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Health Savings Account

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**CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

a Cigna company (hereinafter called Cigna) certifies that it insures certain Employees for the benefits provided by the following policy(s):

**POLICYHOLDER:** University of New England

**GROUP POLICY(S) — COVERAGE**

3345889 - HSAF1/ HSAI1 OPEN ACCESS PLUS MEDICAL BENEFITS

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This certificate describes the main features of the insurance. It does not waive or alter any of the terms of the policy(s). If questions arise, the policy(s) will govern.

This certificate takes the place of any other issued to you on a prior date which described the insurance.

**The Policy is guaranteed renewable for periods of one year, with limited exceptions (specifically, the Policyholder's failure to pay premium; fraud or intentional misrepresentation of material fact by the Policyholder or by you or your representative; failure of the employee group to have the number of employees purchasing the insurance coverage that Cigna requires in order to provide coverage; or when, if ever, Cigna decides to no longer offer insurance coverage at all or the specific type of insurance provided for in this certificate).**



Geneva Cambell Brown, Corporate Secretary

### **Explanation of Terms**

You will find terms starting with capital letters throughout your certificate. To help you understand your benefits, most of these terms are defined in the Definitions section of your certificate.

### **The Schedule**

**The Schedule is a brief outline of your maximum benefits which may be payable under your insurance. For a full description of each benefit, refer to the appropriate section listed in the Table of Contents.**

## Special Plan Provisions

When you select a Participating Provider, this Plan pays a greater share of the costs than if you select a non-Participating Provider. Participating Providers include Physicians, Hospitals and Other Health Professionals and Other Health Care Facilities. Consult your Physician Guide for a list of Participating Providers in your area. Participating Providers are committed to providing you and your Dependents appropriate care while lowering medical costs.

### Services Available in Conjunction With Your Medical Plan

The following pages describe helpful services available in conjunction with your medical plan. You can access these services by calling the toll-free number shown on the back of your ID card.

### Case Management

Case Management is a service provided through a Review Organization, which assists individuals with treatment needs that extend beyond the acute care setting. The goal of Case Management is to ensure that patients receive appropriate care in the most effective setting possible whether at home, as an outpatient, or an inpatient in a Hospital or specialized facility. Should the need for Case Management arise, a Case Management professional will work closely with the patient, his or her family and the attending Physician to determine appropriate treatment options which will best meet the patient's needs and keep costs manageable. The Case Manager will help coordinate the treatment program and arrange for necessary resources. Case Managers are also available to answer questions and provide ongoing support for the family in times of medical crisis.

Case Managers are Registered Nurses (RNs) and other credentialed health care professionals, each trained in a clinical specialty area such as trauma, high risk pregnancy and neonates, oncology, mental health, rehabilitation or general medicine and surgery. A Case Manager trained in the appropriate clinical specialty area will be assigned to you or your dependent. In addition, Case Managers are supported by a panel of Physician advisors who offer guidance on up-to-date treatment programs and medical technology. While the Case Manager recommends alternate treatment programs and helps coordinate needed resources, the patient's attending Physician remains responsible for the actual medical care.

- You, your dependent or an attending Physician can request Case Management services by calling the **toll-free number** shown on your ID card during normal business hours, Monday through Friday. In addition, your employer, a claim

office or a utilization review program (see the PAC/CSR section of your certificate) may refer an individual for Case Management.

- The Review Organization assesses each case to determine whether Case Management is appropriate.
- You or your Dependent is contacted by an assigned Case Manager who explains in detail how the program works. Participation in the program is voluntary - no penalty or benefit reduction is imposed if you do not wish to participate in Case Management.
- Following an initial assessment, the Case Manager works with you, your family and Physician to determine the needs of the patient and to identify what alternate treatment programs are available (for example, in-home medical care in lieu of an extended Hospital convalescence). You are not penalized if the alternate treatment program is not followed.
- The Case Manager arranges for alternate treatment services and supplies, as needed (for example, nursing services or a Hospital bed and other Durable Medical Equipment for the home).
- The Case Manager also acts as a liaison between the insurer, the patient, his or her family and Physician as needed (for example, by helping you to understand a complex medical diagnosis or treatment plan).
- Once the alternate treatment program is in place, the Case Manager continues to manage the case to ensure the treatment program remains appropriate to the patient's needs.

While participation in Case Management is strictly voluntary, Case Management professionals can offer quality, cost-effective treatment alternatives, as well as provide assistance in obtaining needed medical resources and ongoing family support in a time of need.

### Incentives to Participating Providers

Cigna continuously develops programs to help our customers access quality, cost-effective health care. Some programs include Participating Providers receiving financial incentives from Cigna for providing care to Members in a way that meets or exceeds certain quality and/or cost-efficiency standards, when, in the Participating Provider's professional judgment, it is appropriate to do so within the applicable standard of care. For example, some Participating Providers could receive financial incentives for utilizing or referring you to alternative sites of care as determined by your plan rather than in a more expensive setting, or achieving particular outcomes for certain health conditions. Participating Providers may also receive purchasing discounts when purchasing certain prescription

drugs from Cigna affiliates. Such programs can help make you healthier, decrease your health care costs, or both. These programs are not intended to affect your access to the health care that you need. We encourage you to talk to your Participating Provider if you have questions about whether they receive financial incentives from Cigna and whether those incentives apply to your care.

### **Care Management and Care Coordination Services**

Cigna may enter into specific collaborative arrangements with health care professionals committed to improving quality care, patient satisfaction and affordability. Through these collaborative arrangements, health care professionals commit to proactively providing participants with certain care management and care coordination services to facilitate achievement of these goals. Reimbursement is provided at 100% for these services when rendered by designated health care professionals in these collaborative arrangements.

### **Policy Provisions**

**ENTIRE CONTRACT.** The entire contract will be made up of the Policy, the Certificate, the application of the Policyholder, a copy of which is attached to the Policy and all subsequent versions of the Policy, the Certificate and the applications, if any, of the Employees.

**POLICY CHANGES.** Changes may be made in the Policy only by amendment signed by the Policyholder and by the Insurance Company acting through its President, Vice President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary. No agent may change or waive any terms of the Policy.

