;
- Non-emergency services rendered by a Non-Network Provider at a Participating Health Care Facility, provided the Participant has not validly waived the applicability of the NSA; and
- Covered Non-Network air ambulance services.

### **Using Out-of-Network Providers**

While You have the option to visit the physician of Your choice, You will receive a lower level of benefit if You use an out-of-network provider. You may also have to file claim forms for reimbursement. All claims must be filed within 90 days after You receive services and must include:

- An itemized bill with the name and member ID of the patient;
- The name, provider NPI, TIN and address of the provider;
- A description of each service, the date of the service and the CPT code;
- A diagnosis; and
- The charge for each service.

If You request that reimbursement be sent to You rather than the provider, You must also include proof that the bill has been paid.

If You are confined in a non-network facility as a result of an Emergency, You will be eligible for in-network benefits until Your attending Physician agrees it is safe to transfer You to a network facility.

### **EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROVIDER NETWORK BENEFITS**

Some benefits may be processed at In-Network benefit levels when provided by Out-of-Network providers. When Out-of-Network charges are covered in accordance with Network benefits, the charges may be subject to Plan limitations. The following exceptions may apply:

- Covered services provided by a radiologist, anesthesiologist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, or pathologist will be payable at the In-Network level of benefits when services are provided at a Network facility even if the provider is an Out-of-Network provider.
- Covered services provided by an Emergency Room Physician and second surgeon during an Inpatient stay will be payable at the In-Network level of benefits when provided at an In-Network Hospital.

## COVERED MEDICAL BENEFITS

This Plan provides coverage for the following covered benefits if services are authorized by a Physician or other Qualified Provider, if applicable, and are necessary for the treatment of an Illness or Injury, subject to any limits, maximums, exclusions or other Plan provisions shown in this SPD. The Plan does not provide coverage for services if medical evidence shows that treatment is not expected to resolve, improve, or stabilize the Covered Person's condition, or if a plateau has been reached in terms of improvement from such services.

In addition, any diagnosis change for a covered benefit after a payment denial will not be considered for benefits unless the Plan is provided with all pertinent records along with the request for change that justifies the revised diagnosis. Such records must include the history and initial assessment and must reflect the criteria listed in the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) for the new diagnosis, or, if in a foreign country, must meet diagnostic criteria established and commonly recognized by the medical community in that region.

1. **3D Mammograms/Mammograms**, for the diagnosis and treatment of a covered medical benefit or for preventive screenings as described under Preventive/Routine Care Benefits.
2. **Acupuncture Treatment.**
3. **Allergy Treatment** including: injections, testing and serum.
4. **Ambulance Transportation:** Medically Necessary ground and air transportation by a vehicle designed, equipped and used only to transport the sick and injured to the nearest medically appropriate Hospital.
5. **Anesthetics and their Administration.**
6. **Aquatic Therapy.** (See Therapy Services below)
7. **Audiologist Services.**
8. **Autism Spectrum Disorder.** Medical treatment, including the screening of a child for Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Therapy Services for Autism Spectrum Disorder.
9. **Biofeedback Services** when Medically Necessary for the treatment of a medical condition. (Refer to the Mental Health Benefit section in this SPD for biofeedback services relating to treatment of a Mental Health Disorder).
10. **Breast Pumps** and related supplies. Coverage is subject to Medical Necessity as defined by this Plan. Contact the Plan regarding limits on frequency, duration, or type of equipment that is covered.
11. **Breastfeeding Support, Supplies and Counseling** in conjunction with each birth. Comprehensive lactation support and counseling, by a trained provider during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and costs for renting breastfeeding equipment.
12. **Cardiac Rehabilitation** programs are covered if referred by a Physician, for patients who have:
  - Had a heart attack in the last 12 months; or
  - Had coronary bypass surgery; or
  - A stable angina pectoris.

Services covered include:

- Phase I, while the Covered Person is an Inpatient.
- Phase II, while the Covered Person is in a Physician supervised Outpatient monitored low-intensity exercise program. Services generally will be in a Hospital rehabilitation facility and include monitoring of the Covered Person's heart rate and rhythm, blood pressure and symptoms

by a health professional. Phase II generally begins within 30 days after discharge from the Hospital.

13. **Cataract or Aphakia Surgery** as well as surgically implanted conventional intraocular cataract lenses following such a procedure. Multifocal intraocular lenses are not allowable. Eye refractions and one set of contact lenses or glasses (frames and lenses) after cataract surgery are also covered.
14. **Chiropractic Treatment** by a Qualified chiropractor. Services for diagnosis by physical examination and plain film radiography, and when Medically Necessary for treatments for musculoskeletal conditions. Refer to Maintenance Therapy under the General Exclusions section of this SPD.
15. **Circumcision** and related expenses when care and treatment meet the definition of Medically Necessary. Circumcision of newborn males is also covered as stated under nursery and newborn medical benefits.
16. **Cleft Palate And Cleft Lip:** Benefits will be provided for the treatment of cleft palate or cleft lip. Such coverage includes Medically Necessary oral surgery and pre-graft palatal expander.
17. **Contraceptives:** This Plan provides benefits for Prescription contraceptives regardless of purpose. Prescription contraceptives that require a Physician to administer a hormone shot or insert a device will be processed under the Covered Medical Benefits in this SPD.
18. **Contraceptives and Counseling:** All Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures and patient education and counseling. This Plan provides benefits for Prescription contraceptives regardless of purpose. Prescription contraceptives that require a Physician to administer a hormone shot or insert a device will be processed under the Covered Medical Benefits in this SPD.
19. **Cornea Transplants** are payable at the percentage listed under All Other Covered Expenses on the Schedule of Benefits.
20. **Dental Services** include:
  - The care and treatment of sound natural teeth and gums if an Injury is sustained in an Accident (other than one occurring while eating or chewing), including implants. Treatment must be completed within 60 days of the Injury except when medical and/or dental conditions preclude completion of treatment within this time period.
  - Inpatient or Outpatient Hospital charges including professional services for x-ray, lab, and anesthesia while in the Hospital if Medically Necessary.
  - Removal of all teeth at an Inpatient or Outpatient Hospital or dentist's office if removal of the teeth is part of standard medical treatment that is required before the Covered Person can undergo radiation therapy for a covered medical condition.
21. **Diabetes Treatment:** Charges Incurred for the treatment of diabetes and diabetic self-management education programs and nutritional counseling.
22. **Dialysis:** Charges for dialysis for the treatment of acute renal failure or chronic irreversible renal insufficiency for the removal of waste materials from the body, including hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis. This also includes use of equipment or supplies, unless covered through the Prescription Drug Benefits section. Charges are paid the same as any other Illness.
23. **Durable Medical Equipment** subject to all of the following:
  - The equipment must meet the definition of Durable Medical Equipment as defined in the Glossary of Terms. Examples include, but are not limited to crutches, wheelchairs, hospital-type beds and oxygen equipment.
  - The equipment must be prescribed by a Physician.

- The equipment is subject to review under the CARE (Care Management) Provision of this SPD, if applicable.
  - The equipment will be provided on a rental basis when available; however, such equipment may be purchased at the Plan's option. Any amount paid to rent the equipment will be applied towards the purchase price. In no case will the rental cost of Durable Medical Equipment exceed the purchase price of the item.
  - The Plan will pay benefits for only ONE of the following: a manual wheelchair, or motorized wheelchair, unless necessary due to growth of the person or changes to the person's medical condition require a different product, as determined by the Plan.
  - If the equipment is purchased, benefits may be payable for subsequent repairs including batteries (only for initial placement), or replacement only if required:
    - due to the growth or development of a Dependent Child;
    - when necessary because of a change in the Covered Person's physical condition; or
    - because of deterioration caused from normal wear and tear.
 The repair or replacement must also be recommended by the attending Physician. In all cases, repairs or replacement due to abuse or misuse, as determined by the Plan, are not covered and replacement is subject to prior approval by the Plan.
  - Disposable, consumable items that are an essential part of covered Durable Medical Equipment are covered only for the initial placement of the equipment.
  - Diabetic supplies (i.e. lancets, alcohol swabs, blood test strips).
24. **Emergency Room Hospital and Physician Services** including Emergency room services for stabilization or initiation of treatment of a medical Emergency condition provided on an Outpatient basis at a Hospital, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. If you are confined in a non-network facility as a result of an emergency, you will be eligible for in-network benefits until your attending physician agrees it is safe to transfer you to a network facility.
25. **Emergency Services Provided in a Foreign Country**, including Emergency room services for stabilization or initiation of treatment of a medical Emergency condition provided on an Inpatient or Outpatient basis at a Hospital or Physician services in a provider's office, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.
26. **Extended Care Facility Services** for both mental and physical health diagnosis. Charges will be paid under the applicable diagnostic code. Covered Person must obtain prior authorization for services in advance. (Refer to the Care Management section of this SPD). The following benefits are covered:
- Room and board.
  - Miscellaneous services, supplies and treatments provided by an Extended Care Facility, including Inpatient rehabilitation.
27. **Eye Refractions** if related to a covered medical condition.
28. **Foot Care (Podiatry)** that is recommended by a Physician as a result of infection. The following charges for foot care will also be covered:
- Treatment of any condition resulting from weak, strained, flat, unstable or unbalanced feet, when surgery is performed.
  - Treatment of corns, calluses and toenails when at least part of the nail root is removed or when needed to treat a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease.
  - Physician office visit for diagnosis of bunions. Treatment of bunions when an open cutting operation or arthroscopy is performed.
  - Covered charges do not include Palliative Foot Care.

29. **Gene Therapy.** Gene therapies and adoptive cellular therapies, as well as associated services and supplies, for Participants based on Medical Necessity
30. **Gender Dysphoria.** Benefits for the treatment of gender dysphoria provided by or under the direction of a physician. For the purpose of this benefit "gender dysphoria" is a disorder characterized by the specific diagnostic criteria classified in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of American Psychiatric Association.
31. **Genetic Counseling** based on Medical Necessity.
32. **Genetic Testing** based on Medical Necessity.
33. **Hearing Services** include:
  - Exams, tests, services and supplies to diagnose and treat a medical condition.
  - Purchase or fitting of hearing aids.
34. **Home Health Care Services:** (Refer to Home Health Care section of this SPD).
35. **Hospice Care Services:** Treatment given at a Hospice Care Facility must be in place of a stay in a Hospital or Extended Care Facility, and can include:
  - **Assessment** includes an assessment of the medical and social needs of the Terminally Ill person, and a description of the care to meet those needs.
  - **Inpatient Care** in a facility when needed for pain control and other acute and chronic symptom management, psychological and dietary counseling, physical or occupational therapy and part-time Home Health Care services.
  - **Outpatient Care** provides or arranges for other services as related to the Terminal Illness which include the services of a Physician or Qualified physical or occupational therapist, or nutrition counseling services provided by or under the supervision of a Qualified dietician.
  - **Respite Care** to provide temporary relief to the family or other caregivers in the case of an emergency or to provide temporary relief from the daily demands of caring for a terminally ill person.
  - **Bereavement Counseling** benefits are payable for bereavement counseling services which are received by a Covered Person's Close Relative when directly connected to the Covered Person's death and bundled with other hospice charges. Counseling services must be given by a Qualified social worker, Qualified pastoral counselor, Qualified psychologist, Qualified psychiatrist, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable. The services must be furnished within six months of death.

The Covered Person must be Terminally Ill with an anticipated life expectancy of about six months. Services, however, are not limited to a maximum of six months if continued Hospice Care is deemed appropriate by the Physician, up to the maximum hospice benefits available under the Plan.

36. **Hospital Services (Includes Inpatient Services and Surgical Centers).** The following benefits are covered:
  - Semi-private room and board. For network charges, this rate is based on network repricing. For non-network charges, any charge over a semi-private room charge will be a Covered Expense only if determined by the plan to be Medically Necessary. If the Hospital has no semi-private rooms, the Plan will allow the private room rate subject to Maximum Allowable charges or the Negotiated Rate, whichever is applicable.
  - Intensive care unit room and board.
  - Miscellaneous and Ancillary Services.
  - Blood, blood plasma and plasma expanders, when not available without charge.

Observation in a Hospital room will be considered Inpatient treatment if the duration of the observation status exceeds 72 hours. Observation means the use of appropriate monitoring, diagnostic testing,

treatment, and assessment of patient symptoms, signs, laboratory tests, and response to therapy for the purpose of determining whether a patient will require further treatment as an Inpatient or can be discharged from the Hospital setting.

**37. Hospital Services (Outpatient).**

Observation in a Hospital room will be considered Outpatient treatment if the duration of the observation status is 72 hours or less. Observation means the use of appropriate monitoring, diagnostic testing, treatment, and assessment of patient symptoms, signs, laboratory tests, and response to therapy for the purpose of determining whether a patient will require further treatment as an Inpatient or can be discharged from the Hospital setting.

**38. Independent Radiology and Pathology.**

**39. Infant Formula** administered through a tube as the sole source of nutrition for the Covered Person.

**40. Laboratory Or Pathology Tests And Interpretation Charges** for covered benefits.

**41. Major Radiological/Interventional Procedures (Including: MRI, CT, PET, SPECT, DEXA/Bone density scans, Myocardial Perfusion Imaging, Cardiac blood pool imaging and cardiac tests including Diagnostic cardiac catheterizations and Stress echocardiograms, Brachytherapy, proton beam therapy, radiotherapy).**

**42. Maternity Benefits** for Covered Persons include:

- Hospital room and board- deductible and co-insurance apply
- Vaginal delivery or Cesarean section.
- Non-routine prenatal care
- Postnatal care.
- Medically Necessary diagnostic testing.
- Abdominal operation for intrauterine pregnancy or miscarriage.

**43. Manipulations:** Treatments for musculoskeletal conditions when Medically Necessary. Also refer to Maintenance Therapy under the General Exclusions section of this SPD.

**44. Mental Health Treatment** (Refer to Mental Health section of this SPD).

**45. Modifiers or Reducing Modifiers** if Medically Necessary, apply to services and procedures performed on the same day and may be applied to surgical, radiology and other diagnostic procedures. For providers participating with a primary or secondary network, claims will be paid according to the network contract. For providers who are not participating with a network, where no discount is applied, the industry guidelines are to allow the full Maximum Allowable Charge for the primary procedure and a percentage (%) of the Maximum Allowable Charge for all secondary procedures. These allowances are then processed according to Plan provisions. A global package includes the services that are a necessary part of the procedure. For individual services that are part of a global package, it is customary for the individual services not to be billed separately. A separate charge will not be allowed under the Plan.

**46. Morbid Obesity Treatment** includes only the following treatments if those treatments are determined to be Medically Necessary and appropriate for an individual's Morbid Obesity condition. Refer to the Glossary of Terms for a definition of Morbid Obesity.

- Bariatric Surgery for new cases only (if previous surgery or band, member is not eligible):
  - Gastric bypasses (Roux-en-Y, biliopancreatic bypass, and biliopancreatic diversion with duodenal switch)
  - Gastric sleeve procedure (laparoscopic vertical gastrectomy, and laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy)
- Perioperative complications that occur during the initial covered bariatric procedure exceeding the lifetime bariatric surgery benefit maximum will be considered for coverage as for any other illness.



- Charges for diagnostic services to be billed under the medical plan. Physician visits will be billed under the medical plan as a primary care visit co-payment. Surgery will be subject to deductible and co-insurance.
- Members must meet the following Body Mass Index (BMI) criteria for consideration:
  - BMI between 40-59.9 or
  - BMI >35 with comorbidities

In addition, the following conditions must be met:

- Employees hired on or after January 1, 2019 must have two years of employment before they, or their dependents may be covered for the surgery. The two years must be continuous and immediately prior to the surgery.
- Employees and fully grown dependents are eligible.
- Must meet with a dietician during the 3 months before the procedure and have at least one visit with the bariatric surgeon and one visit with a dietician within 9 months post op.
- Must have psychological evaluation and clearance before surgery. The Bariatric Program will make sure all conditions have been met prior to authorizing the services.

The plan does not cover weight control medications, anorexiant, nutritional supplements and exercise equipment or any other items listed in the General Exclusions section **or Prescription Expenses Not Covered sections** of this SPD.

47. **Nursery And Newborn Expenses Including Circumcision** are covered for the following Children of the covered Employee or covered spouse: natural (biological) Children and newborn Children who are adopted or Placed for Adoption at the time of birth.

All newborn charges Incurred while the mother is an in-patient will be processed under the mother. After mother's discharge, claims will be processed under the newborn. Newborn enrollment will be automatic for the first 30 days after birth.

Newborn or newly adopted children are automatically covered by the Plan from birth through the first 30 days of life if the mother has coverage under the Plan. The baby will be covered for the first 30 days of life whether or not the member intends to add the baby to the Plan. If not added to the Plan within the first 30 days of life, coverage for the baby will stop at midnight at the end of the 30th day of life. A covered dependent daughter's newborn will be covered for the first 7 days of life. Thereafter to be eligible for coverage, the employee must be the child's legal guardian.

48. **Nutritional Supplements, Vitamins and Electrolytes** which are prescribed by a Physician and administered through enteral feedings, provided they are the sole source of nutrition. This includes supplies related to enteral feedings (for example, feeding tubes, pumps, and other materials used to administer enteral feedings) provided the feedings are prescribed by a Physician, and are the sole source of nutrition.

49. **Obesity** includes only physician office visits, which will be covered as primary care office visits under the medical Plan.

50. **Occupational Therapy.** (See Therapy Services below)

51. **Oral Surgery** includes:

- Excision of tumors and cysts of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof and floor of the mouth when such conditions require pathological examinations.
- Surgical procedures required to correct accidental injuries of the jaws, cheeks, lips, tongue, roof and floor of the mouth.
- Reduction of fractures and dislocations of the jaw.
- External incision and drainage of cellulitis.
- Incision of accessory sinuses, salivary glands or ducts.

- Excision of exostosis of jaws and hard palate.

52. **Orthodontia Services** meeting all of the following conditions:

- Must be under 21 years of age,
- A documented class two or three malocclusion,
- Must have one of the following: (a) Craniofacial conditions; (b) Cleft lip and palate; (c) Hernifacial Microsomia, Goldenhar Syndrome, Craniosynostosis, Apert Syndrome, Cruizon Syndrome, Treacher, Collins Syndrome, Pfeiffer Syndrome, (other rare craniofacial syndromes will be considered on a case by case basis.)
- Other orthodontia services are not covered.

53. **Orthotic Appliances, Devices and Casts**, including the exam for required Prescription and fitting, when prescribed to aid in healing, provide support to an extremity, or limit motion to the musculoskeletal system after Injury. These devices can be used for acute Injury or to prevent Injury. Orthotic Appliances and Devices include supports, trusses, elastic compression stockings, orthopedic shoes attached to a brace, braces and diabetic shoes and inserts which are limited to one pair of custom molded shoes and two pairs of inserts, or, one pair of extra depth shoes and 3pairs of inserts per plan year.

54. **Oxygen And Its Administration.**

55. **Pharmacological Medical Case Management** (Medication management and lab charges).

56. **Physical Therapy.** (See Therapy Services below)

57. **Physician Services** for covered benefits.

58. **Pre-Admission Testing:** The testing must be necessary and consistent with the diagnosis and treatment of the condition for which the Covered Person is being admitted to the Hospital.

59. **Prescription Medications** which are administered or dispensed as part of treatment while in the Hospital or at a medical facility (including claims billed on a claim form from a long-term care facility, assisted living facility or Skilled Nursing Facility) and that require a Physician's Prescription. This does not include paper (script) claims obtained at a retail pharmacy, which are covered under the Prescription benefit.

60. **Preventive / Routine Care** as listed under the Schedule of Benefits. This also includes Preventive / Routine Care benefits for Children (Ages 0 through 18, which are not subject to annual limitation) and Preventive / Routine alcohol and substance use disorder, tobacco use, obesity, diet and nutrition counseling.

The Plan pays benefits for Preventive Care services provided on an Outpatient basis at a Physician's office, an Alternate Facility or a Hospital that encompass medical services that have been demonstrated by clinical evidence to be safe and effective in either the early detection of disease or in the prevention of disease, have been proven to have a beneficial effect on health outcomes and include the following as required under applicable law:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in affect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;
- Immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- With respect to infants, Children and adolescents, evidence-informed Preventive Care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and
- Additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration; and

- Well-woman preventive care visit(s) for women to obtain the recommended preventive services that are age and developmentally appropriate, including preconception and prenatal care. This well-woman visit should, where appropriate, include other preventive services listed in the Health Resources and Services Administrations guidelines, as well as others referenced in the Affordable Care Act:
  - Screening for gestational diabetes;
  - Human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA testing;
  - Counseling for sexually transmitted infections;
  - Counseling and screening for human immune-deficiency virus; and
  - Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence; and
  - Breast cancer genetic test counseling (BRCA) for women at high risk.

Please visit the following links for additional information:

<https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-benefits/>  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-children/>  
<https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-women/>

61. **Private Duty Nursing Services** when Outpatient care is required 24 hours a day. This does not include Inpatient private duty nursing services.

62. **Prosthetic Devices.** The initial purchase, fitting, repair and replacement of fitted prosthetic devices (artificial body parts, including limbs, eyes and larynx) which replace body parts. Benefits may be payable for subsequent repairs or replacement only if required:

- Due to the growth or development of a Dependent Child; or
- When necessary because of a change in the Covered Person's physical condition; or
- Because of deterioration caused from normal wear and tear.