**STATEMENTS NOT WARRANTIES.** All statements made by the Policyholder or by an insured Employee will, in the absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made by the Policyholder or by the Employee to obtain insurance will be used to avoid or reduce the insurance unless it is made in writing and is signed by the Policyholder or the Employee and a copy is sent to the Policyholder, the Employee or his Beneficiary.

**NOTICE OF CLAIM.** Written notice of claim must be given to the Insurance Company within 30 days after the occurrence or start of the loss on which claim is based.

If notice is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that written notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible.

**CLAIM FORMS.** When the Insurance Company receives the notice of claim, it will give to the claimant, or to the Policyholder for the claimant, the claim forms it uses for filing proof of loss. If the claimant does not get these claim forms within 15 days after the Insurance Company receives notice of claim, he will be considered to have met the proof of loss

requirements if he submits written proof of loss within 90 days after the date of loss. This proof must describe the occurrence, character and extent of the loss for which claim is made.

**PROOF OF LOSS.** Written proof of loss must be given to the Insurance Company within 90 days after the date of the loss for which claim is made. If written proof of loss is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated nor reduced if it is shown that written proof of loss was given as soon as was reasonably possible. All claims submitted by providers or participants must be paid, pending or denied within 30 calendar days after receipt of the claim. Written notice to the claimant is required indicating that additional information is needed. Pending claims must be paid or denied within 30 calendar days from receipt of the requested additional information.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.** The Insurance Company, at its own expense, will have the right to examine any person for whom claim is pending as often as it may reasonably require during the pendency of claim under the Policy and also the right and opportunity to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not prohibited by law.

**RIGHT TO KNOW:** The Policyholder has the right to obtain information about how the plan operates the care delivery system and an explanation of the benefits to which participants are entitled under the terms of the plan. Additional information regarding the plan may be obtained by contacting the Policyholder's sales office.

**LEGAL ACTIONS.** No action at law or in equity will be brought to recover on the Policy until at least 60 days after proof of loss has been filed with the Insurance Company. No action will be brought at all unless brought within 3 years after the time within which proof of loss is required by the Policy.

**TIME FOR SUITS.** There shall be a provision that from the date of issue of a Policy no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the applicant in the application for such Policy shall be used to void the Policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred or disability, as defined in the Policy, commencing after the expiration of such 2-year period.

**TIME LIMITATIONS.** If any time limit set forth in the Policy for giving notice of claim or proof of loss, or for bringing any action at law or in equity is less than that permitted by the law of the state in which the Employee lives when the Policy is issued, then the time limit provided in the Policy is extended to agree with the minimum permitted by the law of that state.

## **Important Notices**

### **Important Information**

#### **Rebates and Other Payments**

Cigna or its affiliates may receive rebates or other remuneration from pharmaceutical manufacturers in



connection with certain Medical Pharmaceuticals covered under your plan and Prescription Drug Products included on the Prescription Drug List. These rebates or remuneration are not obtained on you or your Employer's or plan's behalf or for your benefit.

Cigna, its affiliates and the plan are not obligated to pass these rebates on to you, or apply them to your plan's Deductible if any or take them into account in determining your Copayments and/or Coinsurance. Cigna and its affiliates or designees may also, conduct business with various pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this plan's Medical Pharmaceutical and Prescription Drug Product benefits. Such business may include, but is not limited to, data collection, consulting, educational grants and research. Amounts received from pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to such arrangements are not related to this plan. Cigna and its affiliates are not required to pass on to you, and do not pass on to you, such amounts.

#### **Coupons, Incentives and Other Communications**

At various times, Cigna or its designee may send mailings to you or your Dependents or to your Physician that communicate a variety of messages, including information about Medical Pharmaceuticals and Prescription Drug Products. These mailings may contain coupons or offers from pharmaceutical manufacturers that enable you or your Dependents, at your discretion, to purchase the described Medical Pharmaceutical and Prescription Drug Product at a discount or to obtain it at no charge. Pharmaceutical manufacturers may pay for and/or provide the content for these mailings. Cigna, its affiliates and the plan are not responsible in any way for any decision you make in connection with any coupon, incentive, or other offer you may receive from a pharmaceutical manufacturer or Physician.

#### **Discrimination is Against the Law**

Cigna complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex. Cigna does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

Cigna:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - Qualified sign language interpreters
  - Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats).
- Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - Qualified interpreters

- Information written in other languages.

If you need these services, contact customer service at the toll-free phone number shown on your ID card, and ask a Customer Service Associate for assistance.

If you believe that Cigna has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex, you can file a grievance by sending an email to [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com) or by writing to the following address:

Cigna  
Nondiscrimination Complaint Coordinator  
P.O. Box 188016  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

If you need assistance filing a written grievance, please call the number on the back of your ID card or send an email to [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com). You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, 800-537-7697 (TDD)

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

#### **Proficiency of Language Assistance Services**

**English** – ATTENTION: Language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. For current Cigna customers, call the number on the back of your ID card. Otherwise, call 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Dial 711).

**Spanish** – ATENCIÓN: Hay servicios de asistencia de idiomas, sin cargo, a su disposición. Si es un cliente actual de Cigna, llame al número que figura en el reverso de su tarjeta de identificación. Si no lo es, llame al 1.800.244.6224 (los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 711).

**Chinese** – 注意：我們可為您免費提供語言協助服務。對於 Cigna 的現有客戶，請致電您的 ID 卡背面的號碼。其他客戶請致電 1.800.244.6224（聽障專線：請撥 711）。

**Vietnamese** – XIN LƯU Ý: Quý vị được cấp dịch vụ trợ giúp về ngôn ngữ miễn phí. dành cho khách hàng hiện tại của Cigna, vui lòng gọi số ở mặt sau thẻ Hội viên. Các trường hợp khác xin gọi số 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Quay số 711).

**Korean** – 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 현재 Cigna

가입자님들께서는 ID 카드 뒷면에 있는 전화번호로 연락해주시요. 기타 다른 경우에는 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 다이얼 711)번으로 전화해주시요.

**Tagalog – PAUNAWA:** Makakakuha ka ng mga serbisyo sa tulong sa wika nang libre. Para sa mga kasalukuyang customer ng Cigna, tawagan ang numero sa likuran ng iyong ID card. O kaya, tumawag sa 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: I-dial ang 711).

**Russian – ВНИМАНИЕ:** вам могут предоставить бесплатные услуги перевода. Если вы уже участвуете в плане Cigna, позвоните по номеру, указанному на обратной стороне вашей идентификационной карточки участника плана. Если вы не являетесь участником одного из наших планов, позвоните по номеру 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 711).

**Arabic –** برجاء الانتباه خدمات الترجمة المجانية متاحة لكم. لعملاء Cigna الحاليين برجاء الاتصال بالرقم المدون علي ظهر بطاقتكم الشخصية. او اتصل ب 1.800.244.6224 (TTY : اتصل ب 711).

**French Creole – ATANSYON:** Gen sèvis èd nan lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Pou kliyan Cigna yo, rele nimewo ki dèyè kat ID ou. Sinon, rele nimewo 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: Rele 711).

**French – ATTENTION:** Des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Si vous êtes un client actuel de Cigna, veuillez appeler le numéro indiqué au verso de votre carte d'identité. Sinon, veuillez appeler le numéro 1.800.244.6224 (ATS : composez le numéro 711).

**Portuguese – ATENÇÃO:** Tem ao seu dispor serviços de assistência linguística, totalmente gratuitos. Para clientes Cigna atuais, ligue para o número que se encontra no verso do seu cartão de identificação. Caso contrário, ligue para 1.800.244.6224 (Dispositivos TTY: marque 711).

**Polish – UWAGA:** w celu skorzystania z dostępnej, bezpłatnej pomocy językowej, obecni klienci firmy Cigna mogą dzwonić pod numer podany na odwrocie karty identyfikacyjnej. Wszystkie inne osoby prosimy o skorzystanie z numeru 1 800 244 6224 (TTY: wybierz 711).

**Japanese –**  
注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援サービスをご利用いただけます。現在のCignaのお客様は、IDカード裏面の電話番号まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。その他の方は、1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

**Italian – ATTENZIONE:** Sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Per i clienti Cigna attuali, chiamare il numero sul retro della tessera di identificazione.

In caso contrario, chiamare il numero 1.800.244.6224 (utenti TTY: chiamare il numero 711).

**German – ACHTUNG:** Die Leistungen der Sprachunterstützung stehen Ihnen kostenlos zur Verfügung. Wenn Sie gegenwärtiger Cigna-Kunde sind, rufen Sie bitte die Nummer auf der Rückseite Ihrer Krankenversicherungskarte an. Andernfalls rufen Sie 1.800.244.6224 an (TTY: Wählen Sie 711).

**Persian (Farsi) –** توجه: خدمات کمک زبانی، به صورت رایگان به شما ارائه می‌شود. برای مشتریان فعلی Cigna، لطفاً با شماره‌ای که در پشت کارت شناسایی شماست تماس بگیرید. در غیر اینصورت با شماره 1.800.244.6224 تماس بگیرید (شماره تلفن ویژه ناشنوايان: شماره 711 را شماره‌گیری کنید).

### **Federal CAA - Consolidated Appropriations Act and TIC - Transparency in Coverage Notice**

Cigna will make available an internet-based self-service tool for use by individual customers, as well as certain data in machine-readable file format on a public website, as required under the Transparency in Coverage rule. Customers can access the cost estimator tool on myCigna.com. Updated machine-readable files can be found on Cigna.com and/or CignaForEmployers.com on a monthly basis.

Pursuant to Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), Section 106, Cigna will submit certain air ambulance claim information to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in accordance with guidance issued by HHS.

Subject to change based on government guidance for CAA Section 204, Cigna will submit certain prescription drug and health care spending information to HHS through Plan Lists Files (P1-P3) and Data Files (D1-D8) (D1-D2) for an Employer without an integrated pharmacy product aggregated at the market segment and state level, as outlined in guidance.

### **Federal CAA - Consolidated Appropriations Act Continuity of Care**

In certain circumstances, if you are receiving continued care from an in-network provider or facility, and that provider's network status changes from in-network to out-of-network, you may be eligible to continue to receive care from the provider at the in-network cost-sharing amount for up to 90 days from the date you are notified of your provider's termination. A continuing care patient is an individual who is:

- Undergoing treatment for a serious and complex condition
- Pregnant and undergoing treatment for the pregnancy
- Receiving inpatient care

- Scheduled to undergo urgent or emergent surgery, including postoperative
- Terminally ill (having a life expectancy of 6 months or less) and receiving treatment from the provider for the illness

If applicable, Cigna will notify you of your continuity of care options.

### Appeals

Any external review process available under the plan will apply to any adverse determination regarding claims subject to the No Surprises Act.

### Provider Directories and Provider Networks

A list of network providers is available to you, without charge, by visiting the website or calling the phone number on your ID card. The network consists of providers, including hospitals, of varied specialties as well as generic practice, affiliated or contracted with Cigna or an organization contracting on its behalf.

A list of network pharmacies is available to you, without charge, by visiting the website or calling the phone number on your ID card. The network consists of pharmacies affiliated or contracted with Cigna or an organization contracting on its behalf.

Provider directory content is verified and updated, and processes are established for responding to provider network status inquiries, in accordance with applicable requirements of the No Surprises Act.

If you rely on a provider's in-network status in the provider directory or by contacting Cigna at the website or phone number on your ID card to receive covered services from that provider, and that network status is incorrect, then your plan cannot impose out-of-network cost shares to that covered service. In-network cost share must be applied as if the covered service were provided by an in-network provider.

### Direct Access to Obstetricians and Gynecologists

You do not need prior authorization from the plan or from any other person (including a primary care provider) in order to obtain access to obstetrical or gynecological care from a health care professional in our network who specializes in obstetrics or gynecology. The health care professional, however, may be required to comply with certain procedures, including obtaining prior authorization for certain services, following a pre-approved treatment plan, or procedures for making referrals. For a list of participating health care professionals who specialize in obstetrics or gynecology, access the website or call the phone number on your ID card.