The repair or replacement must also be recommended by the attending Physician. In all cases, repairs or replacement due to abuse or misuse, as determined by the Plan, are not covered and replacement is subject to prior approval by the Plan.

63. **Qualifying Clinical Trials** as defined below, including routine patient care costs as defined below Incurred during participation in a Qualifying Clinical Trial for the treatment of:

- Cancer or other Life-Threatening Disease or Condition. For purposes of this benefit, a Life-Threatening Disease or Condition is one from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted.

Benefits include the reasonable and necessary items and services used to prevent, diagnose, and treat complications arising from participation in a Qualifying Clinical Trial.

Benefits are available only when the Covered Person is clinically eligible for participation in the Qualifying Clinical Trial as defined by the researcher.

Routine patient care costs for Qualifying Clinical Trials may include:

- Covered health services (i.e., Physician charges, lab work, X-rays, professional fees, etc.) for which benefits are typically provided absent a clinical trial;
- Covered health services required solely for the administration of the Investigational item or service, the clinically appropriate monitoring of the effects of the item or service, or the prevention of complications; and
- Covered health services needed for reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of an Investigational item or service.

Routine costs for clinical trials do not include:

- The Experimental or Investigational service or item as it is typically provided to the patient through the clinical trial;
- Items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient;
- A service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis; and
- Items and services provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.

With respect to cancer or other Life-Threatening Diseases or Conditions, a Qualifying Clinical Trial is a Phase I, Phase II, Phase III, or Phase IV clinical trial that is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other Life-Threatening Disease or Condition and that meets any of the following criteria in the bulleted list below.

- Federally funded trials. The study or investigation is approved or funded (which may include funding through in-kind contributions) by one or more of the following:
  - *National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, including the *National Cancer Institute (NCI)*;
  - *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*;
  - *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)*;
  - *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)*;
  - A cooperative group or center of any of the entities described above or the *Department of Defense (DOD)* or the *Veteran's Administration (VA)*;
  - A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by the *National Institutes of Health* for center support grants; or
  - The *Department of Veterans Affairs*, the *Department of Defense*, or the *Department of Energy* as long as the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review that is determined by the *Secretary of Health and Human Services* to meet both of the following criteria:
    - It is comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the *National Institutes of Health*; and
    - It ensures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals who have no interest in the outcome of the review.
- The study or investigation is conducted under an Investigational new drug application reviewed by the *U.S. Food and Drug Administration*;
- The study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an Investigational new drug application;
- The clinical trial must have a written protocol that describes a scientifically sound study and have been approved by all relevant Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) before participants are enrolled in the trial. The Plan Sponsor may, at any time, request documentation about the trial; or
- The subject or purpose of the trial must be the evaluation of an item or service that meets the definition of a covered health service and is not otherwise excluded under the Plan.

**64. Radiation Therapy and Chemotherapy.**

**65. Radiology and Interpretation Charges.**

**66. Reconstructive Surgery** includes:

- Following a mastectomy (Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act)  
The Covered Person must be receiving benefits in connection with a mastectomy in order to receive benefits for reconstructive treatments. Covered Expenses are reconstructive treatments which include all stages of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed,

surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance; and prostheses and complications of mastectomies, including lymphedemas.

- Surgery to restore bodily function that has been impaired by a congenital illness or anomaly, Accident, or from an infection or other disease of the involved part.

67. **Respiratory Therapy.** (See Therapy Services below)

68. **Second Surgical Opinion** must be given by a board-certified Specialist in the medical field relating to the surgical procedure being proposed. The Physician providing the second opinion must not be affiliated in any way with the Physician who rendered the first opinion.

69. **Sleep Disorders** if Medically Necessary.

70. **Sleep Studies.**

71. **Speech Therapy.** (See Therapy Services below)

72. **Sterilizations (Voluntary).**

73. **Substance Use Disorder Services** (Refer to Substance Use Disorder section of this SPD).

74. **Surgery and Assistant Surgeon Services** (See Modifiers or Reducing Modifiers above).

75. **Telehealth.** Consultations made by a Covered Person's treating Physician to another Physician. Consultations made by a Covered Person to a Physician.

76. **Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ) Services** include:

- Diagnostic services such as Physician evaluation and/or MRI when conservative treatment has not resolved symptoms and results of MRI will impact surgical decision making.
- Surgical treatment of the temporomandibular joint such arthrocentesis, arthroscopic surgery, arthroplasty, condylectomy, arthrotomy with joint replacement or therapeutic manipulation under anesthesia can be considered.
- Non-surgical treatment (including intraoral devices or any other non-surgical method to alter occlusion and/or vertical dimension) such as a short-term physical therapy and/or intra oral devices can be considered.

Coverage does not include orthodontic services, any diagnostic, non-surgical or surgical treatment of TMJ that is considered as Experimental and Investigational or not Medically Necessary by the Medical Director or exceeding the stated benefit limitations, and any diagnostic service outside of Physician evaluation and any non-surgical treatment or surgical treatment that has not been pre-authorized.

77. **Therapy Services:** Therapy must be ordered by a Physician and provided as part of the Covered Person's treatment plan. Therapy Services are subject to a combined limit of 50 sessions (across all Therapy Services including Chiropractic services) per calendar year. Services include:

- **Occupational therapy** by a Qualified occupational therapist (OT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- **Physical therapy** by a Qualified physical therapist (PT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- **Respiratory therapy** by a Qualified respiratory therapist (RT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- **Speech therapy** by a Qualified speech therapist (ST), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- **Aquatic therapy** by a Qualified physical therapist (PT), Qualified Aquatic Therapist (AT), or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- **Intensive Behavioral Therapies such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) that are the following:**

- Focused on the treatment of core deficits of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Provided by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or other qualified provider under the appropriate supervision.
- Focused on treating maladaptive stereotypic behaviors that are posing danger to self, others and property, and impairment in daily functioning.

78. **Tobacco Addiction:** Preventive / Routine benefits as required by applicable law.

79. **Transplant Services**

80. **Urgent Care Facility** as shown in the Schedule of Benefits of this SPD.

81. **Vision Services:** Lens implant will only be covered following surgery. Medically Necessary contact lenses will be covered for participants with a diagnosis of kerataconus.

82. **X-ray Services** for covered benefits.

## HOME HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Home Health Care services are provided for patients when Medically Necessary as determined by the Utilization Review Organization.

Prior authorization may be required before receiving services. Please refer to the Care Management section of this SPD for more details. Covered services can include:

- Home visits instead of visits to the provider's office that do not exceed the Maximum Allowable Charge to perform the same service in a provider's office.
- Intermittent nurse services. Benefits are paid for only one nurse at any one time, not to exceed four hours per 24-hour period.
- Nutrition counseling provided by or under the supervision of a Qualified dietician, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- Physical, occupational, respiratory and speech therapy provided by or under the supervision of a Qualified therapist, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.
- Medical supplies, drugs, or medication prescribed by a Physician, and laboratory services to the extent that the Plan would have covered them under this Plan if the Covered Person had been in a Hospital.

A Home Health Care Visit is defined as: A visit by a nurse providing intermittent nurse services (each visit includes up to a four-hour consecutive visit in a 24-hour period if Medically Necessary) or a single visit by a Qualified therapist, Qualified dietician, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable.

### EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions and Limitations and Medical Exclusions sections, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Homemaker or housekeeping services.
- Supportive environment materials such as handrails, ramps, air conditioners and telephones.
- Services performed by family members or volunteer workers.
- "Meals on Wheels" or similar food service.
- Separate charges for records, reports or transportation.
- Expenses for the normal necessities of living such as food, clothing and household supplies.
- Legal and financial counseling services, unless otherwise covered under this Plan.

## TRANSPLANT BENEFITS

**Refer to Care Management section of this SPD for prior authorization requirements**

### DEFINITIONS

The following terms are used for the purpose of the Transplant Benefits section of this SPD. Refer to the Glossary of Terms section of this SPD for additional definitions.

**Approved Transplant Services** means services and supplies for certified transplants when ordered by a Physician. Such services include, but are not limited to, Hospital charges, Physician charges, organ and tissue procurement, tissue typing and Ancillary Services.

**Designated Transplant Facility** means a facility which has agreed to provide Approved Transplant Services to Covered Persons pursuant to an agreement with a transplant provider network or rental network with which the Plan has a contract.

**Non-Designated Transplant Facility** means a facility that does not have an agreement with the transplant provider network with whom the Plan has a contract. This may include a facility that is listed as a participating provider.

**Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement** means the harvesting, preparation, transportation and the storage of human organ and tissue which is transplanted to a Covered Person. This includes related medical expenses of a living donor.

**Stem Cell Transplant** includes autologous, allogeneic and syngeneic transplant of bone marrow, peripheral and cord blood stem cells.

### BENEFITS

The Plan will pay for Covered Expenses Incurred by a Covered Person at a Designated or Non-Designated Transplant Facility for an Illness or Injury, subject to any Deductibles, Plan Participation amounts, maximums or limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are based on the Usual and Customary charge or the Plan's Negotiated Rate.

It will be the Covered Person's responsibility to obtain prior authorization for all transplant related services. If prior authorization is not obtained, benefits may not be payable for such services. Benefits may also be subject to reduced levels as outlined in individual Plan provisions. The approved transplant and medical criteria for such transplant must be Medically Necessary for the medical condition for which the transplant is recommended. The medical condition must not be included on individual Plan exclusions.

### COVERED EXPENSES

The Plan will pay for Approved Transplant Services at a Designated or Non-Designated Transplant Facility for Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement and transplantation, if a Covered Person is the recipient and as outlined in the schedule of benefits and in the paragraphs below.

If the Plan is primary, transplants not performed through the Curative Designated Transplant Network are excluded from coverage. When the Plan is secondary, and primary insurance does not cover transplants, transplants performed through non Curative Designated Transplant Providers are not covered. However, when the Plan is secondary, and primary insurance does cover transplants, transplants performed through non Curative Designated Transplant Providers are covered Out-of-Network.

If a Covered Person requires a transplant, including bone marrow or Stem Cell Transplant, the cost of Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement from a living human or cadaver will be included as part of the Covered Person's Covered Expenses when the donor's own plan does not provide coverage for Organ



and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement. This includes the cost of donor testing, blood typing and evaluation to determine if the donor is a suitable match.

The Plan will provide donor services for donor related complications during the transplant period, as per the transplant contract, if the recipient is a Covered Person under this Plan.

The Plan will provide donor services at a Non-Designated Facility for initial acquisition/procurement only, up to the maximum listed on the Schedule of Benefits, if any. Complications, side effects or injuries are not covered unless the donor is a Covered Person on the Plan.

Benefits are payable for the following transplants:

- Kidney.
- Kidney/Pancreas.
- Pancreas, which meets the criteria as determined by care management.
- Liver.
- Heart.
- Heart/Lung.
- Lung.
- Bone Marrow or Stem Cell transplant (allogeneic and autologous) for certain conditions.
- Small Bowel.
- Cornea (Not required to be at a Center of Excellence or Designated Transplant Facility)

## **SECOND OPINION**

The Plan will notify the Covered Person if a second opinion is required at any time during the determination of benefits period. If a Covered Person is denied a transplant procedure by transplant facility, the Plan will allow them to go to a second Designated Transplant Facility for evaluation. If the second facility determines, for any reason, that the Covered Person is an unacceptable candidate for the transplant procedure, benefits will not be paid for further transplant related services and supplies, even if a third Designated Transplant Facility accepts the Covered Person for the procedure.

## **TRANSPLANT EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions section of this SPD, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Expenses if a Covered Person donates an organ and/or tissue and the recipient is not a Covered Person under this Plan.
- Expenses for Organ and Tissue Acquisition/Procurement and storage of cord blood, stem cells or bone marrow, unless the Covered Person has been diagnosed with a condition for which there would be Approved Transplant Services.
- Expenses for any post-transplant complications of the donor, if the donor is not a Covered Person under this Plan.
- Transplants considered Experimental, Investigational or Unproven.
- Solid organ transplant in patients with carcinoma unless the carcinoma is in complete remission for five (5) years or considered cured. Exceptions, which will require additional review for Medical Necessity, include: diagnoses of squamous cell and basal cell carcinoma of the skin and hepatocellular carcinoma.
- Solid organ transplantation, autologous transplant (bone marrow or peripheral stem cell) or allogeneic transplant (bone marrow or peripheral stem cell), for conditions that are not considered

to be Medically Necessary and/or are not appropriate, based on the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) and/or Transplant Review Guidelines.

- Expenses related to, or for, the purchase of any organ.

## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS**

Administered by **MedImpact**

Note: Curative (the claims administrator) does not administer the benefits or services described within this provision. Please contact the benefit manager or Your employer with any questions related to this coverage or service.

Note: The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 provides all Medicare-eligible individuals the opportunity to obtain Prescription Drug coverage through Medicare. Medicare-eligible individuals generally must pay an additional monthly premium for this coverage. In addition, electing Medicare Part D may affect Your ability to obtain Prescription coverage under this Plan. Individuals may be able to postpone enrollment in the Medicare Prescription Drug coverage if their current drug coverage is at least as good as Medicare Prescription Drug coverage. If individuals decline Medicare Prescription Drug coverage and do not have coverage at least as good as Medicare Prescription Drug coverage, they may have to pay an additional monthly penalty if they change their mind and sign up later. Medicare-eligible individuals should have received a Notice informing them whether their current Prescription Drug coverage provides benefits that are at least as good as benefits provided by the Medicare Prescription Drug coverage and explaining whether election of Medicare Part D will affect coverage available under this Plan. For a copy of this notice, please contact the Plan Administrator.

### **Covered Drugs**

Your Prescription Drug benefit provides coverage for most commonly used drugs that are Federal Legend Drugs. Federal Legend Drugs are drugs that require a label stating, "Caution: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a Prescription." Your pharmacist or the prescribing Physician can verify coverage for a drug by contacting the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) at the number on Your Prescription ID card. A complete list of covered and excluded drugs may be available on the Pharmacy Benefit Manager's web site. If You are unable to access the web site, Your employer will provide a copy upon request at no charge.

### **How To Use The Prescription Drug Card**

Present the ID Card and the Prescription to a Participating Pharmacy. Then sign the pharmacist's voucher and pay the pharmacist the appropriate Co-pay amount, if applicable.

If You are without Your prescription ID card or if You are at a non-Participating Pharmacy, You may be required to pay for the Prescription and submit a claim to the PBM. Please contact the PBM or Your employer for information on how to submit a claim.

### **Mail Order Drug Service**

If You are using an ongoing Prescription drug, You may purchase that drug on a mail order basis. Most drugs covered by the PBM may also be purchased by mail order. The mail order drug service is most often used to purchase drugs that treat an ongoing medical condition and are taken on a regular basis.

There may be a Co-pay for mail order Prescriptions.

Mail order Prescriptions should be sent to the PBM. Order forms may be available on the PBM's web site or from Your employer. All Prescriptions will be mailed directly to Your home.

A directory of participating pharmacies is available on the PBM's web site. You will also be automatically provided a copy of the pharmacy directory at no charge. The pharmacy directory is a separate document from this Plan. The directory contains the name, address and phone number of the pharmacies that are part of the PBM's program.

**Prescription Drug Coverage**

Prescription drug benefits are provided through MedImpact. Prescriptions may be filled at a network retail pharmacy or through the mail order pharmacy with MedImpact. Both options offer the same level of benefit coverage.

Your copay is based on whether Your prescription is filled with a generic, preferred or non-preferred brand name drug. If the pharmacy charges are less than the applicable copay, then the lesser charge will become the copay. Prescription copays do not apply towards the Plan Year Deductible or Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

**Generic vs. Preferred Brand Name vs. Non-preferred Brand Name Drugs**

<b>Generic Drugs</b>	<b>Preferred Name Brand Drugs</b>	<b>Non-preferred Brand Name Drugs</b>
You receive the highest level of benefit when You have Your prescription filled with a generic drug. Generic drugs contain the same active ingredient and same effective treatment as the brand name alternative, often at a much lower price.	MedImpact maintains a listing of drugs they have researched and identified as preferred. This list includes a wide selection of medications. You pay a lower copay when having Your prescription filled with a preferred brand name drug rather than a non-preferred brand name drug.	Non-preferred brand name drugs are those drugs MedImpact has researched and determined to be non-preferred compared with their competitive alternatives. You pay the highest copay when Your prescription is filled with a non-preferred brand name drug.

**The Alliance Pharmacy**

Outpatient Specialty Drugs used to treat hemophilia and other bleeding disorders must be filled at a pharmacy that is a member of the Hemophilia Alliance.

**Prescription Expenses Not Covered**

The prescription drug plan does not cover the following: Non-legend drugs (drugs that do not require a prescription), drugs that are not FDA-approved, drugs that are not FDA-approved for the use prescribed, or drugs that are considered investigational, obsolete or experimental. Specific drugs excluded from coverage include, but are not limited to:

- convenience dosage medications;
- drugs for treatment of infertility;
- anorexiant and weight control medications;
- nutritional programs and supplements
- ADD/ADHD drugs for individuals twenty-one (21) years of age or older unless prior authorization;
- Botox and other such cosmetics without prior authorization and coverage authorization;
- non-prescription vitamins and over-the-counter medications;
- tretinoin, all dosage forms (e.g. Retin-A), for individuals twenty-five (25) years of age and older unless prior authorization;
- drugs prescribed for impotence/sexual dysfunction;
- drugs for the treatment of alopecia (baldness)
- prescriptions which a Covered Person is entitled to receive without charge from any Workers' Compensation laws;
- drugs labeled "Caution-limited by federal law to investigational use," or experimental drugs, even though a charge is made to the individual.

**Maximum Allowable Cost**

The pharmacist substitutes more economically priced generic equivalent drugs whenever possible. When a brand Name product is dispensed and a substitutable Generic is available, the Covered Person is required to pay the difference in cost between the Brand and Generic product in addition to the usual Brand Copay (applies to Prescription Card and Mail Order). The member pays the difference in cost between the Brand

Name and Generic product plus the Brand copay in those situations where the prescribing physician has specified "dispense as written".

Prescription drug use does not have unlimited coverage. As with all services they are subject to Medical Necessity and appropriate use. Drug utilization review may be concurrent, retrospective or prospective. Should Medical Necessity not be determined by peer review physician, the treating physician and participant will be notified and forwarded information on appeal process.

Note: The Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 provides all Medicare eligible individuals the opportunity to obtain Prescription Drug coverage through Medicare. Medicare eligible individuals generally must pay an additional monthly premium for this coverage. In addition, electing Medicare Part D may affect Your ability to get prescription coverage under this Plan. Individuals may be able to postpone enrollment in the Medicare Prescription Drug coverage if their current drug coverage is at least as good as Medicare Prescription Drug coverage. If individuals decline Medicare Prescription Drug coverage and do not have coverage at least as good as Medicare Prescription Drug coverage, they may have to pay an additional monthly penalty if they change their mind and sign up later. Medicare eligible individuals should have received a Notice informing them whether their current Prescription Drug coverage provides benefits that are at least as good as benefits provided by the Medicare Prescription Drug coverage and explaining whether election of Medicare Part D will affect coverage available under this Plan. For a copy of this notice, please contact the Plan Administrator.

For any Prescription Drug questions, please contact MedImpact at the following:

MEDIMPACT HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC  
10181 SCRIPPS GATEWAY COURT  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92131  
800-788-2949

## MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

The Plan will pay the following Covered Expenses for services authorized by a Physician and deemed to be Medically Necessary for the treatment of a Mental Health Disorder, subject to any Deductibles, Co-pays if applicable, Participation amounts, maximum or limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits of this SPD. Benefits are based on the Maximum Allowable Charge, maximum fee schedule or the Negotiated Rate.

### COVERED BENEFITS

**Inpatient Services** means services provided at a Hospital or facility accredited by a recognized accrediting body or licensed by the state as an acute care psychiatric, chemical dependency or dual diagnosis facility for the treatment of Mental Health Disorders. If outside of the United States, the Hospital or facility must be licensed or approved by the foreign government or an accreditation or licensing body working in that foreign country.

**Residential Treatment** means a sub-acute facility-based program that is licensed to provide "residential" treatment and delivers 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week assessment and diagnostic services, as well as active behavioral health treatment for mental health conditions. Coverage does not include facilities or programs where therapeutic services are not the primary service being provided (e.g., therapeutic boarding schools, halfway houses, and group homes)

**Day Treatment (Partial Hospitalization)** means a day treatment program that offers intensive, multidisciplinary services not otherwise offered in an Outpatient setting. The treatment program is generally a minimum of 20 hours of scheduled programming extended over a minimum of five days per week. The program is designed to treat patients with serious mental or nervous disorders and offers major diagnostic, psychosocial and prevocational modalities. Such programs must be a less restrictive alternative to Inpatient treatment.

**Outpatient Therapy Services** are covered. The services must be provided by a Qualified Provider.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS

- Any diagnosis change after a payment denial will not be considered for benefits unless the Plan is provided with all pertinent records along with the request for change that justifies the revised diagnosis. Such records must include the history and initial assessment and must reflect the criteria listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) for the new diagnosis, or, if in a foreign country, must meet diagnostic criteria established and commonly recognized by the medical community in that region.
- Services for biofeedback are covered.

### MENTAL HEALTH EXCLUSIONS

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions and Limitations and Medical Exclusions sections, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

- Inpatient charges for the period of time when full, active Medically Necessary treatment for the Covered Person's condition is not being provided.
- Bereavement counseling, unless specifically listed as a covered benefit elsewhere in this SPD.
- Services provided for conflict between the Covered Person and society which is solely related to criminal activity.
- Conditions listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) or the International Classification of Diseases - Clinical Modification manual (most recent revision) (ICD-CM) in the following categories:

- “V” codes (including marriage counseling); or.
- Personality disorders, or
- Behavior and impulse control disorders.