### Selection of a Primary Care Provider

This plan generally allows the designation of a primary care provider. You have the right to designate any primary care provider who participates in the network and who is available

to accept you or your family members. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, access the website or call the phone number on your ID card.

### Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills

When you get emergency care or are treated by an out-of-network provider at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, you are protected from balance billing. In these situations, you should not be charged more than your plan's copayments, coinsurance, and/or deductible.

#### *What is "balance billing" (sometimes called "surprise billing")?*

When you see a doctor or other health care provider, you may owe certain out-of-pocket costs, such as a copayment, coinsurance, and/or deductible. You may have additional costs or have to pay the entire bill if you see a provider or visit a health care facility that is not in your health plan's network.

"Out-of-network" means providers and facilities that have not signed a contract with your health plan to provide services. Out-of-network providers may be allowed to bill you for the difference between what your plan pays and the full amount charged for a service. This is called "**balance billing**". This amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your plan's deductible or annual out-of-pocket limit.

"Surprise billing" is an unexpected balance bill. This can happen when you cannot control who is involved in your care – such as when you have an emergency or when you schedule a visit at an in-network facility but are unexpectedly treated by an out-of-network provider. Surprise medical bills could cost thousands of dollars depending on the procedure or service.

#### *You are protected from balance billing for:*

- **Emergency services** – If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from an out-of-network provider or facility, the most they can bill you is your plan's in-network cost-sharing amount (such as a copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles). You cannot be balanced billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you are in stable condition, unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balanced billed for these post-stabilization services.
- **Certain non-emergency services at an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center** – When you get services from an in-network hospital or ambulatory surgical center, certain providers there may be out-of-network. In these cases, the most those providers can bill you is your plan's in-network cost sharing amount. This applies to emergency medicine, anesthesia, pathology, radiology,

laboratory, neonatology, assistant surgeon, hospitalist, or intensivist services. These providers **cannot** balance bill you and may **not** ask you to give up your protections not to be balanced billed.

If you get other types of services at these in-network facilities, out-of-network providers **cannot** balance bill you, unless you give written consent and give up your protections.

**You are never required to give up your protections from balance billing. You also are not required to get out-of-network care. You can choose a provider or facility in your plan's network.**

**When balance billing is not allowed, you have these protections:**

- You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (such as copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles that you would pay if the provider were in-network). Your health plan will pay any additional costs to out-of-network providers and facilities directly.
- Generally, your health plan must:
  - Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval in advance for services (also known as prior authorization).
  - Cover emergency services provided by out-of-network providers.
  - Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost sharing) on what it would pay an in-network provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits (EOB).
  - Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your in-network deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

**If you think you have been wrongly billed,** contact Cigna at the phone number on your ID card. You can also contact No Surprises Help Desk at 1-800-985-3059 or <http://www.cms.gov/nosurprises> for more information about your rights under federal law.

### **Important Notice Regarding Cancellation of Coverage**

This notice is to advise you that you have the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation of your coverage under this plan.

#### **Designation of Third Party to Receive Notice**

If you would like to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation of your coverage, you can call Member Services at 1-800-244-6224 or the phone number shown on your ID card. Member Services will send to you a "Third Party Notice Request Form," which you should complete and return to your Employer or Plan Administrator, as appropriate.

You also have the right to change the person or party you have designated to receive notice of cancellation of your coverage. A request to change designation should be made in writing to your Employer or Third-Party Administrator.

### **Right to Reinstatement for Insureds with Cognitive Impairment or Functional Incapacity**

Should your coverage be cancelled, you have the right to have your coverage reinstated if:

- you suffer from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity; and
- the reason your coverage cancelled was because you did not pay your premium or because of another lapse or default on your part.

### **Notice – Family Medical Leave**

Your health insurance will be continued according to the terms of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 during a leave of absence granted to care for a sibling in the event of death or serious health condition. "Sibling" means a sibling of the Employee who is jointly responsible with the Employee for one another's common welfare as evidence by joint living arrangements and joint financial arrangements.

### **Important Notice Regarding Prescription Drug Coverage**

If you have been undergoing a course of treatment with a prescription drug by prior authorization of a carrier, and your coverage with that carrier is replaced with coverage by Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (Cigna), Cigna has the right to request a review with your prescribing provider.

Cigna will honor the previous carrier's prior authorization for that prescription drug for a period not to exceed six months, if your provider participates in the review and requests that the prior authorization be continued.

The prescription must be for a condition or service that is covered by Cigna. Coverage is subject to the copayments and/or coinsurance requirements of the Cigna plan.

### **Cigna Physician Designations**

**PLEASE NOTE: Provider performance ratings should only be used as a guide for choosing a provider. You should consult your current provider before making a decision about your health care based on a provider rating.**

Our goal is to provide you with helpful information and access to affordable health services. One way we do this is by collecting and comparing claim and other information. With it, we can assess the quality and cost of care delivered by primary care doctors and specialists.

We identify doctors meeting health industry standards, such as board certification or completion of quality programs. Other information shows how individual doctors treat specific health

conditions and how that treatment compares with national medical standards and care delivered by similar, local doctors.

Primary care doctors and specialists who meet defined measures and criteria receive our Physician Quality and Cost Efficiency Designation. Doctors who practice one of 21 specialties, live in specific parts of the country, and also meet cost and quality criteria, may receive our Cigna Care Designation.

We don't change the way we pay doctors based on these designations. We developed them to help you choose the doctors who best meet your needs. We encourage you to consider this information but please consult other sources as well, including doctors who are treating you.

This is important because we base our assessments only on information we can collect, so we don't have a complete picture of a doctor's practice. In some cases, we don't have enough information for an assessment and there is some room for error in all data analysis.

#### **Notice Regarding Changes in Premium Rates**

Any premium rate may be changed by the Insurance Company from time to time with at least 60 days advance written notice. No such change will be made until 12 months after the Effective Date. An increase will not be made more often than once in a 12-month period. If an increase in premium rates takes place on a date that is not a Premium Due Date, a pro rata premium will be due on the date of the increase. The pro rata premium will apply for the increase from the date of the increase to the next Premium Due Date. If a decrease in premium rates takes place on a date that is not a Premium Due Date, a pro rata credit will be granted. The pro rata credit will apply for the decrease from the date of the decrease to the next Premium Due Date.

#### **Notice Regarding Comparable Health Care Services**

You have the ability to obtain estimated costs for any "Comparable Health Care Services" based on a description of the service or the applicable standard medical codes or current procedural codes used by the American Medical Association. This is available by visiting [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) or calling the toll-free number on your ID card. Comparable Health Care Services are: (1) Physical and Occupational Therapy services; (2) Radiology and imaging services; (3) Laboratory services; and (4) Infusion therapy services.

#### **Coverage for Certain Out-of-Network Non-Emergency Services**

If you elect to have a Comparable Health Care Service from an Out-of-Network provider whose price for the service is the same or less than the Maine statewide average for the same service based on information in the Maine Health Data Organization's (MHDO) website [www.comparemaine.org](http://www.comparemaine.org), the carrier Cigna will cover the service at the provider's charge. Upon request by you, the carrier must also apply the payments

made by you for that service to your In-Network Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket maximum as specified in your health plan, as if the services were rendered by an In-Network provider. The services eligible for reimbursement on this basis include: (1) Physical and Occupational Therapy services; (2) Radiology and imaging services; (3) Laboratory services; and (4) Infusion therapy services rendered in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or Maine by a provider enrolled in the MaineCare program and participating in Medicare.

## **How To File Your Claim**

There's no paperwork for In-Network care. Just show your identification card and pay your share of the cost, if any; your provider will submit a claim to Cigna for reimbursement. Out-of-Network claims can be submitted by the provider if the provider is able and willing to file on your behalf. If the provider is not submitting on your behalf, you must send your completed claim form and itemized bills to the claims address listed on the claim form.

You may get the required claim forms from the website listed on your identification card or by calling Member Services at 1-800-244-6224 or by using the toll-free number on your identification card.

#### **CLAIM REMINDERS**

- BE SURE TO USE YOUR MEMBER ID AND ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER WHEN YOU FILE CIGNA'S CLAIM FORMS, OR WHEN YOU CALL 1-800-244-6224 OR YOUR CIGNA CLAIM OFFICE.  
YOUR MEMBER ID IS THE ID SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.  
YOUR ACCOUNT/GROUP NUMBER IS SHOWN ON YOUR BENEFIT IDENTIFICATION CARD.
- BE SURE TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS LISTED ON THE BACK OF THE CLAIM FORM CAREFULLY WHEN SUBMITTING A CLAIM TO CIGNA.

#### **Timely Filing of Out-of-Network Claims**

Cigna will consider claims for coverage under our plans when proof of loss (a claim) is submitted within 180 days for Out-of-Network benefits after services are rendered. If services are rendered on consecutive days, such as for a Hospital Confinement, the limit will be counted from the last date of service. If claims are not submitted within 180 days, for Out-of-Network benefits, the claim will not be considered valid and will be denied, unless it is shown that it was not reasonably possible to submit the claim during that time period, and the claim is submitted as soon as reasonably possible.

**WARNING:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an

application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information; or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any material fact thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act.

## Eligibility - Effective Date

### Employee Insurance

This plan is offered to you as an Employee.

#### Eligibility for Employee Insurance

You will become eligible for insurance on the day you complete the waiting period if:

- you are in a Class of Eligible Employees; and
- you are an eligible, full-time Employee; and
- you normally work at least 20 hours a week; and
- you pay any required contribution.

If you were previously insured and your insurance ceased, you must satisfy the New Employee Group Waiting Period to become insured again. If your insurance ceased because you were no longer employed in a Class of Eligible Employees, you are not required to satisfy any waiting period if you again become a member of a Class of Eligible Employees within one year after your insurance ceased.

**Initial Employee Group:** You are in the Initial Employee Group if you are employed in a class of employees on the date that class of employees becomes a Class of Eligible Employees as determined by your Employer.

**New Employee Group:** You are in the New Employee Group if you are not in the Initial Employee Group.

#### Eligibility for Dependent Insurance

You will become eligible for Dependent Insurance on the later of:

- the day you become eligible for yourself; or
- the day you acquire your first Dependent.

### Waiting Period

**Initial Employee Group:** None.

**New Employee Group:** The first day of the month following 60 days from date of hire.

#### Classes of Eligible Employees

Each Employee as reported to the insurance company by your Employer.

### Effective Date of Employee Insurance

You will become insured on the date you elect the insurance by signing an approved payroll deduction or enrollment form, as applicable, but no earlier than the date you become eligible.

You will become insured on your first day of eligibility, following your election, if you are in Active Service on that date, or if you are not in Active Service on that date due to your health status.

#### Late Entrant - Employee

You are a Late Entrant if:

- you elect the insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

### Dependent Insurance

For your Dependents to be insured, you will have to pay the required contribution, if any, toward the cost of Dependent Insurance.

#### Effective Date of Dependent Insurance

Insurance for your Dependents will become effective on the date you elect it by signing an approved payroll deduction form (if required), but no earlier than the day you become eligible for Dependent Insurance. All of your Dependents as defined will be included.

For your Dependents to be insured for these benefits, you must elect the Dependent Insurance for yourself no later than 30 days after you become eligible.

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.

#### Late Entrant – Dependent

You are a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance if:

- you elect that insurance more than 30 days after you become eligible for it; or
- you again elect it after you cancel your payroll deduction (if required).

#### Acquiring a new Dependent

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, custody order or if your Dependent lost eligibility for other coverage, you may request special enrollment. The special enrollment request must be received within 30 days after the occurrence of the special enrollment event. Dependents enrolled due to a special enrollment event will not be considered Late Entrants. If the special enrollment event is the birth or adoption of a Dependent child, coverage will be effective immediately on the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. If the special enrollment event is due to a change in custody of a child coverage will be effective as of the date of the order and

coverage as the result of marriage will be effective no later than the first day of the first calendar month following receipt of the request for special enrollment.

#### **Exception for Newborns**

Any Dependent child born while you are insured will become insured on the date of his birth if you elect Dependent Insurance no later than 31 days after his birth. If you do not elect to insure your newborn child within such 31 days, coverage for that child will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day. No benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> day will be payable.