## **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY BENEFITS**

The Plan will pay the following Covered Expenses for a Covered Person subject to any Deductibles, Co-pays if applicable, Participation amounts, maximum or limits shown on the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits are based on the maximum fee schedule, Maximum Allowable Charge or the Negotiated Rate as applicable.

### **COVERED BENEFITS**

**Inpatient Services** means services provided at a Hospital or facility must be accredited by a recognized accrediting body or licensed by the state as an acute care psychiatric, chemical dependency or dual diagnosis facility for the treatment of substance use disorder and chemical dependency. If outside the United States, the Hospital or facility must be licensed or approved by the foreign government or an accreditation or licensing body working in that foreign country.

**Residential Treatment** means a sub-acute facility-based program that is licensed to provide "residential" treatment and delivers 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-per-week assessment and diagnostic services, as well as active behavioral health treatment for substance-related disorders. Coverage does not include facilities or programs where therapeutic services are not the primary service being provided (e.g., therapeutic boarding schools, halfway houses, and group homes)

**Day Treatment (Partial Hospitalization)** means a day treatment program that offers intensive, multidisciplinary services not otherwise offered in an Outpatient setting. The treatment program is generally a minimum of 20 hours of scheduled programming extended over a minimum of five days per week. Such programs must be a less restrictive alternative to Inpatient treatment.

**Outpatient Services** are covered. The services must be provided by a Qualified Provider.

### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS**

- Any claim re-submitted on the basis of a change in diagnosis after a benefit denial will not be considered for benefits unless the Plan is provided with all records along with the request for change. Such records must include: the history, initial assessment and all counseling or therapy notes, and must reflect the criteria listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) for the new diagnosis.

### **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to the items listed in the General Exclusions section, benefits will NOT be provided for any of the following:

The Plan will not pay for:

- Treatment or care considered inappropriate or substandard as determined by the Plan.
- Inpatient charges for the period of time when full, active Medically Necessary treatment for the Covered Person's condition is not being provided.



## CARE MANAGEMENT

### Utilization Management

**Utilization Management** is the process of evaluating whether services, supplies or treatment is Medically Necessary and appropriate to help ensure cost-effective care. Utilization Management can determine Medical Necessity, shorten Hospital stays, improve the quality of care, and reduce costs to the Covered Person and the Plan. The Utilization Management procedures include certain Prior Authorization requirements.

The benefit amounts payable under the Schedule of Benefits of this SPD may be affected if the requirements described for Utilization Management are not satisfied. Covered Persons should call the phone number on the back of the Plan identification card to request Prior Authorization at least two weeks prior to a scheduled procedure in order to allow for fact-gathering and independent medical review, if necessary.

**Special Notes: The Covered Person will not be penalized for failure to obtain Prior Authorization if a Prudent Layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect that the absence of immediate medical attention would jeopardize the life or long-term health of the individual.** However, Covered Persons who have received care on this basis must contact the Utilization Review Organization (see below) as soon as possible by phone or fax within 24 hours, or by the next business day if on a weekend or holiday, from the time coverage information is known. If notice is provided past the timeframe shown above, the extenuating circumstances must be communicated. The Utilization Review Organization will then review services provided.

This Plan complies with the Newborns and Mothers Health Protection Act. Prior Authorization is not required to certify Medical Necessity for a Hospital stay of 48 hours or less following a normal vaginal delivery or 96 hours or less following a Cesarean section. Prior Authorization may be required for a stay beyond 48 hours following a vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a Cesarean section.

### UTILIZATION REVIEW ORGANIZATION

The Utilization Review Organization is: **CURATIVE CARE MANAGEMENT**

### DEFINITIONS

The following terms are used for the purpose of the Care Management section of this SPD. Refer to the Glossary of Terms section of this SPD for additional definitions.

**Prior Authorization** is the process of determining benefit coverage prior to a service being rendered to an individual member. A determination is made based on Medical Necessity criteria for services, tests or procedures that are appropriate and cost-effective for the member. This member-centric review evaluates the clinical appropriateness of requested services in terms of the type, frequency, extent and duration of stay.

**Utilization Management (UM)** is the evaluation of the Medical Necessity appropriateness, and efficiency of the use of health care services, procedures and facilities under the provisions of the applicable health benefits Plan. This management is sometimes call "utilization review. Such assessment may be conducted on a prospective basis (prior to treatment), concurrent basis (during treatment), or retrospective basis (following treatment).

### Alternative Care

When alternative care and treatment are recommended by UM and approved by this Plan, the Plan may pay for all or part of the charge for a service or supply not shown as a covered expense in this plan document. These expenses maybe considered on the same basis as care and treatment for which they are substituted.

## SERVICES REQUIRING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Contact Utilization Management **before** receiving services for the following:

- All inpatient procedures.
- Inpatient stays in a Hospital, including 23 hour observations, Extended Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities, Rehabilitation, Specialty Hospitals or Residential Treatment Facilities.
- Organ and tissue transplants, including bone marrow and stem cell.
- Home Health Care and Services (including infusion)
- Durable Medical Equipment over \$750 or any Durable Medical Equipment rentals over \$750/month.
- Prosthetics and orthotic devices over \$750.
- Qualified Clinical Trials
- Inpatient stays in a Hospital that is longer than 48 hours following a normal vaginal delivery or 96 hours following a Cesarean section.
- Outpatient surgeries or procedures performed at a Hospital or free standing facility.
- All referrals to non- ARC pain management Specialists and, plastic surgery providers
- All pain management therapies performed at a non-ARC facility.
- Medical orthodontia for Children with craniofacial abnormalities.
- Major radiological procedures (MRI, CT, PET, SPECT, DEXA/Bone density scans, etc.) when performed Out-of-Network.
- Free standing facility diagnostic procedures (including EEG, infusion)
- Hospital based sleep studies
- Inspire Procedure for sleep apnea
- Intensive mental health and substance use disorder outpatient programs.
- Outpatient day programs.
- Medical orthodontia for children with craniofacial abnormalities
- Injectable drugs greater than \$1000 (allowable) administered in the office or outpatient setting.
- Zostavax injection (when there are secondary side-effects to Shingrix) (covered for age 50 and above).
- Diabetic shoes and inserts

**Note that if a Covered Person receives Prior Authorization for one facility, but then is transferred to another facility, Prior Authorization is also needed before going to the new facility, except in the case of an Emergency (see Special Notes above).**

**The phone number to call for Prior Authorization is listed on the back of the Plan identification card.**

The fact that a Covered Person receives Prior Authorization from the Utilization Review Organization does not guarantee that this Plan will pay for the medical care. The Covered Person must be eligible for coverage on the date services are provided. Coverage is also subject to all provisions described in this SPD.

**Medical Director Oversight.** A Curative Care Management medical director oversees the concurrent review process. Should a case have unique circumstances that raise questions for the Utilization Management specialist handling the case, the medical director will review the case to determine Medical Necessity using evidence-based clinical criteria.

**Case Management Referrals.** During the Prior Authorization review process, cases are analyzed for a number of criteria used to trigger case to case management for review. Case management opportunities are identified by using a system-integrated, automated diagnosis-based trigger list during the Prior Authorization review process. Other case management trigger points including the following criteria: length of stay, level of care, readmission and utilization, as well as employer or self-referrals.

All Prior Authorization requests are used to identify the member's needs. Our goal is to intervene in the process as early as possible to determine the resources necessary to deliver clinical care in the most appropriate care setting.

**Retrospective Review.** Retrospective review is conducted upon request and a determination will be issued within 30 calendar days of the receipt of request within Care Management, unless an extension is approved. Retrospective reviews are performed according to our standard Prior Authorization policies and procedures.

### **Case Management**

**Case Management** services are designed to identify catastrophic and complex illnesses, transplants and trauma cases. Curative's Care Management's nurse case managers identify, coordinate and negotiate rates for out-of-network services (where appropriate and allowed under the Plan) and help manage related costs by finding alternatives to costly Inpatient stays. Opportunities are identified by using a system-integrated, automated diagnosis-based trigger list during the Prior Authorization review process. Other case management trigger points include the following criteria: length of stay, level of care, readmission and utilization, as well as employer or self-referrals. Curative Care Management works directly with the patient, the patient's family members, the treating Physician and the facility to mobilize appropriate resources for the Covered Person's care. Our philosophy is that quality care from the beginning of the serious illness helps avoid major complications in the future. The Covered Person may request that the Plan provide services and the Plan may also contact the Covered Person if the Plan believes case management services may be beneficial. Curative Case Management End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) specialty nurses focus on clinical support and treatments to delay the disease progression.

## COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

Coordination of Benefits (COB) applies whenever a Covered Person has health coverage under more than one Plan, as defined below. **It does not however, apply to prescription benefits.** The purpose of coordinating benefits is to help Covered Persons pay for Covered Expenses, but not to result in total benefits that are greater than the Covered Expenses Incurred.

The order of benefit determination rules determine which plan will pay first (Primary Plan). The Primary Plan pays without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. A Secondary Plan pays for Covered Expenses after the Primary Plan has processed the claim, and will reduce the benefits it pays so that the total payment between the Primary Plan and Secondary Plan does not exceed the Covered Expenses Incurred. If the covered benefit under this Plan is less than or equal to the Primary Plan's payment, then no payment is made by this Plan.

The Plan will coordinate benefits with the following types of medical or dental plans:

- Group health plans, whether insured or self-insured.
- Hospital indemnity benefits in excess of \$200 per day.
- Specified disease policies.
- Hospital or medical service organizations on an individual basis having a provision similar in effect to this provision.
- A licensed Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Preferred Provider Organization (PPO), Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO), Point of Service (POS) or High Deductible Health Plan.
- Any coverage for students which is sponsored by, or provided through, a school or other educational institution.
- Foreign health care coverage.
- Medical care components of group long-term care contracts such as skilled nursing care.
- Medical benefits under group or individual motor vehicle policies. See order of benefit determination rules (below) for details.
- Medical benefits under homeowner's insurance policies.
- Medicare or other governmental benefits, as permitted by law. See below. This does not include Medicaid.
- This Plan does not, however, coordinate benefits with individual health or dental plans.

Each contract for coverage is considered a separate plan. If a plan has two parts and COB rules apply to only one of the two parts, each of the parts is treated as a separate plan. If a plan provides benefits in the form of services rather than cash payments, the reasonable cash value of each service rendered will be considered an allowable expense and a benefit paid.

When this Plan is secondary, and when not in conflict with a network contract requiring otherwise, covered charges shall not include any amount that is not payable under the primary plan as a result of a contract between the primary plan and a provider of service in which such provider agrees to accept a reduced payment and not to bill the Covered Person for the difference between the provider's contracted amount and the provider's regular billed charge.

### ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES

To obtain all available benefits, You must file a claim with each plan in which you are enrolled. The first claim should be filed with the primary plan and an explanation of benefits (EOB) from this claim submitted to the secondary plan.

The first of the following rules that apply to a Covered Person's situation is the rule to use:

- The plan that has no coordination of benefits provision is considered primary.

- When medical payments are available under motor vehicle insurance (including no-fault policies), this Plan shall always be considered secondary regardless of the individual's election under PIP (Personal Injury Protection) coverage with the auto carrier.
- Where an individual is covered under one plan as a Dependent and another plan as an Employee, member or subscriber, the plan that covers the person as an Employee, member or subscriber (that is, other than as a Dependent) is considered primary. The Primary Plan must pay benefits without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. This Plan will deem any Employee plan beneficiary to be eligible for primary benefits from their employer's benefit plan.
- The plan that covers a person as a Dependent (or beneficiary under ERISA) is generally secondary. The plan that covers a person as a Dependent is primary only when both plans agree that COBRA or state continuation coverage should always pay secondary when the person who elected COBRA is covered by another plan as a Dependent (see continuation coverage below). (Also see the section on Medicare, below, for exceptions).
- When an individual is covered under a spouse's Plan and also under his or her parent's plan, the Primary Plan is the plan of the individual's spouse. The plan of the individual's parent(s) is the Secondary Plan.
- If one or more plans cover the same person as a Dependent Child:
  - The Primary Plan is the plan of the parent whose birthday is earlier in the year if:
    - The parents are married; or
    - The parents are not separated (whether or not they have been married); or
    - A court decree awards joint custody without specifying that one party has the responsibility to provide health care coverage.
    - If both parents have the same birthday, the plan that covered either of the parents longer is primary.
  - If the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the parents is responsible for the Child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that plan is primary. This rule applies to claim determination periods or plan years starting after the plan is given notice of the court decree.
  - If the parents are not married and reside separately, or are divorced or legally separated, the order of benefits is:
    - The plan of the custodial parent;
    - The plan of the spouse of the custodial parent;
    - The plan of the non-custodial parent; and then
    - The plan of the spouse of the non-custodial parent.
- Active or Inactive Employee: If an individual is covered under one plan as an active employee (or Dependent of an active employee), and is also covered under another plan as a retired or laid off employee (or Dependent of a retired or laid off employee), the plan that covers the person as an active employee (or Dependent of an active employee) will be primary. This rule does not apply if the rule in paragraph 3 (above) can determine the order of benefits. If the other plan does not have this rule, this rule is ignored.
- Continuation coverage under COBRA or state law: If a person has elected continuation of coverage under COBRA or state law and also has coverage under another plan, the continuation coverage is secondary. This is true even if the person is enrolled in another plan as a Dependent. If the two plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored. This rule does not apply if one of the first four bullets above applies. (See exception in the Medicare section.)
- Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage: The plan that covered the person as an employee, member, subscriber or retiree longer is primary.

- If an active employee is on leave due to active duty in the military in excess of 30 days, the plan that covers the person as an active employee, member, or subscriber is considered primary.
- If none of the preceding rules apply, the plan that has covered You the longest is primary.

## MEDICARE

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people who are age 65 and older or have certain disabilities. Full Medicare coverage consists of Part A (hospital coverage) and Part B (medical coverage). If you are eligible for premium-free Part A, the Plan will assume you also have Part B coverage, even if you are not enrolled.

If You or Your covered spouse or Dependent is also receiving benefits under Medicare, including Medicare Prescription drug coverage, federal law may require this Plan to be primary over Medicare. When this Plan is not primary, the Plan will coordinate benefits with Medicare.

The order of benefit determination rules determine which plan will pay first (Primary Plan). The Primary Plan pays without regard to the possibility that another plan may cover some expenses. A Secondary Plan pays for Covered Expenses after the Primary Plan has processed the claim, and will reduce the benefits it pays so that the total payment between the Primary Plan and Secondary Plan does not exceed the Covered Expenses Incurred. If the covered benefit under this Plan is less than or equal to the Primary Plan's payment, then no payment is made by this Plan.

When this Plan is not Primary and a Covered Person is receiving Part A Medicare but has chosen not to elect Part B, this Plan will reduce its payments on Part B services as though Part B Medicare was actually in effect.

## ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES FOR MEDICARE

Which Plan pays benefits first (primary) is dependent on your work status and the number of Company employees, as shown below.

Work Status	Your Age	# of Employees	Primary Plan
Retired	65+	N/A	Medicare
Spouse of Retired	65+	N/A	Medicare
Active	65+	20+	Employer Plan
Spouse of Active	65+	20+	Employer Plan

This Plan complies with the Medicare Secondary Payer regulations. Examples of these regulations are as follows:

- This Plan generally pays first under the following circumstances:
  - You continue to be actively employed by the employer and You or Your covered spouse becomes eligible for and enrolls in Medicare because of age or disability.
  - You continue to be actively employed by the employer, Your covered spouse becomes eligible for and enrolls in Medicare, and is also covered under a retiree plan through Your spouse's former employer. In this case, this Plan will be primary for You and Your covered spouse, Medicare pays second, and the retiree plan would pay last.
  - For a Covered Person with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), this Plan usually has primary responsibility for the claims of a Covered Person for 30 months from the date of Medicare eligibility based on ESRD. The 30-month period can also include COBRA continuation coverage or another source of coverage. At the end of the 30 months, Medicare becomes the primary payer.

- Medicare generally pays first under the following circumstances:
  - You are no longer actively employed by an employer; and
  - You or Your spouse has Medicare coverage due to age, plus You or Your spouse also have COBRA continuation coverage through the Plan; or
  - You or a covered family member has Medicare coverage based on a disability, plus You also have COBRA continuation coverage through the Plan. Medicare normally pays first, however an exception is that COBRA may pay first for Covered Persons with ESRD until the end of the 30-month period; or
  - You or Your covered spouse have retiree coverage plus Medicare coverage; or
  - Upon completion of 30 months of Medicare eligibility for an individual with ESRD, Medicare becomes the primary payer. (Note that if a person with ESRD was eligible for Medicare based on age or other disability **before** being diagnosed with ESRD and Medicare was previously paying primary, then the person can continue to receive Medicare benefits on a primary basis).
  - Medicare is the secondary payer when no-fault insurance, worker's compensation, or liability insurance is available as primary payer.

Note: If a Covered Person is eligible for Medicare as the primary plan, all benefits from this Plan will be reduced by the amount Medicare would pay, regardless of whether the Covered Person is enrolled in Medicare.

### **TRICARE**

If an eligible Employee is on active military duty, TRICARE is the only coverage available to that Employee. Benefits are not coordinated with the Employee's health insurance plan.

In all instances where an eligible Employee is also a TRICARE beneficiary, TRICARE will pay secondary to this employer-provided Plan.

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

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under this Plan and other plans. The Plan may obtain the information it needs from or provide such information to other organizations or persons for the purpose of applying those rules and determining benefits payable under this Plan and other plans covering the person claiming benefits. The Plan need not tell, or obtain the consent of, any person to do this. However, if the Plan needs assistance in obtaining the necessary information, each person claiming benefits under this Plan must provide the Plan any information it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits payable.

### **REIMBURSEMENT TO THIRD PARTY ORGANIZATION**

A payment made under another plan may include an amount which should have been paid under this Plan. If it does, the Plan may pay that amount to the organization which made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under this Plan. The Plan will not have to pay that amount again.

### **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by the Plan is more than it should have paid under this COB provision, the Plan may recover the excess from one or more of the persons it paid or for whom the Plan has paid; or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the Covered Person.

## **THIRD PARTY RECOVERY, SUBROGATION AND REIMBURSEMENT**

### **PAYMENT CONDITION**

The Plan, in its sole discretion, may elect to conditionally advance payment of benefits in those situations where an Injury, Illness or disability is caused in whole or in part by, or results from the acts or omissions of Participants, and/or their Dependents, beneficiaries, estate, heirs, guardian, personal representative, or assigns (collectively referred to hereinafter in this section as "Participant(s)") or a third party, where any party besides the Plan may be responsible for expenses arising from an incident, and/or other funds are available, including but not limited to crime victim restitution funds, civil restitution funds, no-fault restitution funds (including vaccine injury compensation funds), uninsured motorist, underinsured motorist, medical payment provisions, third party assets, third party insurance, and/or guarantor(s) of a third party, any medical, applicable disability, or other benefit payments, and school insurance coverage (collectively "Coverage").

Participant(s), his or her attorney, and/or legal guardian of a minor or incapacitated individual agrees that acceptance of the Plan's conditional payment of medical benefits is constructive notice of these provisions in their entirety and agrees to maintain 100% of the Plan's conditional payment of benefits or the full extent of payment from any one or combination of first and third party sources in trust, without disruption except for reimbursement to the Plan or the Plan's assignee. The Plan shall have an equitable lien on any funds received by the Participant(s) and/or their attorney from any source and said funds shall be held in trust until such time as the obligations under this provision are fully satisfied. The Participant(s) agrees to include the Plan's name as a co-payee on any and all settlement drafts. Further, by accepting benefits the Participant(s) understands that any recovery obtained pursuant to this section is an asset of the Plan to the extent of the amount of benefits paid by the Plan and that the Participant shall be a trustee over those Plan assets.

In the event a Participant(s) settles, recovers, or is reimbursed by any Coverage, the Participant(s) agrees to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Participant(s). When such a recovery does not include payment for future treatment, the Plan's right to reimbursement extends to all benefits paid or that will be paid by the Plan on behalf of the Participant(s) for charges Incurred up to the date such Coverage or third party is fully released from liability, including any such charges not yet submitted to the Plan. If the Participant(s) fails to reimburse the Plan out of any judgment or settlement received, the Participant(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (fees and costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the Plan from claiming reimbursement for charges Incurred after the date of settlement if such recovery provides for consideration of future medical expenses.

If there is more than one party responsible for charges paid by the Plan, or may be responsible for charges paid by the Plan, the Plan will not be required to select a particular party from whom reimbursement is due. Furthermore, unallocated settlement funds meant to compensate multiple injured parties of which the Participant(s) is/are only one or a few, that unallocated settlement fund is considered designated as an "identifiable" fund from which the plan may seek reimbursement.

### **SUBROGATION**

As a condition to participating in and receiving benefits under this Plan, the Participant(s) agrees to assign to the Plan the right to subrogate and pursue any and all claims, causes of action or rights that may arise against any person, corporation and/or entity and to any Coverage to which the Participant(s) is entitled, regardless of how classified or characterized, at the Plan's discretion, if the Participant(s) fails to so pursue said rights and/or action.

If a Participant(s) receives or becomes entitled to receive benefits, an automatic equitable lien attaches in favor of the Plan to any claim, which any Participant(s) may have against any Coverage and/or party causing the Illness or Injury to the extent of such conditional payment by the Plan plus reasonable costs of collection. The Participant is obligated to notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement, execution of a release, or receipt of applicable funds. The Participant is also obligated to hold any and all funds so received in trust on the Plan's behalf and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.



The Plan may, at its discretion, in its own name or in the name of the Participant(s) commence a proceeding or pursue a claim against any party or Coverage for the recovery of all damages to the full extent of the value of any such benefits or conditional payments advanced by the Plan.

If the Participant(s) fails to file a claim or pursue damages against:

1. The responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party.
2. Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage.
3. Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party, including but not limited to an employer's policy.
4. Workers' compensation or other liability insurance company.
5. Any other source of Coverage.

the Participant(s) authorizes the Plan to pursue, sue, compromise and/or settle any such claims in the Participant's/Participants' and/or the Plan's name and agrees to fully cooperate with the Plan in the prosecution of any such claims. The Participant(s) assigns all rights to the Plan or its assignee to pursue a claim and the recovery of all expenses from any and all sources listed above.

## **RIGHT OF REIMBURSEMENT**

The Plan shall be entitled to recover 100% of the benefits paid or payable benefits Incurred, that have been paid and/or will be paid by the Plan, or were otherwise Incurred by the Participant(s) prior to and until the release from liability of the liable entity, as applicable, without deduction for attorneys' fees and costs or application of the common fund doctrine, made whole doctrine, or any other similar legal or equitable theory, and without regard to whether the Participant(s) is fully compensated by his or her recovery from all sources. The Plan shall have an equitable lien which supersedes all common law or statutory rules, doctrines, and laws of any State prohibiting assignment of rights which interferes with or compromises in any way the Plan's equitable lien and right to reimbursement. The obligation to reimburse the Plan in full exists regardless of how the judgment or settlement is classified and whether or not the judgment or settlement specifically designates the recovery or a portion of it as including medical, disability, or other expenses and extends until the date upon which the liable party is released from liability. If the Participant's/Participants' recovery is less than the benefits paid, then the Plan is entitled to be paid all of the recovery achieved. Any funds received by the Participant are deemed held in constructive trust and should not be dissipated or disbursed until such time as the Participant's obligation to reimburse the Plan has been satisfied in accordance with these provisions. The Participant is also obligated to hold any and all funds so received in trust on the Plan's behalf and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.

No court costs, experts' fees, attorneys' fees, filing fees, or other costs or expenses of litigation may be deducted from the Plan's recovery without the prior, express written consent of the Plan. Additionally, the Participant shall indemnify the Plan against any of the Participant's attorney's fees, costs, or other expenses related to the Participant's recovery for which the Plan becomes responsible by any means other than the Plan's explicit written consent.

The Plan's right of subrogation and reimbursement will not be reduced or affected as a result of any fault or claim on the part of the Participant(s), whether under the doctrines of causation, comparative fault or contributory negligence, or other similar doctrine in law. Accordingly, any lien reduction statutes, which attempt to apply such laws and reduce a subrogating Plan's recovery will not be applicable to the Plan and will not reduce the Plan's reimbursement rights.

These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to whether any separate written acknowledgment of these rights is required by the Plan and signed by the Participant(s).

This provision shall not limit any other remedies of the Plan provided by law. These rights of subrogation and reimbursement shall apply without regard to the location of the event that led to or caused the applicable Illness, Injury or disability.

## **PARTICIPANT IS A TRUSTEE OVER PLAN ASSETS**

Any Participant who receives benefits and is therefore subject to the terms of this section is hereby deemed a recipient and holder of Plan assets and is therefore deemed a trustee of the Plan solely as it relates to possession of any funds which may be owed to the Plan as a result of any settlement, judgment or recovery through any other means arising from any injury or accident. By virtue of this status, the Participant understands that he or she is required to:

1. Notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement, execution of a release, or receipt of applicable funds.
2. Instruct his or her attorney to ensure that the Plan and/or its authorized representative is included as a payee on all settlement drafts.
3. In circumstances where the Participant is not represented by an attorney, instruct the insurance company or any third party from whom the Participant obtains a settlement, judgment or other source of Coverage to include the Plan or its authorized representative as a payee on the settlement draft.
4. Hold any and all funds so received in trust, on the Plan's behalf, and function as a trustee as it applies to those funds, until the Plan's rights described herein are honored and the Plan is reimbursed.

To the extent the Participant disputes this obligation to the Plan under this section, the Participant or any of its agents or representatives is also required to hold any/all settlement funds, including the entire settlement if the settlement is less than the Plan's interests, and without reduction in consideration of attorneys' fees, for which he or she exercises control, in an account segregated from their general accounts or general assets until such time as the dispute is resolved.

No Participant, beneficiary, or the agents or representatives thereof, exercising control over plan assets and incurring trustee responsibility in accordance with this section will have any authority to accept any reduction of the Plan's interest on the Plan's behalf.

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The Plan's right to reimbursement extends to any incident related care that is received by the Participant(s) ("Incurred") prior to the liable party being released from liability. The Participant's/Participants' obligation to reimburse the Plan is therefore tethered to the date upon which the claims were Incurred, not the date upon which the payment is made by the Plan. In the case of a settlement, the Participant has an obligation to review the "lien" provided by the Plan and reflecting claims paid by the Plan for which it seeks reimbursement, prior to settlement and/or executing a release of any liable or potentially liable third party, and is also obligated to advise the Plan of any incident related care incurred prior to the proposed date of settlement and/or release, which is not listed but has been or will be incurred, and for which the Plan will be asked to pay.

## **EXCESS INSURANCE**

If at the time of Injury, Illness or disability there is available, or potentially available any Coverage (including but not limited to Coverage resulting from a judgment at law or settlements), the benefits under this Plan shall apply only as an excess over such other sources of Coverage, except as otherwise provided for under the Plan's Coordination of Benefits section.

The Plan's benefits shall be excess to any of the following:

1. The responsible party, its insurer, or any other source on behalf of that party.
2. Any first party insurance through medical payment coverage, personal injury protection, no-fault coverage, uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage.
3. Any policy of insurance from any insurance company or guarantor of a third party, including but not limited to an employer's policy.
4. Workers' compensation or other liability insurance company.
5. Any other source of Coverage.

## **SEPARATION OF FUNDS**

Benefits paid by the Plan, funds recovered by the Participant(s), and funds held in trust over which the Plan has an equitable lien exist separately from the property and estate of the Participant(s), such that the death of the Participant(s), or filing of bankruptcy by the Participant(s), will not affect the Plan's equitable lien, the funds over which the Plan has a lien, or the Plan's right to subrogation and reimbursement.

## **WRONGFUL DEATH**

In the event that the Participant(s) dies as a result of his or her Injuries and a wrongful death or survivor claim is asserted against a third party or any Coverage, the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights shall still apply, and the entity pursuing said claim shall honor and enforce these Plan rights and terms by which benefits are paid on behalf of the Participant(s) and all others that benefit from such payment.

## **OBLIGATIONS**

It is the Participant's/Participants' obligation at all times, both prior to and after payment of medical benefits by the Plan:

1. To cooperate with the Plan, or any representatives of the Plan, in protecting its rights, including discovery, attending depositions, and/or cooperating in trial to preserve the Plan's rights.
2. To provide the Plan with pertinent information regarding the Illness, disability, or Injury, including accident reports, settlement information and any other requested additional information.
3. To take such action and execute such documents as the Plan may require to facilitate enforcement of its subrogation and reimbursement rights.
4. To do nothing to prejudice the Plan's rights of subrogation and reimbursement.
5. To promptly reimburse the Plan when a recovery through settlement, judgment, award or other payment is received.
6. To notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any incident related claims or care which may be not identified within the lien (but has been Incurred) and/or reimbursement request submitted by or on behalf of the Plan.
7. To notify the Plan or its authorized representative of any settlement prior to finalization of the settlement.
8. To not settle or release, without the prior consent of the Plan, any claim to the extent that the Participant may have against any responsible party or Coverage.
9. To instruct his/her attorney to ensure that the Plan and/or its authorized representative is included as a payee on any settlement draft.
10. In circumstances where the Participant is not represented by an attorney, instruct the insurance company or any third party from whom the Participant obtains a settlement to include the Plan or its authorized representative as a payee on the settlement draft.
11. To make good faith efforts to prevent disbursement of settlement funds until such time as any dispute between the Plan and Participant over settlement funds is resolved.

If the Participant(s) and/or his or her attorney fails to reimburse the Plan for all benefits paid, or to be paid, Incurred, or that will be Incurred, prior to the date of the release of liability from the relevant entity, as a result of said Injury or condition, out of any proceeds, judgment or settlement received, the Participant(s) will be responsible for any and all expenses (whether fees or costs) associated with the Plan's attempt to recover such money from the Participant(s).

The Plan's rights to reimbursement and/or subrogation are in no way dependent upon the Participant's/Participants' cooperation or adherence to these terms.

## **OFFSET**

If timely repayment is not made, or the Participant and/or his or her attorney fails to comply with any of the requirements of the Plan, the Plan has the right, in addition to any other lawful means of recovery, to deduct the value of the Participant's amount owed to the Plan. To do this, the Plan may refuse payment of any future medical benefits and any funds or payments due under this Plan on behalf of the Participant(s) in an amount equivalent to any outstanding amounts owed by the Participant to the Plan. This provision applies even if the Participant has disbursed settlement funds.

## **MINOR STATUS**

In the event the Participant(s) is a minor as that term is defined by applicable law, the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian shall cooperate in any and all actions by the Plan to seek and obtain requisite court approval to bind the minor and his or her estate insofar as these subrogation and reimbursement provisions are concerned.

If the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian fail to take such action, the Plan shall have no obligation to advance payment of medical benefits on behalf of the minor. Any court costs or legal fees associated with obtaining such approval shall be paid by the minor's parents or court-appointed guardian.

## **LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION**

The Plan Administrator retains sole, full and final discretionary authority to construe and interpret the language of this provision, to determine all questions of fact and law arising under this provision, and to administer the Plan's subrogation and reimbursement rights with respect to this provision. The Plan Administrator may amend the Plan at any time without notice.

## **SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any section of this provision is considered invalid or illegal for any reason, said invalidity or illegality shall not affect the remaining sections of this provision and Plan. The section shall be fully severable. The Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid or illegal sections had never been inserted in the Plan.

## GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Some health care services are not covered by the Plan. Coverage is not available from the Plan for charges arising from care, supplies, treatment, and/or services:

1. **Acts Of War:** Injury or Illness caused or contributed to by international armed conflict, hostile acts of foreign enemies, invasion, or war or acts of war, whether declared or undeclared.
2. **Appointments Missed:** An appointment the Covered Person did not attend.
3. **Before Enrollment and After Termination:** Services, supplies or treatment rendered before coverage begins under this Plan, or after coverage ends, are not covered.
4. **Claims** received later than 12 months from the date of service.
5. **Cosmetic Treatment, Cosmetic Surgery**, or any portion thereof, unless the procedure is otherwise listed as a covered benefit. Cosmetic services include the improvement of appearance. This exclusion does not apply when needed to correct certain birth defects or to repair a functional disorder or condition as a result from accidental injury, disease or treatment of a disease.

The Plan does not cover initial or subsequent procedures performed for cosmetic reasons; injections excision, reformation, enlargement, reduction, implantation, implantation removal or change in the appearance of the body or any other surgical or non-surgical procedure for cosmetic purposes. Surgical charge for removal of breast implants originally placed for cosmetic reasons is not covered. The Plan also does not cover experimental, investigational, non-FDA approved or off-label treatments or procedures performed in a foreign country. The Plan may consider for coverage for medical and surgical complications of certain non-covered procedures on a case by case basis.

Surgical charge for removal of breast implants originally placed for cosmetic reasons is not covered. All other charges related to the treatment of the complication should be allowed. However, complications from a removal of breast implant originally placed for cosmetic reasons will be considered a covered benefit under this Plan.

Exclusions and Limitations in accordance with Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act include surgeries and/or related services that are considered cosmetic, unproven and no Medically Necessary. Cosmetic procedures, including the following:

- Abdominoplasty
- Blepharoplasty
- Breast enlargement, including augmentation mammoplasty and breast implants
- Body contouring, such as lipoplasty
- Brow lift
- Calf implants
- Cheek, chin and nose implants
- Injection of fillers or neurotoxins
- Face lift, forehead lift, or neck tightening
- Facial bone remodeling for facial feminizations
- Hair removal
- Hair transplantation
- Lip augmentation
- Lip reduction
- Liposuction
- Mastopexy
- Pectoral implants for chest masculinization
- Rhinoplasty
- Skin resurfacing

- Thyroid cartilage reduction; reduction thyroid chondroplasty; trachea shave (removal or reduction of the Adam's Apple)
  - Voice modification surgery
  - Voice lessons and voice therapy
6. **Court-Ordered:** Any treatment or therapy which is court-ordered, ordered as a condition of parole, probation, or custody or visitation evaluation, unless such treatment or therapy is normally covered by this Plan. This Plan does not cover the cost of classes ordered after a driving while intoxicated conviction or other classes ordered by the court.
  7. **Criminal Activity:** Illness or Injury resulting from taking part in the commission of an assault or battery (or a similar crime against a person) or a felony. The Plan shall enforce this exclusion based upon reasonable information showing that this criminal activity took place.
  8. **Custodial Care** as defined in the Glossary of Terms of this SPD.
  9. **Duplicate Services and Charges or Inappropriate Billing** including the preparation of medical reports and itemized bills.
  10. **Excess Charges:** Charges or the portion thereof which are in excess of the Maximum Allowable Charge, the Negotiated Rate or fee schedule.
  11. **Experimental, Investigational, Obsolete or Unproven:** Services, supplies, medicines, tests, treatment, facilities or equipment which the Plan determines are Experimental, Investigational or Unproven, including administrative services associated with Experimental, Investigational or Unproven treatment. Also excluded are experimental organ and tissue transplants, including animal transplants. The Plan Administrator retains the right to have such medical expenses reviewed by an independent panel of peer reviewers to determine whether such expenses are considered accepted, standard medical treatment. This does not include Qualifying Clinical Trials as described in the Covered Medical Benefits section of this SPD.
  12. **Fitness Programs:** General fitness programs, exercise programs, exercise equipment and health club memberships, or other utilization of services, supplies, equipment or facilities in connection with weight control or body building.
  13. **Foreign Coverage for Medical Care Expenses Which Includes Preventive Care or Elective Treatment,** except for services that are Incurred in the event of an Emergency. Emergency room Hospital and Physician services, including Emergency room services for stabilization or initiation of treatment of a medical Emergency condition provided on an Inpatient or Outpatient basis at a Hospital, or Physician services in a provider's office, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.
  14. **Foreign Travel and Work Related Immunizations or exams.**
  15. **Maintenance Therapy:** Such services are excluded if, based on medical evidence, treatment or continued treatment could not be expected to resolve or improve the condition, or that clinical evidence indicates that a plateau has been reached in terms of improvement from such services.
  16. **Maximum Benefit.** Charges in excess of the Maximum Benefit allowed by the Plan.
  17. **Military:** A military related Illness or Injury to a Covered Person on active military or reserve duty, unless payment is legally required.
  18. **Non-Professional Care:** Medical or surgical care that is not performed according to generally accepted professional standards, or that is provided by a provider acting outside the scope of his or her license.
  19. **Not Medically Necessary:** Services, supplies, treatment, facilities or equipment which the Plan determines are not Medically Necessary. Furthermore, this Plan excludes services, supplies,

treatment, facilities or equipment which reliable scientific evidence has shown does not cure the condition, slow the degeneration/deterioration or harm attributable to the condition, alleviate the symptoms of the condition, or maintain the current health status of the Covered Person. See also Maintenance Therapy, above.

20. **Over-The-Counter Medication, Products, Supplies or Devices** unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.
21. **Return to Work / School:** Telephone or Internet consultations or completion of claim forms or forms necessary for the return to work or school.
22. **Self-Administered Services** or procedures that can be done by the Covered Person without the presence of medical supervision.
23. **Services at no Charge or Cost:** Services which the Covered Person would not be obligated to pay in the absence of this Plan or which are available to the Covered Person at no cost, or which the Plan has no legal obligation to pay, except for care provided in a facility of the uniformed services as per Title 32 of the National Defense Code, or as required by law.
24. **Services** provided without charge, paid for or reimbursed or through any program or agency of any government, state, province or other political subdivision except when required by law to provide primary coverage.
25. **Services** that should legally be provided by a school.
26. **Services or supplies** not considered legal in the United States.
27. **Services** you are not legally obligated to pay.
28. **Services Provided by a Close Relative.** See Glossary of Terms of this SPD for definition of Close Relative.
29. **Subrogation.** Charges for Illness or Injuries suffered by a Covered Person due to the action or inaction of any third party if the Covered Person fails to provide information as specified in the Subrogation section. See the Subrogation section for more information.
30. **Transportation:** Transportation services which are solely for the convenience of the Covered Person, the Covered Person's Close Relative, or the Covered Person's Physician.
31. **Travel:** Traveling costs (both within the United States and its territories as well as other countries), whether or not recommended or prescribed by a Physician, unless authorized in advance by the Plan.
32. **Taxes:** Sales taxes, shipping and handling unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.
33. **Vocational Services:** Vocational and educational services rendered primarily for training or education purposes. This Plan also excludes work hardening, work conditioning and industrial rehabilitation services rendered for Injury prevention education or return-to-work programs.
34. **Worker's Compensation:** Services or supplies arising out of or in the course of any occupation for wage or profit whether or not the Covered Person is entitled to benefits under any Worker's Compensation or occupation disease law, or any similar law. To the extent that a natural disaster, war, riot, civil insurrection, epidemic, act of God, or other emergency situation not within the control of Covenant, causes health services, personnel resources or financial resources of the Plan to be unavailable, the Plan shall be responsible only for those Covered Services which are possible by the good faith effort of the Plan under the circumstances of the event.

## MEDICAL EXCLUSIONS

The Plan does not pay for Expenses Incurred for the following, unless otherwise stated below. The Plan does not apply exclusions based upon the source of the Injury to treatment listed in the Covered Medical Benefits section when the Plan has information that the Injury is due to a medical condition (including both physical and mental health conditions) or domestic violence.

Nondiscrimination in health-related coverage subject to the Plan's requirement of Medical Necessity and other conditions of coverage, the covered services and covered supplies provided by the Plan shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), age, or disability in accordance with Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.

1. **Abdominoplasty**
2. **Abortions:** Unless a Physician states in writing that:
  - The mother's life would be in danger if the fetus were to be carried to term, or
  - Abortion is medically indicated due to complications with the pregnancy.
3. **Allergy:** Testing, treatment and other services related to poison ivy, oak and sumac testing and desensitization, sublingual allergy treatment, testing and treatment of multiple chemical sensitivity, testing and treatment of multiple environmental sensitivity, ecology units/environmental control units/environmental chemical avoidance for multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome, acupuncture for allergies and homeopathy for allergies.
4. **Alternative / Complementary Treatment** includes: Treatment, services or supplies for holistic or homeopathic medicine, hypnosis, religious counseling, stress management, weight loss programs, sensitivity training, assertiveness training, rolfing, transactional analysis, encounter groups, recreational therapy, primal scream therapy, self-help programs, transcendental meditation or other alternate treatment that is not accepted medical practice as determined by the Plan.
5. **Assistance With Activities of Daily Living:** Private duty nursing, rest cures, housekeeping, domiciliary care, convalescent care or custodial care including care provided primarily for a covered person's convenience, when the regular or constant attention of trained medical personnel is not required.
6. **Assistant Surgeon Services**, unless determined Medically Necessary by the Plan.
7. **Augmentation Communication Devices** and related instruction or therapy
8. **Blood:** Blood donor expenses, donor-directed blood and autologous transfusion.
9. **Blood Pressure Cuffs / Monitors / Kits.**
10. **Botulinum toxin** unless Medically Necessary. Botox injections for cosmetic purposes are not covered.
11. **Breast Reductions** unless Medically Necessary, as determined by the Plan's Medical Director.
12. **Cardiac Rehabilitation** beyond Phase II including self-regulated physical activity that the Covered Person performs to maintain health that is not considered to be a treatment program.
13. **Chelation Therapy**, except in the treatment of conditions considered Medically Necessary, medically appropriate and not Experimental or Investigational for the medical condition for which the treatment is recognized.