#### **Exception for Newborn Grandchildren**

Any child born to your Dependent child while you are insured for Medical Insurance will be covered for the first 31 days of his life. Coverage for such child will not continue beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> day and no benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31<sup>st</sup> day will be payable.

## **Important Information About Your Medical Plan**

Details of your medical benefits are described on the following pages.

#### **Opportunity to Select a Primary Care Physician**

This medical plan does not require that you select a Primary Care Physician or obtain a referral from a Primary Care Physician in order to receive all benefits available to you under this medical plan. Notwithstanding, a Primary Care Physician may serve an important role in meeting your health care needs by providing or arranging for medical care for you and your Dependents. For this reason, we encourage the use of Primary Care Physicians and provide you with the opportunity to select a Primary Care Physician from a list provided by Cigna for yourself and your Dependents. If you choose to select a Primary Care Physician, the Primary Care Physician you select for yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician you select for each of your Dependents. If you need assistance selecting your Primary Care Physician, please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or call the number on the back of your ID Card.

The Primary Care Physician's role is to provide or arrange for medical care for you and any of your Dependents.

You and your Dependents are allowed direct access to Participating Physicians for covered services. Even if you select a Primary Care Physician, there is no requirement to obtain an authorization of care from your Primary Care Physician for visits to the Participating Physician of your choice, including Participating Specialist Physicians, for covered services.

#### **Changing Primary Care Physicians**

You may request a transfer from one Primary Care Physician to another by visiting our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or calling the number on the back of your ID Card. Any such transfer will be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the processing of the change request is completed.

In addition, if at any time a Primary Care Physician ceases to be a Participating Provider, you or your Dependent will be notified for the purpose of selecting a new Primary Care Physician, if you choose.

#### **Direct Access For Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services**

You are allowed direct access to a licensed/certified Participating Provider for covered Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. There is no requirement to obtain an authorization of care from your Primary Care Physician for individual or group therapy visits to the Participating Provider of your choice for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder.

<b>Open Access Plus Medical Benefits The Schedule</b>
<b>For You and Your Dependents</b>
<p>Open Access Plus Medical Benefits provide coverage for care In-Network and Out-of-Network. To receive Open Access Plus Medical Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a portion of the Covered Expenses for services and supplies. That portion is the Deductible or Coinsurance.</p> <p>If you are unable to locate an In-Network Provider in your area who can provide you with a service or supply that is covered under this plan, you must call the number on the back of your I.D. card to obtain authorization for Out-of-Network Provider coverage. If you obtain authorization for services provided by an Out-of-Network Provider, benefits for those services will be covered at the In-Network benefit level.</p>
<p><b>Coinsurance</b></p> <p>The term Coinsurance means the percentage of Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the plan in addition to the Deductible, if any.</p> <p><b>Deductibles</b></p> <p>Deductibles are Covered Expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent before benefits are payable under this plan. Deductibles are in addition to any Coinsurance. Once the Deductible maximum in The Schedule has been reached, you and your family need not satisfy any further medical deductible for the rest of that year.</p>
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses - For In-Network Charges Only</b></p> <p>Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan because of any Deductibles or Coinsurance. Such Covered Expenses accumulate to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum is reached, all Covered Expenses, except charges for non-compliance penalties, are payable by the benefit plan at 100%.</p>
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses - For Out-of-Network Charges Only</b></p> <p>Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan. The following Expenses contribute to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum, and when the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached, they are payable by the benefit plan at 100%:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coinsurance.</li> <li>• Plan Deductible.</li> </ul> <p>The following Out-of-Pocket Expenses and charges do not contribute to the Out-of-Pocket Maximum, and they are not payable by the benefit plan at 100% when the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-compliance penalties.</li> <li>• Any benefit deductibles.</li> <li>• Provider charges in excess of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accumulation of Plan Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximums</b></p> <p>Deductibles and Out-of-Pocket Maximums will cross-accumulate (that is, In-Network will accumulate to Out-of-Network and Out-of-Network will accumulate to In-Network). All other plan maximums and service-specific maximums (dollar and occurrence) also cross-accumulate between In- and Out-of-Network unless otherwise noted.</p>



## Open Access Plus Medical Benefits

### The Schedule

**Note:**

For information about your health fund benefit and how it can help you pay for expenses that may not be covered under this plan, refer to “What You Should Know about Cigna Choice Fund”.

**Multiple Surgical Reduction**

Multiple surgeries performed during one operating session result in payment reduction of 50% to the surgery of lesser charge. The most expensive procedure is paid as any other surgery.

**Assistant Surgeon and Co-Surgeon Charges**

**Assistant Surgeon**

The maximum amount payable will be limited to charges made by an assistant surgeon that do not exceed a percentage of the surgeon’s allowable charge as specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies. (For purposes of this limitation, allowable charge means the amount payable to the surgeon prior to any reductions due to coinsurance or deductible amounts.)

**Co-Surgeon**

The maximum amount payable for charges made by co-surgeons will be limited to the amount specified in Cigna Reimbursement Policies.

**Out-of-Network Charges for Certain Services**

Charges for services furnished by an Out-of-Network provider in an In-Network facility while you are receiving In-Network services at that In-Network facility: (i) are payable at the In-Network cost-sharing level; and (ii) the allowable amount used to determine the Plan's benefit payment is the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna, or as required by applicable state or Federal law.

The member is responsible for applicable In-Network cost-sharing amounts (any deductible, copay or coinsurance). The member is not responsible for any charges that may be made in excess of the allowable amount. If the Out-of-Network provider bills you for an amount higher than the amount you owe as indicated on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB), contact Cigna Customer Service at the phone number on your ID card.

**Out-of-Network Emergency Services Charges**

1. Emergency Services are covered at the In-Network cost-sharing level if services are received from a non-Participating (Out-of-Network) provider.
2. The allowable amount used to determine the Plan's benefit payment for covered Emergency Services rendered in an Out-of-Network Hospital, or by an Out-of-Network provider in an In-Network Hospital, is the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna, or as required by applicable state or Federal law.
3. The allowable amount used to determine the Plan’s benefit payment when Out-of-Network Emergency Services result in an inpatient admission is the median amount negotiated with In-Network facilities.