14. **Continuous Passive Motion Equipment**; charges for purchase or rental unless for post-operative rehabilitation due to total knee replacement.
15. **Counseling Services** in connection with marriage and financial counseling.
16. **Custom-Molded Shoe Inserts**, including the exam for required Prescription and fitting, except for orthopedic shoes attached to a brace and diabetic shoes and inserts which are limited to once pair of custom molded shoes and two pairs of inserts, or one pair of extra depth shoes and three pairs of inserts per plan year. Diabetic shoes and inserts exceeding the annual limitation are also not covered.
17. **Dental Services**:
  - Services for care, treatment, filling, removal or replacement of teeth, gums, alveolar process or structures supporting the teeth, unless removal is necessary for the medical management of a current hazardous medical condition (e.g., removal of teeth before radiation therapy of the mouth). Also excluded are dental x-rays, supplies, dental braces, dental appliances, implants, dentures and all expenses arising out of dental surgery, treatment or care, including crowns and root canals, the application of orthodontic devices or splints, treatment of overbite and underbite and orthognathic treatment or surgery. This exclusion does not apply to Hospital charges including professional charges for x-ray, lab and anesthesia, or for charges for treatment of injuries to natural teeth, including replacement of such teeth with dentures, or for setting of a jaw which was fractured or dislocated in an Accident.
  - Injuries or damage to teeth, natural or otherwise, as a result of or caused by biting or the chewing of food or similar substances.
  - Dental implants including preparation for implants unless due to accidental Injury.
  - Hospital and anesthesiology charges related to dental procedures, unless determined to be Medically Necessary by the Plan. The charges related to the dental provider are not covered.
  - Mandibular advancing/positioning devices for the treatment of obstructive sleep apnea.
  - All services related to accidental dental injuries beyond sixty days of initial service date following the injury are excluded, except when medical and/or dental conditions preclude completion of treatment within this time period.
18. **Developmental Delays**: Occupational and Physical therapy services related to Developmental Delays, Speech therapy services for developmental delays that exceed the benefit maximums or for adults age 21 and older, Applied Behavioral Therapy, Sensory Integration Therapy, Mental Retardation or Behavioral Therapy are not Medically Necessary and are not considered by the Plan to be medical treatment. If another medical condition is identified through the course of diagnostic testing, any coverage of that condition will be subject to Plan provisions.
19. **Disposable** or consumable items that are an essential part of covered durable medical equipment beyond the initial placement. This does not include disposable medical supplies such as catheters or ostomy supplies.
20. **Education**: Charges for education, special education, job training, music therapy and recreational therapy, whether or not given in a facility providing medical or psychiatric care. This exclusion does not apply to self-management education programs for diabetics.
21. **Electronic and custom wheelchairs**, Franklin and Clinatron beds (or any special beds and/or mattresses designed for the treatment and prevention of pressure ulcers), unless Medical Necessity and significant functional impairment is determined and approved by the Curative Medical Director.
22. **Environmental Devices**: Environmental items such as but not limited to, air conditioners, air purifiers, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, furnace filters, heaters, vaporizers, or vacuum devices.

23. **Esophageal Fundoplasty**, including Transendoscopic therapies for the treatment of Gastro-Esophageal Reflux Disease (GERD).
24. **Examinations:** Examinations for employment, insurance, licensing or litigation purposes.
25. **Extended Care:** Any Extended Care Facility Services which exceed the appropriate level of skill required for treatment as determined by the Plan.
26. **Extracorporeal Shockwave Treatment (ESWT);** for conditions other than urinary tract stones.
27. **Family Planning- Fertility:** Initial consultation covered only. Fertility treatment and additional services not covered.
28. **Fees** for adoption, surrogacy, completion of forms, missed appointments, late fees, telephone or online consultations with a physician or other provider.
29. **Foot Care (Podiatry):** Routine foot care including for callus, corn paring or excision, toenail trimming, manipulative procedure for weak or fallen arches or flat foot. This does not include open cutting treatment of weak, strained, flat, unstable or unbalanced feet, metatarsalgia or bunions, removal of nail root or foot treatment required because of a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease.
30. **Foot Orthotics** with the exception of orthopedic shoes attached to a brace and diabetic shoes and inserts which are limited to one pair of custom molded shoes and two pairs of inserts, or, one pair of extra depth shoes and three pairs of inserts per plan year. Diabetic shoes and inserts exceeding the annual limitation are also not covered.
31. **Genetic Counseling** other than based on Medical Necessity.
32. **Genetic Testing** other than based on Medical Necessity.
33. **Hearing and Speech Services:** Hearing aids provided by out of network providers or that exceed the maximum benefit limitations as described within the Schedule of Benefits, speech therapy services for children with developmental delays that exceed the plan maximum benefit or provided by out of network providers, implantable hearing devices, assistive listening devices, services related to a functional nervous disorder such as stuttering or repetitive speech.
34. **Home Births** and associated costs.
35. **Home Modifications:** Modifications to Your home or property such as but not limited to, escalator(s), elevators, three –wheeled scooters, home bed baths, waterbeds, saunas, steam baths, pools, hot tubs, whirlpools, or tanning equipment, wheelchair lifts, seat lifts, dostair lifts or ramps.
36. **Infant Formula** not administered through a tube as the sole source of nutrition for the Covered Person.
37. **Infertility Treatment:**
  - Fertility tests.
  - Surgical reversal of a sterilized state which was a result of a previous surgery.
  - Direct attempts to cause pregnancy by any means including, but not limited to hormone therapy or drugs.
  - Artificial insemination; In vitro fertilization; Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT), or Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer (ZIFT).
  - Embryo transfer.
  - Freezing or storage of embryo, eggs, or semen.
  - Genetic testing.

This exclusion does not apply to services required to treat or correct underlying causes of infertility where such services cure the condition, slow the harm to, alleviate the symptoms, or maintain the current health status of the Covered person.

38. **Lamaze Classes** or other child birth classes.
39. **Learning Disability:** Non-medical treatment, including but not limited to special education, remedial reading services, psychological testing, counseling, IQ testing, school system testing, job training or care and other rehabilitation treatment for a Learning or Behavioral Disability, including central auditory processing, applied behavioral therapy and sensory integration therapy, whether or not services are rendered in a facility that also provides medical and /or mental/nervous treatment. Speech therapy services for children with developmental delays up to the benefit maximums do not apply to this exclusion. If another medical condition is identified through the course of diagnostic testing, any coverage of that condition will be subject to Plan provisions. Neuropsychological testing is covered if determined by the Medical Director to be medically necessary and not primarily related to educational/learning needs.
40. **Liposuction** regardless of purpose.
41. **Mammoplasty or Breast Augmentation** unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.
42. **Massage Therapy.**
43. **Nocturnal Enuresis Alarm** (Bed wetting).
44. **Non-Custom-Molded Shoe Inserts.**
45. **Non-wearable automated external defibrillators.**
46. **Nursery and Newborn Expenses** for grandchildren of a covered Employee or spouse, except for the first 7 days beginning with the date of birth, when the newborn's mother is a covered Dependent under the Plan.
47. **Nutrition Counseling** unless for diabetes or exceeding the benefit limitations as described in the Schedule of Plan Benefits or specifically covered elsewhere in this SPD.
48. **Nutritional Supplements, Vitamins and Electrolytes** except as listed under the Covered Medical Benefits.
49. **Orthognathic, Prognathic and Maxillofacial Surgery.**
50. **Outpatient Birthing Centers.**
51. **Panniculectomy / Abdominoplasty** unless determined by the Plan to be Medically Necessary
52. **Personal Comfort and Hygiene:** Services or supplies for personal comfort or convenience, such as but not limited to air conditioning, air purifiers, water purifiers, hypo allergenic pillows, humidifiers, exercise equipment, haircuts, shampoos/sets, private room, television, telephone and guest trays.
53. **Pharmacy Consultations.** Charges for or relating to consultative information provided by a pharmacist regarding a prescription order, including but not limited to information relating to dosage instruction, drug interactions, side effects, and the like.
54. **Prescription Medication**, which is administered or dispensed as take home drugs as part of treatment while in the Hospital or at a medical facility and that require a Physician's Prescription.

55. **Private Duty Nursing Services** for Inpatient care.
56. **Reconstructive Surgery** when performed only to achieve a normal or nearly normal appearance, and not to correct an underlying medical condition or impairment, as determined by the Plan, unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.
57. **Repair**, adjustment or replacement of rented Durable Medical Equipment or components in cases where Curative determines there has been malicious damage, culpable neglect, or wrongful disposition of equipment.
58. **Reversal of Sterilization:** Procedures or treatments to reverse prior voluntary sterilization.
59. **Room and Board Fees** when surgery is performed other than at a Hospital or Surgical Center.
60. **Sex Therapy**
61. **Sexual Function:** Diagnostic Services, non-surgical and surgical procedures and Prescription drugs (unless covered under the Prescription Benefits Section in this SPD) in connection with treatment for male or female impotence.
62. **Standby Surgeon Charges.**
63. **Surrogate Parenting and Gestational Carrier Services**, including any services or supplies provided in connection with a surrogate parent, including pregnancy and maternity charges Incurred by a Covered Person acting as a surrogate parent.
64. **Taxes:** Sales taxes, shipping and handling unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.
65. **Tobacco Addiction:** Diagnoses, services, (other than counseling), treatment or supplies related to addiction to or dependency on nicotine.
66. **Transplant Donor Charges**, unless the recipient is covered under the Plan
67. **Vision Care** unless covered elsewhere in this SPD. This includes vision training, eye exercises, surgery to improve near sightedness, far sightedness and/or astigmatism, eyeglasses, contact lenses or contact lens exams that accompany routine eye exams. Lens implant will only be covered following surgery. Medically necessary contact lenses will be covered for participants with a diagnosis of kerataconus as outlined in this SPD.
68. **Vitamins, Minerals and Supplements**, even if prescribed by a Physician, except for Vitamin B-12 injections for the treatment of pernicious anemia, and except for IV iron therapy that are prescribed by a Physician for Medically Necessary purposes.
69. **Weekend Admissions** (room and board) to Hospital confinement (admission taking place after 3:00 p.m. on Friday or before noon on Sunday) are not eligible for reimbursement under the Plan, unless surgery is performed on the day of the admission, the admission is deemed an Emergency, or for care related to pregnancy that is expected to result in childbirth.
70. **Weight Control:** Treatment, drugs, services or surgery for weight control, whether or not prescribed by a Physician or associated with an Illness, except as specifically stated for preventive counseling. This exclusion does not apply to specific services for Obesity and for Morbid Obesity as listed in the Covered Medical Benefits section of this SPD.
71. **Wigs, Toupees, Hairpieces, Hair Implants or Transplants or Hair Weaving**, or any similar item for replacement of hair regardless of the cause of hair loss unless covered elsewhere in this SPD.

72. **Wrong Surgeries:** Additional costs and/or care related to wrong surgeries. Wrong surgeries include, but are not limited to, surgery performed on the wrong body part, surgery performed on the wrong person, objects left in patients after surgery, etc.

**The Plan does not limit a Covered Person's right to choose his or her own medical care.** If a medical expense is not a covered benefit, or is subject to a limitation or exclusion, a Covered Person still has the right and privilege to receive such medical service or supply at the Covered Person's own personal expense.

## CLAIMS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

### REASONABLE AND CONSISTENT CLAIMS PROCEDURES

The Plan's claims procedures are designed to ensure and verify that claim determinations are made in accordance with the Plan documents. The Plan provisions will be applied consistently with respect to similarly situated individuals.

#### General

If you use an in-network provider for services, in most cases you do not need to file a claim form; the provider will do so for you. If you use an out-of-network provider, you must submit your provider's bill to the address shown on your ID card.

#### Pre-Determination

A Pre-Determination is a determination of benefits by the Claims Administrator, on behalf of the Plan, prior to services being provided. Although not required by the Plan, a Covered Person or provider may voluntarily request a Pre-Determination. A Pre-Determination informs individuals whether, and under which circumstances, a procedure or service is generally a covered benefit under the Plan. Covered Persons or providers may wish to request a Pre-Determination before incurring medical expenses. A Pre-Determination is not a claim and therefore cannot be appealed. A Pre-Determination that a procedure or service may be covered under the Plan does not guarantee the Plan will ultimately pay the claim. All Plan terms and conditions will still be applied when determining whether a claim is payable under the Plan.

### TYPE OF CLAIMS AND DEFINITIONS

- **Pre-Service Claim needing prior authorization as required by the Plan and stated in this SPD.** This is a claim for a benefit where the Covered Person is required to get approval from the Plan **before** obtaining the medical care such as in the case of prior authorization of health care items or service that the Plan requires. If a Covered Person or provider calls the Plan just to find out if a claim will be covered, that is not a Pre-Service Claim, unless the Plan and this SPD specifically require the person to call for prior authorization (See Pre-Determination above). Giving prior authorization does not guarantee that the Plan will ultimately pay the claim.

**Note that this Plan does not require prior authorization for urgent or Emergency care claims,** however Covered Persons may be required to notify the Plan following stabilization. Please refer to the Care Management section of this SPD for more details. A condition is considered to be an urgent or Emergency care situation when a sudden and serious condition such that a Prudent Layperson could expect the patient's life would be jeopardized, the patient would suffer severe pain, or serious impairment of his or her bodily functions would result unless immediate medical care is rendered. Examples of an urgent or Emergency care situation may include, but are not limited to: chest pain; hemorrhaging; syncope; fever equal to or greater than 103° F; presence of a foreign body in the throat, eye, or internal cavity; or a severe allergic reaction.

- **Post-Service Claim** means a claim that involves payment for the cost of health care that has already been provided.
- **Concurrent Care Claim** means that an ongoing course of treatment to be provided over a period of time or for a specified number of treatments has been approved by the Plan.

### PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

**Personal Representative** means a person (or provider) who can contact the Plan on the Covered Person's behalf to help with claims, appeals or other benefit issues. Minor Dependents must have the signature of a parent or Legal Guardian in order to appoint a third party as a Personal Representative.

If a Covered Person chooses to use a Personal Representative, the Covered Person must submit proper documentation to the Plan stating the following: The name of the Personal Representative, the date and duration of the appointment and any other pertinent information. In addition, the Covered Person must agree to grant their Personal Representative access to their Protected Health Information. The Covered Person should contact the Claim Administrator to obtain the proper forms. All forms must be signed by the Covered Person to be considered official.

## **PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING CLAIMS**

Most providers will accept assignment and coordinate payment directly with the Plan on the Covered Person's behalf. If the provider will not accept assignment or coordinate payment directly with the Plan, then the Covered Person will need to send the claim to the Plan within the timelines discussed below in order to receive reimbursement. The address for submitting medical claims is on the back of the group health identification card.

Covered Persons who receive services in a country other than the United States (for urgent and emergent care only) are responsible for ensuring the provider is paid. If the provider will not coordinate payment directly with the Plan, the Covered Person will need to pay the claim up front and then submit the claim to the Plan for reimbursement. The Plan will reimburse Covered Persons for any covered amount in U.S. currency. The reimbursed amount will be based on the U.S. equivalency rate that is in effect on the date the Covered Person paid the claim, or on the date of service if paid date is not known.

A complete claim must be submitted in writing and should include the following information:

- Covered Person/patient ID number, name, sex, date of birth, Social Security number, address, and relationship to Employee
- Authorized signature from the Covered Person
- Diagnosis
- Date of service
- Place of service
- Procedures, services or supplies (narrative description)
- Charges for each listed service
- Number of days or units
- Patient account number (if applicable)
- Total billed charges
- Provider billing name, address, telephone number
- Provider Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
- Signature of provider
- Billing provider
- Any information on other insurance (if applicable)
- Whether the patient's condition is related to employment, auto accident, or other accident (if applicable)
- Assignment of benefits (if applicable)

## **TIMELY FILING**

Covered Persons are responsible for ensuring that complete claims are submitted to Curative as soon as possible after services are received, but **no later than** 12 months from the date of service. If an individual's coverage under the Plan ceases, all claims incurred prior to termination of coverage must be filed within 12 months from the date of service or the claims will not be covered by the Plan. Where Medicare or Medicaid paid as primary in error, the timely filing requirement may be increased to three years from the date of service. A Veteran's Administration Hospital has six years from the date of service to submit the claim. A complete claim means that the Plan has all information that is necessary to process the claim. Claims received after the timely filing period will not be allowed.

## **INCORRECTLY FILED CLAIMS** (Applies to Pre-Service Claims only)

If a Covered Person or Personal Representative attempts to, but does not properly follow the Plan's procedures for requesting prior authorization, the Plan will notify the person to explain proper procedures within five calendar days following receipt of a Pre-Service claim request. The notice will usually be oral, unless written notice is requested by the Covered Person or Personal Representative.

## **HOW HEALTH BENEFITS ARE CALCULATED**

When Curative receives a claim for services that have been provided to a Covered Person, it will determine if the service is a covered benefit under this group health Plan. If it is not a covered benefit, the claim will be denied and the Covered Person will be responsible for paying the provider for these costs. If it is a covered benefit, Curative will establish the allowable payment amount for that service, in accordance with the provisions of this SPD.

Claims for covered benefits are paid according to an established fee schedule, a Negotiated Rate for certain services, or as a percentage of the Maximum Allowable Charge.

**Fee Schedule:** Generally, providers are paid the lesser of the billed amount or the maximum fee schedule for the particular covered service, minus any Deductible, Plan Participation rate, Co-pay or penalties that the Covered Person is responsible for paying. Where a network contract is in place, the network contract determines the Plan's allowable charge used in the calculation of the payable benefit.

**Negotiated Rate:** On occasion, Curative will negotiate a payment rate with a provider for a particular covered service such as transplant services, Durable Medical Equipment, Extended Care Facility treatment or other services. The Negotiated Rate is what the Plan will pay to the provider, minus any Co-pay, Deductible, Plan Participation rate or penalties that the Covered Person is responsible for paying. Where a network contract is in place, the network contract determines the Plan's Negotiated Rate.

**Maximum Allowable Charge** – means the amount payable for a specific covered item under this Plan. The Maximum Allowable Charge will be a Negotiated Rate, if one exists. On occasion, Curative will negotiate a unique Maximum Allowable Charge with a provider for a particular covered service on a case-by-case basis. In all other cases:

- For claims subject to the No Surprises Act (see “No Surprises Act – Emergency Services and Surprise Bills” within the section “Summary of Benefits,”), the Maximum Allowable Charge will be the Qualifying Payment Amount, or an amount deemed payable by a Certified IDR Entity or a court of competent jurisdiction, if applicable.
- For claims **not** subject to the No Surprises Act, the Plan Administrator will exercise its discretion to determine the Maximum Allowable Charge based on any of the following:
  - Other available networks that utilize pricing below 125% of the published rates allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the same or similar service within the geographic market; or
  - 125% of the published rates allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the same or similar service within the geographic market; or
  - A gap methodology may be utilized when CMS does not have rates published for certain procedural codes; or
  - 50% of the provider's billed charges when unable to obtain a rate published by CMS and/or gap methodology does not apply.

These ancillary factors will take into account generally-accepted billing standards and practices.

When more than one treatment option is available, and one option is no more effective than another, the least costly option that is no less effective than any other option will be considered within the Maximum Allowable Charge. The Maximum Allowable Charge will be limited to an amount which, in the Plan Administrator's discretion, is charged for services or supplies that are not unreasonably caused by the treating Provider, including errors in medical care that are clearly identifiable, preventable, and serious in



their consequence for patients. A finding of Provider negligence or malpractice is not required for services or fees to be considered ineligible pursuant to this provision.

## **NOTIFICATION OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION**

If a claim is submitted by a Covered Person or a provider on behalf of a Covered Person and the Plan does not completely cover the charges, the Covered Person will receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form that will explain how much the Plan paid toward the claim, and how much of the claim is the Covered Person's responsibility due to cost-sharing obligations, non-covered benefits, penalties or other Plan provisions. Please check the information on each EOB form to make sure the services charged were actually received from the provider and that the information appears correct. For any questions or concerns about the EOB form, call the Plan at the number listed on the EOB or on the back of the group health identification card. The provider will receive a similar form on each claim that is submitted.

## **TIMELINES FOR INITIAL BENEFIT DETERMINATION**

Curative will process claims within the following timelines, although the Covered Person may voluntarily extend these timelines:

- **Pre-Service Claim:** A decision will be made within 15 calendar days following receipt of a claim request, but the Plan can have an extra 15-day extension, when necessary for reasons beyond the control of the Plan, if written notice is given to the Covered Person within the original 15-day period.
- **Post-Service Claims:** Claims will be processed within 30 calendar days, but the Plan can have an additional 15-day extension, when necessary for reasons beyond the control of the Plan, if written notice is provided to the Covered Person within the original 30-day period.
- **Concurrent Care Claims:** If the Plan is reducing or terminating benefits before the end of the previously approved course of treatment, the Plan will notify the Covered Person prior to the coverage for the treatment ending or being reduced.
- **Emergency and/or Urgent Care Claim:** The Plan will notify a Covered Person or provider of a benefit determination (whether adverse or not) with respect to a claim involving Emergency or Urgent Care as soon as possible, taking into account the Medical Necessity, but not later than 72 hours after the receipt of the claim by the Plan.

A claim is considered to be filed when the claim for benefits has been submitted to Curative for formal consideration under the terms of this Plan.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING LOSS OR DENIAL OF PLAN BENEFITS**

Claims can be denied for any of the following reasons:

- Termination of Your employment.
- Covered Person is no longer eligible for coverage under the health Plan.
- Charges Incurred prior to the Covered Person's Effective Date or following termination of coverage.
- Covered Person reached the Maximum Benefit under this Plan.
- Amendment of group health Plan.
- Termination of the group health Plan.
- Employee, Dependent or provider did not respond to a request for additional information needed to process the claim or appeal.
- Application of Coordination of Benefits.
- Enforcement of subrogation.
- Services are not a covered benefit under this Plan.
- Services are not considered Medically Necessary.
- Failure to comply with prior authorization requirements before receiving services.
- Misuse of the Plan identification card or other fraud.
- Failure to pay premiums if required.
- Employee or Dependent is responsible for charges due to Deductible, Plan Participation obligations or penalties.

- Application of the Maximum Allowable Charge, fee schedule or Negotiated Rates.
- Incomplete or inaccurate claim submission.
- Application of utilization review.
- Experimental or Investigational procedure.
- Other reasons as stated elsewhere in this SPD.