The member is responsible for applicable In-Network cost-sharing amounts (any deductible, copay or coinsurance). The member is not responsible for any charges that may be made in excess of the allowable amount, except as described in the Surprise bill provision. If the Out-of-Network provider bills you for an amount higher than the amount you owe as indicated on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB), contact Cigna Customer Service at the phone number on your ID card.

Emergency Ambulance Services are covered at the In-Network cost-sharing level if services are received from a non-Participating (Out-of-Network) Provider.

An Emergency Services provider may request dispute resolution pursuant to a Maine law, if the provider and Cigna cannot agree on an allowable amount.

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**Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services Charges**

1. Covered air ambulance services are payable at the In-Network cost-sharing level if services are received from a non-Participating (Out-of-Network) provider.
2. The allowable amount used to determine the Plan's benefit payment for covered air ambulance services rendered by an Out-of-Network provider is the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna, or as required by applicable state or Federal law.

The member is responsible for applicable In-Network cost-sharing amounts (any deductible, copay or coinsurance). The member is not responsible for any charges that may be made in excess of the allowable amount. If the Out-of-Network provider bills you for an amount higher than the amount you owe as indicated on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB), contact Cigna Customer Service at the phone number on your ID card.

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	Unlimited	
<b>The Percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan Pays</b>	90%	70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Maximum Reimbursable Charge</b></p> <p>The Maximum Reimbursable Charge for Out-of-Network services other than those described in The Schedule sections Out-of-Network Charges for Certain Services and Out-of-Network Emergency Services Charges and Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services Charges is determined based on the lesser of the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply;</p> <p>or the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna, or a policyholder-selected percentage of a fee schedule Cigna has developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable reimbursement for the same or similar services within the geographic market. In some cases, a Medicare based schedule will not be used and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply; or</li> <li>• the 80th percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna. If sufficient charge data is unavailable in the database for that geographic area to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge, then data in the database for similar services may be used.</li> </ul>	<p>Not Applicable</p>	<p>200%</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Calendar Year Deductible</b></p> <p>Individual Family Maximum Family Maximum Calculation</p> <p><b>Individual Calculation:</b> Family members meet only their individual deductible and then their claims will be covered under the plan coinsurance; if the family deductible has been met prior to their individual deductible being met, their claims will be paid at the plan coinsurance.</p>	<p>\$3,200 per person \$6,400 per family</p>	<p>\$3,200 per person \$6,400 per family</p>
<p><b>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Calendar Year Deductible</b></p> <p>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Deductible: includes retail and home delivery drugs Home Delivery Pharmacy Costs Contribute to the Combined Medical/Pharmacy Deductible</p>	<p>Yes Yes</p>	<p>Yes In-Network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p> <p>Individual Family Maximum Family Maximum Calculation</p> <p><b>Individual Calculation:</b> Family members meet only their individual Out-of-Pocket and then their claims will be covered at 100%; if the family Out-of-Pocket has been met prior to their individual Out-of-Pocket being met, their claims will be paid at 100%.</p>	<p>\$3,200 per person \$6,400 per family</p>	<p>\$6,400 per person \$12,800 per family</p>
<p><b>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p> <p>Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket: includes retail and home delivery drugs Home Delivery Pharmacy Costs Contribute to the Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximum</p>	<p>Yes Yes</p>	<p>Yes In-Network coverage only</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Physician's Services</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Consultant and Referral Physician's Services</p> <p><b>Note:</b> OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with Cigna on an In-Network basis. Out-of-Network OB/GYN providers will be considered a Specialist.</p> <p>Surgery Performed in the Physician's Office</p> <p>Primary Care Physician</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician</p> <p>Second Opinion Consultations (provided on a voluntary basis)</p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Allergy Treatment/Injections</p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Allergy Serum (dispensed by the Physician in the office)</p> <p>Primary Care Physician</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 100% for the first visit each year</p> <p>Subsequent visits will be paid as follows: Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
Specialty Care Physician	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Convenience Care Clinic</b> (includes any related lab and x-ray services and surgery)	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<p><b>Virtual Care</b></p> <p><b>Dedicated Virtual Providers</b>            Dedicated virtual care services may be provided by MDLIVE, a Cigna affiliate.</p> <p>Services available through contracted virtual providers as medically appropriate.</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Care cost share applies to routine care. Virtual wellness screenings are payable under preventive care.</li> <li>• MDLIVE Behavioral Services, please refer to the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder section (below).</li> <li>• Lab services supporting a virtual visit must be obtained through dedicated labs.</li> </ul> <p><b>MDLIVE Urgent Care Services</b></p> <p><b>MDLIVE Primary Care Services</b></p> <p><b>MDLIVE Specialty Care Services</b></p> <p><b>Virtual Physician Services</b>            Services available through Physicians as medically appropriate.</p> <p><b>Note:</b>            Physicians may deliver services virtually that are payable under other benefits (e.g., Preventive Care, Outpatient Therapy Services).</p> <p>Primary Care Physician Virtual Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician Virtual Office Visit</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>In-Network coverage only</p> <p>In-Network coverage only</p> <p>In-Network coverage only</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Preventive Care</b></p> <p>Preventive services are covered without cost sharing as provided in state law, but services related to a specific health concern, condition or injury may be separately billed as an office visit and may be subject to cost-sharing requirements as provided in the health plan.</p>		
<p>Routine Preventive Care - all ages</p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Immunizations - all ages</p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Covid-19 screening, testing and vaccinations</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear</b></p> <p>Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. "routine" services)</p> <p>Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. "non-routine" services)</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>Subject to the plan's x-ray benefit &amp; lab benefit; based on place of service</p>	<p>Subject to the plan's x-ray benefit &amp; lab benefit; based on place of service</p> <p>Subject to the plan's x-ray benefit &amp; lab benefit; based on place of service</p>
<p><b>Women's Surgical Sterilization Procedures (e.g. tubal ligation)</b></p> <p>Excludes reversals</p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p> <p>100%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Inpatient Hospital – Facility Services</b>  Semi-Private Room and Board  Private Room  Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)	Plan deductible, then 90%  Limited to the semi-private room negotiated rate  Limited to the semi-private room negotiated rate  Limited to the negotiated rate	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge  Limited to the semi-private room rate  Limited to the semi-private room rate  Limited to the ICU/CCU daily room rate
<b>Outpatient Facility Services</b>  Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Inpatient Hospital Physician’s Visits/Consultations</b>	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Inpatient Professional Services</b>  Surgeon Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Outpatient Professional Services</b>  Surgeon Radiologist, Pathologist, Anesthesiologist	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Urgent Care Services</b>  Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility Includes Outpatient Professional Services, X-ray and/or Lab services performed at the Urgent Care Facility and billed by the facility as part of the UC visit.  Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.) billed by the facility as part of the UC visit	Plan deductible, then 90%      Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 90% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge      Plan deductible, then 90% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Emergency Services</b></p> <p>Hospital Emergency Room Includes Outpatient Professional Services, X-ray and/or Lab services performed at the Emergency Room and billed by the facility as part of the ER visit.</p> <p>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.) billed by the facility as part of the ER visit</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>
<p><b>Air Ambulance</b></p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>
<p><b>Ambulance</b></p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities</b></p> <p>Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: 150 days combined</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Laboratory Services</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Outpatient Hospital Facility</p> <p>Independent Lab Facility</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Radiology Services</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Outpatient Hospital Facility</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans)</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Therapy Services and Chiropractic Services</b></p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p>Includes: Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Pulmonary Rehab Cognitive Therapy Chiropractic Therapy (includes Chiropractors)</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation</b></p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: 36 days</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Acupuncture</b></p> <p>Self-referred, Medically Necessary treatment of pain or disease by acupuncture provided on an outpatient basis, limited to a 20 day maximum per person per Calendar Year</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Home Health Care Services</b></p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as Medically Necessary)</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Hospice</b></p> <p>Inpatient Services</p> <p>Outpatient Services</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Bereavement Counseling</b></p> <p>Services provided as part of Hospice Care</p> <p>Inpatient</p> <p>Outpatient</p> <p>Services provided by Mental Health Professional</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Covered under Mental Health benefit</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Covered under Mental Health benefit</p>
<p><b>Medical Pharmaceuticals</b></p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Cigna Pathwell Specialty Medical Pharmaceuticals</p> <p>Other Medical Pharmaceuticals</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network provider: Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Gene Therapy</b></p> <p>Includes prior authorized gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration, when Medically Necessary.</p> <p>Gene therapy must be received at an In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna to provide the specific gene therapy. Gene therapy at other In-Network facilities is not covered.</p> <p>Gene Therapy Product</p> <p>Inpatient Hospital Facility Services</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per episode of gene therapy</p>	<p>Covered same as Medical Pharmaceuticals</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100% (available only for travel when prior authorized to receive gene therapy at a participating In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna to provide the specific gene therapy)</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>In-Network coverage only</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Advanced Cellular Therapy</b> Includes prior authorized advanced cellular therapy products and related services when Medically Necessary.</p> <p>Advanced Cellular Therapy Product</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Advanced Cellular Therapy Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per episode of advanced cellular therapy (Available only for travel when prior authorized to receive advanced cellular therapy from a provider located more than 60 miles of your primary residence and is contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services.)</p>	<p>Covered Same as Medical Pharmaceuticals</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>In-Network coverage only</p>