### **ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATION (DENIED CLAIMS)**

**Adverse Benefit Determination** means a denial, reduction or termination of a benefit, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit. It also includes any such denial, reduction, termination, rescission of coverage (whether or not, in connection with the rescission, there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit at that time), or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination that the Covered Person is no longer eligible to participate in the Plan.

If a claim is being denied in whole or in part, and the Covered Person will owe any amount to the provider, the Covered Person will receive an initial claim denial notice, usually referred to as an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form, within the timelines described above. The EOB form will:

- Explain the specific reasons for the denial.
- Provide a specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial was based.
- Provide a description of any material or information that is necessary for the Covered Person to perfect the claim, along with an explanation of why such material or information is necessary, if applicable.
- Provide appropriate information as to the steps the Covered Person can take to submit the claim for appeal (review).
- If an internal rule or guideline was relied upon, or if the denial was based on Medical Necessity or Experimental treatment, the Plan will notify the Covered Person of that fact. The Covered Person has the right to request a copy of the rule/guideline or clinical criteria that was relied upon, and such information will be provided free of charge.

### **APPEALS PROCEDURE FOR ADVERSE BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS**

If a Covered Person disagrees with the denial of a claim or a rescission of coverage determination, the Covered Person or his/her Personal Representative can request that the Plan review its initial determination by submitting a written request to the Plan as described below. An appeal filed by a provider on the Covered Person's behalf is not considered an appeal under the Plan unless the provider is a Personal Representative.

**First Level of Appeal:** This is a **mandatory** appeal level. The Covered Person must exhaust the following internal procedures before any outside action is taken.

- Covered Persons must file the appeal within 180 days of the date they received the EOB form from the Plan showing that the claim was denied. The Plan will assume that Covered Persons received the EOB form seven days after the Plan mailed the EOB form.
- Covered Persons or their Personal Representative will be allowed reasonable access to review or copy pertinent documents, at no charge.
- Covered Persons may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim to explain why they believe the denial should be overturned. This information should be submitted at the same time the written request for a review is submitted.
- Covered Persons have the right to submit evidence that their claim is due to the existence of a physical or mental medical condition or domestic violence, under applicable federal nondiscrimination rules.
- The review will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted that relates to the claim. This would include comments, documents, records and other information that either were not submitted previously or were not considered in the initial benefit decision. The review will be conducted by individuals who were not involved in the original denial decision and are not under the supervision of the person who originally denied the claim.

- If the benefit denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the Plan will consult with a health care professional with training and experience in the relevant medical field. This health care professional may not have been involved in the original denial decision, nor be supervised by the health care professional who was involved. If the Plan has obtained medical or vocational experts in connection with the claim, they will be identified upon the Covered Person's request, regardless of whether the Plan relies on their advice in making any benefit determinations.
- After the claim has been reviewed, Covered Persons will receive written notification letting them know if the claim is being approved or denied. In the event of new or additional evidence, or any new rationale relied upon during the appeal process in connection with a claim that is being appealed, the Plan will automatically provide the relevant information to You. The notification will provide Covered Persons with the information outlined under the Adverse Benefit Determination section above. It will also notify them of their right to file suit under ERISA after they have completed all mandatory appeal levels described in this SPD.

**Second Level of Appeal:** This is a **voluntary** appeal level. The Covered Person is not required to follow this internal procedure before taking outside legal action.

- Covered Persons who are not satisfied with the decision following the first appeal have the right to appeal the denial a second time.
- Covered Persons or their Personal Representative must submit a written request for a second review within 60 calendar days following the date received the Plan's decision regarding the first appeal. The Plan will assume that Covered Persons received the determination letter regarding the first appeal seven days following the date the Plan sends the determination letter.
- Covered Persons may submit written comments, documents, records and other pertinent information to explain why they believe the denial should be overturned. This information should be submitted at the same time the written request for a second review is submitted.
- Covered Persons have the right to submit evidence that their claim is due to the existence of a physical or mental medical condition or domestic violence, under applicable federal nondiscrimination rules.
- The second review will take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted that relates to the claim that either were not submitted previously or were not considered in the initial benefit decision. The review will be conducted by individuals who were not involved in the original denial decision or the first appeal, and are not under the supervision of those individuals.
- If the benefit denial was based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the Plan will consult with a health care professional with training and experience in the relevant medical field. This health care professional may not have been involved in the original denial decision or first appeal, nor be supervised by the health care professional who was involved. If the Plan has obtained medical or vocational experts in connection with the claim, they will be identified upon the Covered Person's request, regardless of whether the Plan relies on their advice in making any benefit determinations.
- After the claim has been reviewed, the Covered Person will receive written notification letting them know if the claim is being approved or denied. In the event of new or additional evidence, or any new rationale relied upon during the appeal process in connection with a claim that is being appealed, the Plan will automatically provide the relevant information to You. The notification will provide the Covered Person with the information outlined under the Adverse Benefit Determination section above. It will also notify them of their right to file suit under ERISA after they have completed all mandatory appeal levels described in this SPD.

Regarding the above voluntary appeal level, the Plan agrees that any statutory limitations that are applicable to pursuing the claim in court will be put on hold during the period of this voluntary appeal process. The voluntary appeal process is available only after the Covered Person has followed the mandatory appeal level as required above. This Plan also agrees that it will not charge the Covered Person a fee for going through the voluntary appeal process, and it will not assert a failure to exhaust administrative remedies if a Covered Person elects to pursue a claim in court before following this voluntary appeal process. A Covered Person's decision about whether to submit a benefit dispute through this voluntary appeal level will have no effect on their rights to any other benefits under the Plan. For any questions regarding the voluntary level of appeal including applicable rules, a Covered Person's right to representation (Personal Representative) or other details, please contact the Plan. Refer to the

ERISA Statement of Rights section of this SPD for details on a Covered Person's additional rights to challenge the benefit decision under section 502(a) of ERISA.

**Appeals should be sent within the prescribed time period as stated above to the following address(es):**

This Plan contracts with various companies to administer different parts of this Plan. Covered Persons who want to appeal a decision or a claim determination that one of these companies made, should send appeals directly to the company that made the decision being appealed. This includes the **RIGHT TO EXTERNAL REVIEW**. The names and addresses of the companies that the Plan contracts include:

Send Pre-Service and Post-Service Medical claim appeals to:

Curative  
PO BOX 1844  
Austin, TX 78767

Send second level Pre-Service and Post-Service Medical claim appeals to:

Curative  
PO BOX 1844  
Austin, TX 78767

Send Pharmacy appeals to:

MEDIMPACT  
10181 SCRIPPS GATEWAY COURT  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92131

**TIME PERIODS FOR MAKING DECISION ON APPEALS**

After reviewing a claim that has been appealed, the Plan will notify the Covered Person of its decision within the following timeframes, although Covered Persons may voluntarily extend these timelines. In addition, if any new or additional evidence is relied upon or generated during the determination of the appeal, the Plan will provide it to You free of charge and sufficiently in advance of the due date of the response to the Adverse Benefit Determination. If such evidence is received at a point in the process where we are unable to provide You with a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to the end of the period stated below, the time period will be tolled to allow You a reasonable opportunity to respond to the new or additional evidence.

The timelines below will only apply to the mandatory appeal level. The voluntary appeal level will not be subject to specific timelines.

- Pre-Service Claim: Within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances but no later than 30 calendar days after the Plan receives the request for review.
- Post-Service Claim: Within a reasonable period of time but no later than 60 calendar days after the Plan receives the request for review.
- Concurrent Care Claims: Before treatment ends or is reduced.

**RIGHT TO EXTERNAL REVIEW**

If, after exhausting Your internal appeals, You are not satisfied with the final determination, You may choose to participate in the external review program. This program only applies to a denial, reduction, termination, or a failure to provide payment for a benefit based on a determination that a Claimant or beneficiary fails to meet the requirements for eligibility under the terms of a group health plan.

The Federal external review process, in accordance with the current Affordable Care Act regulations and other applicable law, applies only to:

1. Any eligible Adverse Benefit Determination (including a Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination) by a plan or issuer that involves medical judgment (including, but not limited to, those based on the plan's or issuer's requirements for Medical Necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care, or effectiveness of a covered benefit; its determination that a treatment is Experimental or Investigational; its determination whether a Claimant or beneficiary is entitled to a reasonable alternative standard for a reward under a wellness program; its determination whether a plan or issuer is complying with the nonquantitative treatment limitation provisions of Code section 9812 and § 54.9812-1, which generally require, among other things, parity in the application of medical management techniques), as determined by the external reviewer.
2. An Adverse Benefit Determination that involves consideration of whether the Plan is complying with the surprise billing and cost-sharing protections set forth in the No Surprises Act.
3. A rescission of coverage (whether or not the rescission has any effect on any particular benefit at that time).

This external review program offers an independent review process to review the denial of a requested service or procedure (other than a pre-determination of benefits) or the denial of payment for a service or procedure. The process is available at no charge to You after exhausting the appeals process identified above and You receive a decision that is unfavorable, or if BML or Your employer fail to respond to Your appeal within the timelines stated above.

You may request an independent review of the adverse benefit determination. Neither You nor BML or Your employer will have an opportunity to meet with the reviewer or otherwise participate in the reviewer's decision. If You wish to pursue an external review, please send a written request to the following address:

Curative  
PO BOX 1844  
Austin, TX 78767

Your written request should include: (1) Your specific request for an external review; (2) the Employee's name, address, and member ID number; (3) Your designated representative's name and address, when applicable; (4) the service that was denied; and (5) any new, relevant information that was not provided during the internal appeal. You will be provided more information about the external review process at the time we receive Your request.

All requests for an independent review must be made within (4) months of the date You received the adverse benefit determination. You or an authorized representative may request an independent review by contacting the toll-free number on Your ID card or by sending a written request to the address on Your ID card.

The independent review will be performed by an independent Physician, or by a Physician who is qualified to decide whether the requested service or procedure is a qualified expense under the Plan. The Independent Review Organization (IRO) has been contracted by Curative and has no material affiliation or interest with Curative or Your employer. Curative will choose the IRO based on a rotating list of approved IROs.

In certain cases, the independent review may be performed by a panel of Physicians, as deemed appropriate by the IRO.

Within applicable timeframes of Curative's receipt of a request for independent review, the request will be forwarded to the IRO, together with:

- All relevant medical records;
- All other documents relied upon by Curative and/or Your employer in making a decision on the case; and

- All other information or evidence that You or Your Physician has already submitted to Curative or Your employer.

If there is any information or evidence You or Your Physician wish to submit in support of the request that was not previously provided, You may include this information with the request for an independent review, and Curative will include it with the documents forwarded to the IRO. A decision will be made within applicable timeframes. If the reviewer needs additional information to make a decision, this time period may be extended. The independent review process will be expedited if You meet the criteria for an expedited external review as defined by applicable law.

The reviewer's decision will be in writing and will include the clinical basis for the determination. The IRO will provide You and Curative and/or Your employer with the reviewer's decision, a description of the qualifications of the reviewer and any other information deemed appropriate by the organization and/or as required by applicable law.

If the final independent decision is to approve payment or referral, the Plan will accept the decision and provide benefits for such service or procedure in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan. If the final independent review decision is that payment or referral will not be made, the Plan will not be obligated to provide benefits for the service or procedure.

You may contact the Claims Administrator at the toll-free number on Your ID card for more information regarding Your external appeal rights and the independent review process.

#### **LEGAL ACTIONS FOLLOWING APPEALS**

After completing all mandatory appeal levels through this Plan, Covered Persons have the right to further appeal Adverse Benefit Determinations by bringing a civil action under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Please refer to the ERISA Statement of Rights section of this SPD for more details. **No such action may be filed against the Plan after three years from the date the Plan gives the Covered Person a final determination on their appeal.**

#### **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY**

The Plan may require that a Covered Person have a physical examination, at the Plan's expense, as often as is necessary to settle a claim. In the case of death, the Plan may require an autopsy unless forbidden by law.

#### **RIGHT TO REQUEST OVERPAYMENTS**

The Plan reserves the right to recover any payments made by the Plan that were:

- Made in error; or
- Made after the date the person should have been terminated under this Plan; or
- Made to any Covered Person or any party on a Covered Person's behalf where the Plan Sponsor determines the payment to the Covered Person or any party is greater than the amount payable under this Plan.

The Plan has the right to recover against Covered Persons if the Plan has paid them or any other party on their behalf.

#### **IMPORTANT UPDATES REGARDING COVID-19 RELIEF – Tolling of Certain Plan Deadlines**

In accordance with 85 FR 26351, "Extension of Certain Timeframes for Employee Benefit Plans, Participants, and Beneficiaries Affected by the COVID-19 Outbreak," notwithstanding any existing Plan language to the contrary, the Plan will disregard the period from March 1, 2020 until sixty (60) days after (1) the end of the National Emergency relating to COVID-19 and declared pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 247d or

(2) such other date announced by the Departments of Treasury and/or Labor, for purposes of determining the following periods and dates:

1. The 30-day period (or 60-day period, if applicable) to request special enrollment under ERISA section 701(f) and Internal Revenue Code section 9801(f);
2. The 60-day election period for COBRA continuation coverage under ERISA section 605 and Internal Revenue Code section 4980B(f)(5);
3. The date for making COBRA premium payments pursuant to ERISA section 602(2)(C) and (3) and Internal Revenue Code section 4980B(f)(2)(B)(iii) and (C);
4. The date for individuals to notify the Plan of a qualifying event or determination of disability under ERISA section 606(a)(3) and Internal Revenue Code section 4980B(f)(6)(C);
5. The date within which individuals may file a benefit claim under the Plan's claims procedure pursuant to 29 CFR 2560.503-1;
6. The date within which Claimants may file an appeal of an Adverse Benefit Determination under the Plan's claims procedure pursuant to 29 CFR 2560.503-1(h);
7. The date within which Claimants may file a request for an external review after receipt of an Adverse Benefit Determination or Final Internal Adverse Benefit Determination pursuant to 29 CFR 2590.715-2719(d)(2)(i) and 26 CFR 54.9815-2719(d)(2)(i), if applicable; and
8. The date within which a Claimant may file information to perfect a request for external review upon a finding that the request was not complete pursuant to 29 CFR 2590.715-2719(d)(2)(ii) and 26 CFR 54.9815-2719(d)(2)(ii), if applicable.

This period may also be disregarded in determining the applicable date for the Plan's duty to provide a COBRA election notice under ERISA section 606(c) and Internal Revenue Code section 4980B(f)(6)(D), however, note that the Plan intends to continue to follow all established COBRA parameters.

In no instance will the duration of an extension granted under this section exceed one calendar year.

## FRAUD

Fraud is a crime that can be prosecuted. Any Covered Person who willfully and knowingly engages in an activity intended to defraud the Plan is guilty of fraud. The Plan will utilize all means necessary to support fraud detection and investigation. It is a crime for a Covered Person to file a claim containing any false, incomplete or misleading information with intent to injure, defraud or deceive the Plan. In addition, it is a fraudulent act when a Covered Person willfully and knowingly fails to notify the Plan regarding an event that affects eligibility for a Covered Person. Notification requirements are outlined in this SPD and other Plan materials. Please read them carefully and refer to all Plan materials that You receive (i.e., COBRA notices). A few examples of events that require Plan notification would be divorce, Dependent aging out of the Plan, and enrollment in other group health coverage while on COBRA (please note that the examples listed are not all inclusive).

These actions will result in denial of the Covered Person's claim or termination from the Plan, and are subject to prosecution and punishment to the full extent under state and/or federal law.

Covered Persons must:

- File accurate claims. If someone else - such as Your spouse or another family member - files claims on the Covered Person's behalf, the Covered Person should review the form before signing it;
- Review the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) form. Make certain that benefits have been paid correctly based on Your knowledge of the expenses Incurred and the services rendered;
- Never allow another person to seek medical treatment under Your identity. If Your Plan identification card is lost, report the loss to the Plan immediately; and
- Provide complete and accurate information on claim forms and any other forms. Answer all questions to the best of Your knowledge.
- Notify the Plan when an event occurs that affects a Covered Person's eligibility.

To maintain the integrity of this Plan, Covered Persons are encouraged to notify the Plan whenever a provider:

- Bills for services or treatment that have never been received; or
- Asks a Covered Person to sign a blank claim form; or
- Asks a Covered Person to undergo tests that the Covered Person feels are not needed.

Covered Persons concerned about any of the charges that appear on a bill or EOB form, or who know of or suspect any illegal activity, should call the toll-free hotline 1-800-356-5803. All calls are strictly confidential.



## OTHER FEDERAL PROVISIONS

### FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)

If an Employee is on a family or medical leave of absence that meets the eligibility requirements under FMLA, Your employer will continue coverage under this Plan in accordance with state and federal FMLA regulations, provided that the following conditions are met:

- Contribution is paid; and
- The Employee has written approved leave from the employer.

Coverage will be continued for up to the greater of:

- The leave period required by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendment; or
- The leave period required by applicable state law.

An Employee may choose not to retain group health coverage during an FMLA leave. When the Employee returns to work following the FMLA leave, the Employee's coverage will usually be restored to the level the Employee would have had if the FMLA leave had not been taken. For more information, please contact Your Human Resources or Personnel office.

### QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS PROVISION

A Dependent Child will become covered as of the date specified in a judgment, decree or order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction or through a state administrative process.

The order must clearly identify all of the following:

- The name and last known mailing address of the participant;
- The name and last known mailing address of each alternate recipient (or official state or political designee for the alternate recipient);
- A reasonable description of the type of coverage to be provided to the Child or the manner in which such coverage is to be determined; and
- The period to which the order applies.

Please contact the Plan Administrator to request a copy of the written procedures, at no charge, that the Plan uses when administering Qualified Medical Child Support Orders.

### NEWBORNS AND MOTHERS HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

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

### GENETIC INFORMATION NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (GINA)

Fr"GINA" prohibits group health plans, issuers of individual health care policies, and employers from discriminating on the basis of genetic information.

The term "genetic information" means, with respect to any individual, information about any of the following:

1. Such individual's genetic tests.
2. The genetic tests of family members of such individual.
3. The manifestation of a disease or disorder in family members of such individual.

The term "genetic information" includes participating in clinical research involving genetic services. Genetic tests would include analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites that detect genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes. Genetic information is a form of Protected Health Information (PHI) as defined by and in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), and is subject to applicable Privacy and Security Standards.

Family members as it relates to GINA include dependents, plus all relatives to the fourth degree, without regard to whether they are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. Underwriting as it relates to GINA includes any rules for determining eligibility, computing premiums or contributions, and applying pre-existing condition limitations. Offering reduced premiums or other rewards for providing genetic information would be impermissible underwriting.

GINA will not prohibit a health care Provider who is treating an individual from requesting that the patient undergo genetic testing. The rules permit the Plan to obtain genetic test results and use them to make claims payment determinations when it is necessary to do so to determine whether the treatment provided to the patient was medically advisable and/or necessary.

The Plan may request, but not require, genetic testing in certain very limited circumstances involving research, so long as the results are not used for underwriting, and then only with written notice to the individual that participation is voluntary and will not affect eligibility for benefits, premiums or contributions. In addition, the Plan will notify and describe its activity to the Health and Human Services secretary of its activities falling within this exception.

While the Plan may collect genetic information after initial enrollment, it may not do so in connection with any annual renewal process where the collection of information affects subsequent enrollment. The Plan will not adjust premiums or increase group contributions based upon genetic information, request or require genetic testing or collect genetic information either prior to or in connection with enrollment or for underwriting purposes.

**This group health Plan also complies with the provisions of the:**

- Mental Health Parity Act.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended.
- Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 regarding breast reconstruction following a mastectomy.
- Pediatric Vaccines regulation, whereby an employer will not reduce its coverage for pediatric vaccines below the coverage it provided as of May 1, 1993.
- Coverage of Dependent Children in cases of adoption or Placement for Adoption as required by ERISA.
- Medicare Secondary Payer regulations, as amended.
- TRICARE Prohibition Against Incentives and Nondiscrimination Requirements amendments.
- The Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act (GINA).

## **HIPAA ADMINISTRATIVE SIMPLIFICATION MEDICAL PRIVACY AND SECURITY PROVISION**

### **USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION UNDER HIPAA PRIVACY AND SECURITY REGULATIONS**

This Plan will Use a Covered Person's Protected Health Information (PHI) to the extent of and in accordance with the Uses and Disclosures permitted by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Specifically, this Plan will Use and Disclose a Covered Person's PHI for purposes related to health care Treatment, Payment for health care and Health Care Operations. Additionally, this Plan will Use and Disclose a Covered Person's PHI as required by law and as permitted by authorization. This section establishes the terms under which the Plan may share a Covered Person's PHI with the Plan Sponsor, and limits the Uses and Disclosures that the Plan Sponsor may make of a Covered Person's PHI.

This Plan shall Disclose a Covered Person's PHI to the Plan Sponsor only to the extent necessary for the purposes of the administrative functions of Treatment, Payment for health care or Health Care Operations.

The Plan Sponsor shall Use and/or Disclose a Covered Person's PHI only to the extent necessary for the administrative functions of Treatment, Payment for health care or Health Care Operations which it performs on behalf of this Plan.

This Plan agrees that it will only Disclose a Covered Person's PHI to the Plan Sponsor upon receipt of a certification from the Plan Sponsor that the terms of this section have been adopted and that the Plan Sponsor agrees to abide by these terms.

The Plan Sponsor is subject to all of the following restrictions that apply to the Use and Disclosure of a Covered Person's PHI:

- The Plan Sponsor will only Use and Disclose a Covered Person's PHI (including Electronic PHI) for Plan Administrative Functions, as required by law or as permitted under the HIPAA regulations. This Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices also contains more information about permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI under HIPAA;
- The Plan Sponsor will implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the Electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the Plan;
- The Plan Sponsor will require each of its subcontractors or agents to whom the Plan Sponsor may provide a Covered Person's PHI to agree to the same restrictions and conditions imposed on the Plan Sponsor with regard to a Covered Person's PHI;
- The Plan Sponsor will ensure that each of its subcontractors or agents to whom the Plan Sponsor may provide Electronic PHI to agree to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect Electronic PHI;
- The Plan Sponsor will not Use or Disclose PHI for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other of the Plan Sponsor's benefits or Employee benefit plans;
- The Plan Sponsor will promptly report to this Plan any breach or impermissible or improper Use or Disclosure of PHI not authorized by the Plan documents;
- The Plan Sponsor will report to the Plan any breach or security incident with respect to Electronic PHI of which Plan Sponsor becomes aware;

- The Plan Sponsor and the Plan will not use genetic information for underwriting purposes. For example, underwriting purposes shall include determining eligibility, coverage, or payment under the Plan, with the exception of determining medical appropriateness of a treatment.
- The Plan Sponsor will allow a Covered Person or this Plan to inspect and copy any PHI about the Covered Person contained in the Designated Record Set that is in the Plan Sponsor's custody or control. The HIPAA Privacy Regulations set forth the rules that the Covered Person and the Plan must follow and also sets forth exceptions;
- The Plan Sponsor will amend or correct, or make available to the Plan to amend or correct, any portion of the Covered Person's PHI contained in the Designated Record Set to the extent permitted or required under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations;
- The Plan Sponsor will keep a Disclosure log for certain types of Disclosures set forth in the HIPAA Regulations. Covered Persons have a right to see the Disclosure log. The Plan Sponsor does not have to maintain a log if Disclosures are for certain Plan-related purposes such as Payment of benefits or Health Care Operations;
- The Plan Sponsor will make its internal practices, books and records relating to the Use and Disclosure of a Covered Person's PHI available to this Plan and to the Department of Health and Human Services or its designee for the purpose of determining this Plan's compliance with HIPAA;
- The Plan Sponsor must, if feasible, return to this Plan or destroy all of a Covered Person's PHI that the Plan Sponsor received from or on behalf of this Plan when the Plan Sponsor no longer needs the Covered Person's PHI to administer this Plan. This includes all copies in any form, including any compilations derived from the PHI. If return or destruction is not feasible, the Plan Sponsor agrees to restrict and limit further Uses and Disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible;
- The Plan Sponsor will provide that adequate separation exists between this Plan and the Plan Sponsor so that a Covered Person's PHI (including Electronic PHI) will be used only for the purpose of plan administration; and
- The Plan Sponsor will use reasonable efforts to request only the minimum necessary type and amount of a Covered Person's PHI to carry out functions for which the information is requested.

The following Employees, classes of Employees or other workforce members under the control of the Plan Sponsor may be given access to a Covered Person's PHI for Plan Administrative Functions that the Plan Sponsor performs on behalf of the Plan as set forth in this section:

#### The Plan Sponsor

This list includes every Employee, class of Employees or other workforce members under the control of the Plan Sponsor who may receive a Covered Person's PHI. If any of these Employees or workforce members Use or Disclose a Covered Person's PHI in violation of the terms set forth in this section, the Employees or workforce members will be subject to disciplinary action and sanctions, including the possibility of termination of employment. If the Plan Sponsor becomes aware of any such violations, the Plan Sponsor will promptly report the violation to this Plan and will cooperate with the Plan to correct the violation, to impose the appropriate sanctions and to mitigate any harmful effects to the Covered Person.

#### DEFINITIONS

**Administrative Simplification** is the section of the law that addresses electronic transactions, privacy and security. The goals are to:

- Improve efficiency and effectiveness of the health care system;
- Standardize electronic data interchange of certain administrative transactions;

- Safeguard security and privacy of Protected Health Information;
- Improve efficiency to compile/analyze data, audit, and detect fraud; and
- Improve the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

**Business Associate (BA) in relationship to a Covered Entity (CE)** means a BA is a person to whom the CE discloses Protected Health Information (PHI) so that a person can carry out, assist with the performance of, or perform on behalf of, a function or activity for the CE. This includes contractors or other persons who receive PHI from the CE (or from another business partner of the CE) for the purposes described in the previous sentence, including lawyers, auditors, consultants, Third Party Administrators, health care clearinghouses, data processing firms, billing firms and other Covered Entities. This excludes persons who are within the CE's workforce.

**Covered Entity (CE)** is one of the following: a health plan, a health care clearinghouse or a health care provider who transmits any health information in connection with a transaction covered by this law.

**Designated Record Set** means a set of records maintained by or for a Covered Entity that includes a Covered Person's PHI. This includes medical records, billing records, enrollment, Payment, claims adjudication and case management record systems maintained by or for this Plan. This also includes records used to make decisions about Covered Persons. This record set must be maintained for a minimum of 6 years.

**Disclose or Disclosure** is the release or divulgence of information by an entity to persons or organizations outside that entity.

**Electronic Protected Health Information (Electronic PHI)** is Individually Identifiable Health Information that is transmitted by electronic media or maintained in electronic media. It is a subset of Protected Health Information.

**Health Care Operations** are general administrative and business functions necessary for the CE to remain a viable business. These activities include:

- Conducting quality assessment and improvement activities;
- Reviewing the competence or qualifications and accrediting/licensing of health care professional plans;
- Evaluating health care professional and health plan performance;
- Training future health care professionals;
- Insurance activities relating to the renewal of a contract for insurance;
- Conducting or arranging for medical review and auditing services;
- Compiling and analyzing information in anticipation of or for use in a civil or criminal legal proceeding;
- Population-based activities related to improving health or reducing health care costs, protocol development, case management and care coordination;
- Contacting of health care providers and patients with information about Treatment alternatives and related functions that do not entail direct patient care; and
- Activities related to the creation, renewal or replacement of a contract for health insurance or health benefits, as well as ceding, securing, or placing a contract for reinsurance of risk relating to claims for health care (including stop-loss and excess of loss insurance).

**Individually Identifiable Health Information** is information that is a subset of health information, including demographic information collected from a Covered Person, and that:

- Is created by or received from a Covered Entity;
- Relates to the past, present or future physical or mental health or condition of a Covered Person, the provision of health care or the past, present or future Payment for the provision of health care; and
- Identifies the Covered Person or with respect to which there is reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the Covered Person.

**Payment** means the activities of the health plan or a Business Associate, including the actual Payment under the policy or contract; and a health care provider or its Business Associate that obtains reimbursement for the provision of health care.

**Plan Sponsor** means Your employer.

**Plan Administrative Functions** means administrative functions of Payment or Health Care Operations performed by the Plan Sponsor on behalf of the Plan including quality assurance, claims processing, auditing and monitoring.

**Privacy Official** is the individual who provides oversight of compliance with all policies and procedures related to the protection of PHI and federal and state regulations related to a Covered Person's privacy.

**Protected Health Information (PHI)** is Individually Identifiable Health Information transmitted or maintained by a Covered Entity in written, electronic or oral form. PHI includes Electronic PHI.

**Treatment** is the provision of health care by, or the coordination of health care (including health care management of the individual through risk assessment, case management and disease management) among, health care providers; the referral of a patient from one provider to another; or the coordination of health care or other services among health care providers and third parties authorized by the health plan or the individual.

**Use** means, with respect to Individually Identifiable Health Information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination or analysis of such information within an entity that maintains such information.

## STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), all Covered Persons shall have the right to:

### RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT PLAN AND BENEFITS

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations (such as at work sites) all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements if applicable, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration. No charge will be made for examining the documents at the Plan Administrator's principal office.
- Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents that govern the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements if applicable, and copies of the latest annual report and updated summary plan description. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

### CONTINUE GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE

Covered Persons have the right to continue health care coverage if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a COBRA qualifying event. You or Your Dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this SPD and the documents governing the Plan on the rules governing COBRA continuation coverage rights.

### PRUDENT ACTIONS BY PLAN FIDUCIARIES

In addition to creating rights for Covered Persons, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of this Plan. The people who operate this Plan, called "Fiduciaries" of this Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of all Plan participants.

### NO DISCRIMINATION

No one may terminate Your employment or otherwise discriminate against You or Your Covered Dependents in any way to prevent You or Your Dependents from obtaining a benefit or exercising rights provided to Covered Persons under ERISA.

### ENFORCING COVERED PERSONS' RIGHTS

If a claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, Covered Persons have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps an Employee can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if a Covered Person requests a copy of the Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and does not receive them within thirty (30) days, the Covered Person may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay the Covered Person up to \$110 a day until the materials are received, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator.

If a claim for benefits is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, the Covered Person may file suit in a state or federal court. In addition, if a Covered Person disagrees with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a medical Child support order, the Covered Person may file suit in federal court. If it should happen that the Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money or if a Covered Person is discriminated against for asserting his or her rights, the Covered Person may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If the Covered Person is successful, the court may order the person sued to pay these costs and fees. If the Covered Person loses, the court may order the Covered Person to pay these costs and fees (for example, if it finds the claim to be frivolous).

### **ASSISTANCE WITH QUESTIONS**

If there are any questions about this Plan, contact the Plan Administrator. For any questions about this statement or about a Covered Person's rights under ERISA, or for assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, Covered Persons should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in the telephone directory, or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Covered Persons may also obtain certain publications about their rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publication hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.



## **PLAN AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION INFORMATION**

The Plan Sponsor fully intends to maintain this Plan indefinitely; however, the employer reserves the right to terminate, suspend or amend this Plan at any time, in whole or in part, including making modifications to the benefits under this Plan. No person or entity has any authority to make any oral change or amendments to this Plan. No agent or representative of this Plan will have the authority to legally change the Plan terms or SPD or waive any of its provisions, either purposefully or inadvertently. If a misstatement affects the existence of coverage, the true facts will be used in determining whether coverage is in force under the terms of this Plan and in what amount. The Plan Administrator will provide written notice to Covered Persons within 60 days following the adopted formal action that makes material reduction of benefits to the Plan, or may, in the alternative, furnish such notification through communications maintained by the Plan Sponsor or Plan Administrator at regular intervals no greater than 90 days.

### **COVERED PERSON'S RIGHTS IF PLAN IS AMENDED OR TERMINATED**

If this Plan is amended, a Covered Person's rights are limited to Plan benefits in force at the time expenses are Incurred, whether or not the Covered Person has received written notification from the Plan Administrator that the Plan has been amended.

If this Plan is terminated, the rights of a Covered Person are limited to Covered Expenses Incurred before the Covered Person receives notice of termination. All claims incurred prior to termination, but not submitted to either the Plan Sponsor or Third Party Administrator within 75 days of the Effective Date of termination of this Plan due to bankruptcy will be excluded from any benefit consideration.

The Plan will assume that the Covered Person received the written amendment or termination letter from the Plan Administrator five days after the letter is mailed.

No person will become entitled to any vested rights under this Plan.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON TERMINATION OF PLAN**

Post tax contributions paid by COBRA beneficiaries and/or Retirees, if applicable, will be used for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits and defraying reasonable expenses related to Plan administration, and will not inure to the benefit of the employer.

### **NO CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

This Plan is not intended to be, and may not be construed as a contract of employment between any Covered Person and the employer.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Accident** means an unexpected, unforeseen and unintended event that causes bodily harm or damage to the body.

**Activities of Daily Living (ADL)** means the following, with or without assistance: Bathing, dressing, toileting and associated personal hygiene; transferring (which is to move in and out of a bed, chair, wheelchair, tub or shower); mobility, eating (which is getting nourishment into the body by any means other than intravenous), and continence (which is voluntarily maintaining control of bowel and/or bladder function; in the event of incontinence, maintaining a reasonable level of personal hygiene).

**Acupuncture** means a technique used to deliver anesthesia or analgesia, or for treating condition of the body (when clinical efficacy has been established for treatment of such conditions) by passing long, thin needles through the skin.

**Adverse Benefit Determination** means a denial, reduction or termination of a benefit, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or in part, for a benefit. It also includes any such denial, reduction, termination, rescission of coverage (whether or not, in connection with the rescission, there is an adverse effect on any particular benefit at that time), or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination that the Covered Person is no longer eligible to participate in the Plan.

**Alternate Facility** means a health care facility that is not a Hospital and that provides one or more of the following services on an Outpatient basis, as permitted by law:

- Surgical services;
- Emergency services; or
- Rehabilitative, laboratory, diagnostic or therapeutic services.

**Ambulance Transportation** means professional ground or air Ambulance Transportation in an Emergency situation or when deemed Medically Necessary, which is:

- To the closest facility most able to provide the specialized treatment required; and
- The most appropriate mode of transportation consistent with the well-being of You or Your Dependent.

**Ancillary Services** means services rendered in connection with Inpatient or Outpatient care in a Hospital or in connection with a medical Emergency including the following: ambulance, anesthesiology, assistant surgeon, pathology and radiology. This term also includes services of the attending Physician or primary surgeon in the event of a medical Emergency.

**Autism Spectrum Disorder or Autism** means a condition marked by enduring problems communicating and interacting with others, along with restricted and repetitive behavior, interests, or activities.

**Certified IDR Entity** means an entity responsible for conducting determinations under the No Surprises Act and that has been properly certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of the Treasury.

**Chemical dependency** means the substance use disorder of being psychologically or physically dependent of, or addicted to alcohol, an illegal substance or a controlled substance. A "controlled substance" means a toxic inhalant or a substance designated as a controlled substance in the Texas Health and Safety Code or equivalent State code where applicable.

**Child (Children)** means any of the following individuals with respect to an Employee: a natural biological Child; a step Child; a legally adopted Child or a Child legally Placed for Adoption; a Child under the Employee's or spouse's permanent or temporary Legal Guardianship; or a Child who is considered an alternate recipient under a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (even if the Child does not meet the definition of "Dependent").

**Claimant** means the individual for who a Claim is filed.

**Claims processor** means the entity providing support to Covenant regarding operation of the Plan and performing functions such as initial benefit interpretation, claim processing and payment of claims. Curative is the claims processor of the Plan.

**Close Relative** means a member of the immediate family. Immediate family includes You, Your spouse, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, step parents, step grandparents, siblings, step siblings, half siblings, Children, step Children and grandchildren.

**Co-pay** is the amount a Covered Person must pay each time certain covered services are provided, as outlined on the Schedule of Benefits. You are responsible for the co-pay even if it is not collected at the time of service.

**COBRA** means Title X of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended from time to time, and applicable regulations. This law gives Covered Persons the right, under certain circumstances, to elect continuation coverage under the Plan when active coverage ends due to a Qualifying Event.

**Coinsurance** means the portion of covered expenses shared by the Plan and covered person such as specific ration (80%/20%) after the plan year deductible has been satisfied. The portion shared by the covered person applies towards the covered person's or covered family's plan year out-of-pocket maximum

**Common-Law Marriage** means a partnership whereby two adult individuals are considered married because they have lived together for a certain period of time, hold themselves to be married even without a license and a formal ceremony, and meet other applicable requirements of the state in which the Common-Law Marriage was established.

**Concurrent Review** means the Utilization Review Company's review of services for continued medical necessity.

**Confinement** means any type of admission with a continuous length of stay within a facility. The following will be applied to confinements:

1. When a confinement occurs during the end of one plan year into the next, it will be viewed as continuous; therefore, no additional coinsurance and/or deductible are applied to the claim(s) and/or member.
2. When a confinement in one acute facility that occurred over the plan year ends, and the member is transferred and admitted to another facility (i.e. rehabilitative admission), coinsurance, deductibles and/or co-payments are applicable.
3. When a member is transferred from an acute medical/surgical facility to another acute medical/surgical facility for a specific reason(s) (i.e. higher level of medically necessary services can only be provided at the transferred/receiving facility), the confinement is to be considered as one continuous admission.
4. When a member is transferred to another facility that is certified to provide specialized services, such as a skilled nursing facility, long-term acute care or rehabilitative care, the confinement is considered as a separate admission.

**Cosmetic Treatment** means medical or surgical procedures which are primarily used to improve, alter or enhance appearance, whether or not for psychological or emotional reasons.

**Covered Expenses** means any expense, or portion thereof, which is incurred as a result of receiving a covered benefit under this Plan which is not in excess of the usual and customary amount or contracted amount, not excluded or limited by Plan provisions and necessary for the treatment of a covered illness or accident.

**Covered Person or Plan participant** means an Employee, Dependent, COBRA Qualified Beneficiary or a COBRA Qualified Beneficiary's dependent who has met the eligibility requirements for coverage as stated herein and who is properly enrolled in this Plan.

**Covered service** means a medically necessary health care service prescribed or performed by providers within the scope of their practice and to which you are entitled under the Plan.

**Custodial Care** means nonmedical care given to a Covered Person to administer medication and to assist with personal hygiene or other Activities of Daily Living rather than providing therapeutic treatment and services. Custodial Care services can be safely and adequately provided by persons who do not have the technical skills of a covered healthcare provider. Custodial Care also includes care when active medical treatment cannot be reasonably expected to reduce the disability or condition.

**Day (Partial) program** means a clinically supervised program in a mental health facility that provides treatment for people suffering from acute mental and nervous disorders or substance use disorder.

**Deductible** is the amount of Covered Expenses which must be paid by the Covered Person or the covered family before benefits are payable. The Schedule of Benefits shows the amount of the applicable Deductible (if any) and the health care benefits to which it applies. The In-Network deductible is separate and distinct from the Out-of-Network deductible. The family deductible is accumulative and can be satisfied by all covered family members.

**Dependent** – see Eligibility and Enrollment section of this SPD.

**Determination** means a determination by the Plan Administrator or Claims Processor on a Claim for benefits, including an Adverse Benefit Determination.

**Developmental Delays** are characterized by impairment in various areas of development such as social interaction skills, adaptive behavior and communication skills. Developmental Delays may not always have a history of birth trauma or other illness that could be causing the impairment such as a hearing problem, mental illness or other neurological symptoms or illness.

**Donor** means a person who furnishes blood, tissue or an organ to be used in another person.

**Durable Medical Equipment** means equipment which meets all of the following criteria:

- Can withstand repeated use.
- Is primarily used to serve a medical purpose with respect to an illness or injury.
- Generally, is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury.
- Is appropriate for use in the Covered Person's home.

**Effective Date** means the first day of coverage under this Plan as defined in this SPD. The Covered Person's Effective Date may or may not be the same as their Enrollment Date, as Enrollment Date is defined in the Plan.

**Emergency** means a serious medical condition, with acute symptoms that require immediate care and treatment in order to avoid jeopardy to the life and health of the person. Emergency care is always a covered service, wherever it is provided. However, not every service received in a hospital emergency room is automatically defined as a covered service.

### **“Emergency Services”**

“Emergency Services” shall mean, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, the following:

1. An appropriate medical screening examination (as required under section 1867 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1395dd) that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital or of an

Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency Medical Condition; and

2. Within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or the Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, as applicable, such further medical examination and treatment as are required under section 1867 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395dd), or as would be required under such section if such section applied to an Independent Freestanding Emergency Department, to stabilize the patient (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which such further examination or treatment is furnished).

When furnished with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, Emergency Services shall also include an item or service provided by a Non-Network Provider or Non-Participating Health Care Facility (regardless of the department of the Hospital in which items or services are furnished) after the Participant is stabilized and as part of Outpatient observation or an Inpatient or Outpatient stay with respect to the visit in which the Emergency Services are furnished, until such time as the Provider determines that the Participant is able to travel using non-medical transportation or non-emergency medical transportation, and the Participant is in a condition to, and in fact does, give informed consent to the Provider to be treated as a Non-Network Provider.

**Employee** – see Eligibility and Enrollment section of this SPD.

**Enrollment Date** means:

- For anyone who applies for coverage when first eligible, the first day of the Waiting Period.
- For anyone who enrolls under the Special Enrollment Provision, or for Late Enrollees, the Enrollment Date is the first day coverage begins.

**ERISA** means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time and the applicable regulations.

**Essential Health Benefits** means any medical expense that falls under the following categories, as defined under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; 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, if applicable.)

**Experimental, Investigational or Unproven** means any drug, service, supply, care and/or treatment that, at the time provided or sought to be provided is not recognized as conforming to accepted medical practice or to be a safe, effective standard of medical practice for a particular condition. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Items within the research, Investigational or Experimental stage of development or performed within or restricted to use in Phase I, II, or III clinical trials (unless identified as a covered service elsewhere);
- Items that do not have strong research-based evidence to permit conclusions and/or clearly define long-term effects and impact on health outcomes (have not yet shown to be consistently effective for the diagnosis or treatment of the specific condition for which it is sought). Strong research-based evidence is identified as peer-reviewed published data derived from multiple, large, human randomized controlled clinical trials OR at least one or more large controlled national multi-center population-based studies;
- Items based on anecdotal and Unproven evidence (literature consists only of case studies or uncontrolled trials), i.e., lacks scientific validity, but may be common practice within select practitioner groups even though safety and efficacy is not clearly established;

- Items which have been identified through research-based evidence to not be effective for a medical condition and/or to not have a beneficial effect on health outcomes.

Note: FDA and/or Medicare approval does not guarantee that a drug, supply, care and/or treatment is accepted medical practice, however, lack of such approval will be a consideration in determining whether a drug, service, supply, care and/or treatment is considered Experimental, Investigational or Unproven. In assessing cancer care claims, sources such as the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) Compendium, Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology™ or National Cancer Institute (NCI) standard of care compendium guidelines, or similar material from other or successor organizations will be considered along with benefits provided under the Plan and any benefits required by law. Furthermore, off-label drug or device use (sought for outside FDA-approved indications) is subject to medical review for appropriateness based on prevailing peer-reviewed medical literature, published opinions and evaluations by national medical associations, consensus panels, technology evaluation bodies, and/or independent review organizations to evaluate the scientific quality of supporting evidence.

**Extended Care Facility** includes, but is not limited to a skilled nursing, rehabilitation, convalescent or sub-acute facility. It is an institution or a designated part of one that is operating pursuant to the law for such an institution and is under the full time supervision of a Physician or registered nurse. In addition, the Plan requires that the facility: Provide 24 hour-a-day service to include skilled nursing care and Medically Necessary therapies for the recovery of health or physical strength; is not a place primarily for Custodial Care; requires compensation from its patients; admits patients only upon Physician orders; has an agreement to have a Physician's services available when needed; maintains adequate medical records for all patients; has a written transfer agreement with at least one Hospital and is licensed by the state in which it operates and provides the services under which the licensure applies.

**FMLA** means the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended.

**Genetic information** means information about genes, gene products and inherited characteristics that may derive from an individual or a family member. This includes information derived from laboratory tests that identify mutation in specific genes or chromosomes, physical medical examinations, family histories and direct analyses of genes or chromosomes.

**Genetic Testing- Medically Necessary** means that the results of the test are essential to the medical management of the patient to initiate a new course of therapy, alter an existing or proposed therapy or determine needed future care, and there is clear and convincing evidence in the scientific literature to support the validity and predictive accuracy of the test.

**Group therapy** means services provided by a licensed mental health or substance use disorder worker to an individual patient in a group setting.

**HIPAA** means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended from time to time, and the applicable regulations. This law gives special enrollment rights, prohibits discrimination, and protects privacy of protected health information among other things.

**Home Health Care** means a formal program of care and intermittent treatment that is: Performed in the home; and prescribed by a Physician; and intermittent care and treatment for the recovery of health or physical strength under an established plan of care; and prescribed in place of a Hospital or an Extended Care Facility or results in a shorter Hospital or Extended Care Facility stay; and organized, administered, and supervised by a Hospital or Qualified licensed providers under the medical direction of a Physician; and appropriate when it is not reasonable to expect the Covered Person to obtain medically indicated services or supplies outside the home.

For purposes of Home Health Care, nurse services means intermittent home nursing care by professional registered nurses or by licensed practical nurses. Intermittent means occasional or segmented care, i.e., care that is not provided on a continuous, non-interrupted basis. Services include, but are not limited to:

- Skilled nursing visits. Not intended to provide 24-hour skilled nursing care;
- Home health aide services;

- Infusion therapy;
- Social Worker;
- Physical Therapy;
- Speech, Occupational and Respiratory Therapy.

**Home Health Care Plan** means a formal, written plan made by the Covered Person's attending Physician which is evaluated on a regular basis. It must state the diagnosis, certify that the Home Health Care is in place of Hospital confinement, and specify the type and extent of Home Health Care required for the treatment of the Covered Person.

**Hospice Care** means a health care program providing a coordinated set of services rendered at home, in Outpatient settings, or in Inpatient settings for Covered Persons suffering from a condition that has a terminal prognosis. Non-curative supportive care is provided through an interdisciplinary group of personnel. A hospice must meet the standards of the National Hospice Organization and applicable state licensing.

**Hospice Care Provider** means an agency or organization that has Hospice Care available 24 hours a day, seven days a week; is certified by Medicare as a Hospice Care Agency, and, if required, is licensed as such by the jurisdiction in which it is located. The provider may offer skilled nursing services; medical social worker services; psychological and dietary counseling; services of a Physician; physical or occupational therapist; home health aide services; pharmacy services; and Durable Medical Equipment.

**Hospital** means:

- A facility that is a licensed institution authorized to operate as a Hospital by the state in which it is operating; and
- Provides diagnostic and therapeutic facilities for the surgical or medical diagnosis, treatment, and care of injured and sick persons at the patient's expense; and
- Has a staff of licensed Physicians available at all times; and
- It is accredited by a recognized credentialing entity approved by CMS and/or a state or federal agency or, if outside of the United States, is licensed or approved by the foreign government or an accreditation or licensing body working in that foreign country; and
- It continuously provides on-premises, 24-hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered nurse; and
- Is not a place primarily for maintenance or Custodial Care.
- Is not a hospital contracted for or operated by any national government or agency for the treatment of participants of the armed forces except for emergency services where the participant is legally obligated to pay.

For purposes of this Plan, Hospital also includes chemical dependency treatment centers, psychiatric hospitals, Surgical Centers licensed by the state in which it operates and rehabilitative hospitals if the facilities meet the established criteria. Hospital does not include services provided in facilities operating as residential treatment centers and does not include Christian Scientist facilities and Birthing Centers.

**Illness** means a bodily disorder, disease, physical or mental sickness, functional nervous disorder, pregnancy or complication of pregnancy. The term "Illness" when used in connection with a newborn Child includes, but is not limited to, congenital defects and birth abnormalities, including premature birth.

**Incurred** means the date the service or treatment is given, the supply is received or the facility is used, without regard to when the service, treatment, supply or facility is billed, charged or paid.

**Independent Contractor** means someone who signs an agreement with the employer as an Independent Contractor or an entity or individual who performs services to or on behalf of the employer who is not an Employee or an officer of the employer and who retains control over how the work gets done. The employer who hires the Independent Contractor controls only the outcome of the work and not

the performance of the hired service. Determination as to whether an individual or entity is an Independent Contractor shall be made consistent with Section § 530 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Infertility Treatment** means services, tests, supplies, devices, or drugs which are intended to promote fertility, achieve a condition of pregnancy, or treat an illness causing an infertility condition when such treatment is done in an attempt to bring about a pregnancy.

For purposes of this definition, Infertility Treatment includes, but is not limited to fertility tests and drugs; tests and exams done to prepare for induced conception; surgical reversal of a sterilized state which was a result of a previous surgery; sperm enhancement procedures; direct attempts to cause pregnancy by any means including, but not limited to: hormone therapy or drugs; artificial insemination; In vitro fertilization; Gamete Intrafallopian Transfer (GIFT), or Zygote Intrafallopian Transfer (ZIFT); embryo transfer; and freezing or storage of embryo, eggs, or semen.

**Injury** means a physical harm or disability to the body which is the result of a specific incident caused by external means. The physical harm or disability must have occurred at an identifiable time and place. Injury does not include illness or infection of a cut or wound.

**Inpatient** means a registered bed patient using and being charged for room and board at the Hospital or in a Hospital for 24 hours or more. A person is not an Inpatient on any day on which he or she is on leave or otherwise gone from the Hospital, whether or not a room and board charge is made. Observation in a Hospital room will be considered Inpatient treatment if the duration of the observation status exceeds 72 hours

**Intensive Behavioral Therapy (IBT)**- outpatient therapy services that aim to reinforce adaptive behaviors, reduce maladaptive behaviors, and improve the mastery of functional age-appropriate skills in people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The most common IBT is Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).

**Intensive outpatient program** means a treatment program at a mental health facility lasting four hours or less per day for a person suffering from acute mental and nervous disorders or substance use disorder.

**Late Enrollee** means a person who enrolls under this Plan other than on:

- The earliest date on which coverage can become effective under the terms of this Plan; or
- A special Enrollment Date for the person as defined by HIPAA.

**Learning Disability** means a group of disorders that result in significant difficulties in one or more of seven areas including: Basic reading skills, reading comprehension, oral expression, listening comprehension, written expression, mathematical calculation and mathematical reasoning. Specific learning disabilities are diagnosed when the individual's achievement on standardized tests in a given area is substantially below that expected for age, schooling and level of intelligence.

**Legal Guardianship/Guardian** means the individual is recognized by a court of law as having the duty of taking care of a person and managing the individual's property and rights.

**Life-Threatening Disease or Condition** means a condition that is likely to cause death within one year of the request for treatment.

**"Maximum Allowable Charge"** means the amount payable for a specific covered item under this Plan. The section titled How Health Benefits Are Calculated, above, explains how the Maximum Allowable Charge is determined.

**Maximum Benefit** means the maximum amount or the maximum number or days or treatments that are considered a Covered Expense by the Plan.

**Medically Necessary / Medical Necessity** means health care services provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, mental illness, substance use disorder,



condition, disease or its symptoms, that are all of the following as determined by us or our designee, within our sole discretion:

- In accordance with *Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice*; and
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration, and considered effective for Your Illness, Injury, mental illness, substance use disorder, disease or its symptoms; and
- Not mainly for Your convenience or that of Your doctor or other health care provider; and
- Not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s) or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of Your Illness, Injury, disease or symptoms.

The fact that a Physician has performed, prescribed, recommended, ordered, or approved a service, treatment plan, supply, medicine, equipment or facility, or that it is the only available procedure or treatment for a condition, does not, in itself, make the utilization of the service, treatment plan, supply, medicine, equipment or facility Medically Necessary.

*Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice* are standards that are based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature generally recognized by the relevant medical community, relying primarily on controlled clinical trials, or, if not available, observational studies from more than one institution that suggest a causal relationship between the service or treatment and health outcomes.

If no credible scientific evidence is available, then standards that are based on Physician specialty society recommendations or professional standards of care may be considered. We reserve the right to consult expert opinion in determining whether health care services are Medically Necessary. The decision to apply Physician specialty society recommendations, the choice of expert and the determination of when to use any such expert opinion, shall be within our sole discretion.

**Medicare** means the program of medical care benefits provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act as amended.

**Medication management** means an office visit with a licensed psychiatrist for the purpose of prescribing and monitoring medication.

**Mental Health Disorder** means a disorder that is a clinically significant psychological syndrome associated with distress, dysfunction or Illness. The syndrome must represent a dysfunctional response to a situation or event that exposes the Covered Person to an increased risk of pain, suffering, conflict, Illness or death.

**Morbid obesity** means a condition in which an individual 18 years of age or older has a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or more, or 35 or more if experiencing health conditions directly related to his or her weight, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, sleep apnea, etc.

**Multiple Surgical Procedures** means when more than one surgical procedure is performed during the same period of anesthesia.

**Negotiated Rate** means the amount that providers have contracted to accept a payment in full for Covered Expenses of the Plan.

**Network preferred provider** means a health care professional, hospital or other provider who has a contract with the Plan and who is considered preferred. Network preferred providers may not include all providers having contracts with the Plan. Refer to the Provider Directory for a listing of network preferred providers. A single direct contract or case agreement between a provider and a plan constitutes a contractual relationship for purposes of this definition with respect to the parties to the agreement and particular individual(s) involved.

**Non-Essential Health Benefits** means any medical benefit that is not an Essential Health Benefit. Please refer to the Essential Health Benefits definition.

**Nurse visit** means the evaluation and management of an established patient by an office nurse that may not require the presence of a physician.

**Orthognathic Condition** means a skeletal mismatch of the jaw (such as when one jaw is too large or too small, too far forward or too far back). An Orthognathic Condition may cause overbite, underbite, or open bite. Orthognathic surgery may be performed to correct skeletal mismatches of the jaw.

**Orthotic Appliances** means braces, splints, casts and other appliances used to support or restrain a weak or deformed part of the body and are designed for repeated use, intended to treat or stabilize a Covered Person's Illness or Injury or improve function; and generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an Illness or Injury.

**Outpatient** means medical care, treatment, services, surgeries or supplies in a facility in which a patient is not registered as an overnight bed patient and room and board charges are not incurred. Services include, but are not limited to:

X-rays and x-ray therapy;  
Chemotherapy;  
Fluoroscopy;  
Electrocardiograms;  
Lab tests;  
Radiology services; and  
DEXA/bone density scans

**Palliative Foot Care** means the cutting or removal of corns or calluses unless at least part of the nail root is removed or unless needed to treat a metabolic or peripheral vascular disease; the trimming of nails; other hygienic and preventative maintenance care or debridement, such as cleaning and soaking of the feet, and the use of skin creams to maintain the skin tone of both ambulatory and non-ambulatory Covered Persons; and any services performed in the absence of localized Illness, Injury, or symptoms involving the foot.

**Pediatric Services** means services provided to individuals under the age of 19.

**Physician** means any of the following licensed practitioners, acting within the scope of their license in the state in which they practice, who perform services payable under this Plan: a doctor of medicine (MD), doctor of dental medicine including oral surgeons (DMD), osteopathy (DO), podiatry (DPM), dentistry (DDS), chiropractic (DC), optometry (OPT). Subject to the limitations below, the term 'Physician' shall also include the following practitioner types: a physician's assistant (PA), a nurse practitioner (NP), a certified nurse midwife (CNM), or a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) when, and only when, the practitioner is duly licensed, registered, and/or certified by the state in which he or she practices, the services being provided are within his or her scope of practice, and the services are payable under this Plan.

**Placed or Placement for Adoption** means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a Child in anticipation of adoption of such Child. The Child's placement with the person terminates upon the termination of such legal obligation.

**Plan** means COVENANT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, including any future Plan Amendments.

**Plan Participation** means that the Covered Person and the Plan each pay a percentage of the Covered Expenses as listed on the Schedule of Benefits, after the Covered Person pays the Deductible(s).

**Plan Sponsor** means an employer who sponsors a group health plan. Covenant Management Systems is the Plan Sponsor of this Plan.

**Plan year** means the twelve-month period beginning with the effective date of the Plan. The Covenant Plan year is January 1 through December 31.

**Prescription** means any order authorized by a medical professional for a Prescription or non-prescription drug that could be a medication or supply for the person for whom prescribed, including injectable insulin, insulin syringes and chemstrips. The Prescription must be compliant with applicable laws and regulations and identify the name of the medical professional and the name of the person for whom prescribed. It must also identify the name, strength, quantity and the directions for use of the medication or supply prescribed.

**Preventive / Routine Care** means a prescribed standard procedure that is ordered by a Physician to evaluate or assess the Covered Person's health and well-being, screen for possible detection of unrevealed Illness or Injury, improve the Covered Person's health, or extend the Covered Person's life expectancy. Generally, a procedure is routine if there is no personal history of the Illness or Injury for which the Covered Person is being screened, except as required by applicable law. Benefits included as Preventive / Routine Care are listed in the Schedule of Benefits and will be paid subject to any listed limits or maximums. Whether an immunization is considered Preventive / Routine is based upon the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Preventive / Routine Care does not include benefits specifically excluded by this Plan, or treatment after the diagnosis of an Illness or Injury, except as required by applicable law.

**Primary Care Physician** means a Physician engaged in family practice, general practice, non-specialized internal medicine (e.g., those that work out of a family practice clinic), pediatrician or obstetrician/gynecologist or the treatment of mental health/substance use disorders. Generally, they provide a broad range of services. For instance, family practitioners treat a wide variety of conditions for all family members; general practitioners provide routine medical care; internists treat routine and complex conditions in adults; and pediatric practitioners treat Children.

**Prudent Layperson** means a person with average knowledge of health and medicine who is not formally educated or specialized in the field of medicine.

**QMCSO** means a Qualified Medical Child Support Order in accordance with applicable law.

**Qualified** means licensed, registered and/or in accordance with the applicable state law, and the particular service or treatment being provided is within the scope of the license, registration, and/or certification.

**Qualifying Payment Amount** means the median of the contracted rates recognized by the Plan, or recognized by all plans serviced by the Plan's Third Party Administrator (if calculated by the Third Party Administrator), for the same or a similar item or service provided by a Provider in the same or similar specialty in the same geographic region. If there are insufficient (meaning at least three) contracted rates available to determine a Qualifying Payment Amount, said amount will be determined by referencing a state all-payer claims database or, if unavailable, any eligible third-party database in accordance with applicable law.

**Qualified Provider** means a provider duly licensed, registered, and/or certified by the state in which he or she is practicing, whose scope of practice includes the particular service or treatment being provided that is payable under this Plan.

**Recognized Amount** means, except for Non-Network air ambulance services, an amount determined under an applicable all-payer model agreement, or if unavailable, an amount determined by applicable state law. If no such amounts are available or applicable and for Non-Network air ambulance services generally, the Recognized Amount shall mean the lesser of a Provider's billed charge or the Qualifying Payment Amount.

**Reconstructive Surgery** means surgical procedures performed on abnormal structures of the body caused by congenital Illness or anomaly, Accident, or Illness. The fact that physical appearance may

change or improve as a result of Reconstructive Surgery does not classify surgery as Cosmetic when a physical impairment exists and the surgery restores or improves function.

**Skilled nursing facility** means an accredited facility or any part of an accredited facility that is licensed by state or local law as an extended care facility or is recognized as a skilled nursing facility by the Department of Health and Human Services, Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations and/or Medicare.

**Specialist** means a Physician, or other Qualified Provider, if applicable, who treats specific medical conditions. For instance, a neurologist treats nervous disorders, a gastroenterologist treats digestive problems, and an oncologist treats cancer patients. Physicians that are not considered a Specialist include, but are not limited to, family practitioners, non-specializing internists, pediatricians, or obstetricians/gynecologists, and mental health/substance use disorder treatment providers. If using network benefits, you must be referred to a Plan specialist by a Primary Care Physician (PCP) to see a plastic surgeon, non-ARC pain management specialist or a non-ARC therapy provider.

**Substance Abuse and/or Substance Use Disorder** shall mean any disease or condition that is classified as a Substance Use Disorder as listed in the current edition of the International Classification of Diseases, published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as listed in the current edition of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association, or other relevant State guideline or applicable sources.

The fact that a disorder is listed in any of the above publications does not mean that treatment of the disorder is covered by the Plan.

**Substance Abuse Treatment Center** means an Institution whose facility is licensed, certified or approved as a Substance Abuse Treatment Center by a Federal, State, or other agency having legal authority to so license; which is affiliated with a Hospital and whose primary purpose is providing diagnostic and therapeutic services for treatment of Substance Abuse. To be deemed a "Substance Abuse Treatment Center," the Institution must have a contractual agreement with the affiliated Hospital by which a system for patient referral is established, and implement treatment by means of a written treatment plan approved and noted by a Physician. Where applicable, the "Substance Abuse Treatment Center" must also be appropriately accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

**Surgical Center** means a licensed facility that is under the direction of an organized medical staff of Physicians; has facilities that are equipped and operated primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures; has continuous Physician services and registered professional nursing services available whenever a patient is in the facility; generally does not provide Inpatient services or other accommodations; and offers the following services whenever the patient is in the center:

- Provides drug services as needed for medical operations and procedures performed;
- Provides for the physical and emotional well-being of the patients;
- Provides Emergency services;
- Has organized administration structure and maintains statistical and medical records.

**Surgical procedure** means:

1. Incision, excision, debridement or cauterization of any organ or part of the body, or the suturing of a wound;
2. Manipulation reduction of a fracture or dislocation, or the manipulation of a joint, including application of a cast or traction;
3. Removal by endoscopic means of a stone or other foreign object from any part of the body, or the diagnostic examination by endoscopic means of any part of the body;
4. Induction of artificial pneumothorax and injection of sclerosing solutions;

5. Arthrodesis, paracentesis, arthrocentesis and all injections into the joints or bursa;
6. Obstetrical delivery and dilation and curettage; and
7. Biopsy.

**Telehealth** means the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, and transfer of medical data and education using interactive audio, video, or data communications and that is billed by a Physician

**Telemedicine** means the practice of health care delivery, diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data and education using interactive audio, video, or data communications.

**Temporomandibular Joint Disorder (TMJ)** shall mean a disorder of the jaw joint(s) and/or associated parts resulting in pain or inability of the jaw to function properly.

**Terminal Illness or Terminally Ill** means a life expectancy of about six months.

**Third Party Administrator (TPA)** is a service provider hired by the Plan to process claims and perform other administrative services. The TPA does not assume liability for payment of benefits under this Plan.

**Totally Disabled** is determined by the Plan in its sole discretion and generally means:

- That an Employee is prevented from engaging in any job or occupation for wage or profit for which the Employee is Qualified by education, training or experience; or
- That a covered Dependent has been diagnosed with a physical, psychiatric, or developmental disorder, or some combination thereof, and as a result cannot engage in Activities of Daily Living and/or substantial gainful activities that a person of like age and sex in good health can perform, preventing an individual from attaining self-sufficiency.
- Diagnosis of one or more of the following conditions is not considered proof of Total Disability. Conditions are listed in the most recent American Psychiatric Association Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) or the International Classification of Disease – Clinical Modification manual (most recent revision) (ICD-CM) in the following categories:
  - Personality disorders; or
  - Behavior and impulse control disorders; or
  - “V” codes.

**Urgent Care** is the delivery of ambulatory care in a facility dedicated to the delivery of care outside of a Hospital Emergency department, usually on an unscheduled, walk-in basis. Urgent Care centers are primarily used to treat patients who have an Injury or Illness that requires immediate care but is not serious enough to warrant a visit to an Emergency room. Often Urgent Care centers are not open on a continuous basis, unlike a Hospital Emergency room that would be open at all times.

**Waiting Period** means the period of time that must pass before coverage can become effective for an Employee or Dependent who is otherwise eligible to enroll under the terms of this Plan

**You, Your** means the Employee.