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<p><b>Maternity Care Services</b></p> <p>Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy</p> <p><b>Note:</b> OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with Cigna on an In-Network basis. Out-of-Network OB/GYN providers will be considered a Specialist.</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician’s Delivery Charges (i.e. global maternity fee)</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN or Specialist</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Delivery - Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

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<p><b>Abortion</b> Includes elective and non-elective procedures</p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

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<p><b>Infertility Services</b></p> <p>Coverage will be provided for the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing and treatment services performed in connection with an underlying medical condition.</li> <li>• Testing performed specifically to determine the cause of infertility.</li> <li>• Treatment and/or procedures performed specifically to restore fertility (e.g. procedures to correct an infertility condition).</li> <li>• Artificial Insemination, In-vitro, GIFT, ZIFT, etc.</li> </ul>		
<p>Physician's Office Visit (Lab and Radiology Tests, Counseling)</p> <p>Primary Care Physician</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p>Includes all related services billed with an infertility diagnosis (i.e. x-ray or lab services billed by an independent facility).</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care</b> Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Lifetime Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per transplant</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100% at LifeSOURCE center, otherwise plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100% at LifeSOURCE center, otherwise plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100% (only available when using LifeSOURCE facility)</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 80% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 80% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 80% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge up to transplant maximum</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 80% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge up to specific organ transplant maximum: Heart - \$150,000 Liver - \$230,000 Bone Marrow - \$130,000 Heart/Lung - \$185,000 Lung - \$185,000 Pancreas - \$50,000 Kidney - \$80,000 Kidney/Pancreas - \$80,000</p> <p>100%</p>
<p><b>Durable Medical Equipment</b> Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Dialysis Services</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Outpatient Facility Services</p> <p>Home Setting</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>External Prosthetic Appliances</b> Arm and Leg Prosthetics Only Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 80% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<b>Wigs</b> Maximum: 1 wig per Lifetime	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 90% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>External Prosthetic Appliances</b> Except Arm and Leg Prosthetics Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 80% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Hearing Aid Maximum</b> One hearing aid for each hearing impaired ear every 36 months.		
<b>Diabetic Equipment</b> Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
<b>Nutritional Counseling</b> Calendar Year Maximum: 3 visits per person however, the 3 visit limit will not apply to treatment of diabetes and/or to mental health and substance use disorder conditions.		
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visit	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
Inpatient Facility	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
Outpatient Facility	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
Inpatient Professional Services	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge
Outpatient Professional Services	Plan deductible, then 90%	Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge

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<p><b>Genetic Counseling</b></p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: 3 visits per person for Genetic Counseling for both pre- and post-genetic testing; however, the 3 visit limit will not apply to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder conditions.</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Dental Care</b></p> <p>Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment for an Injury to teeth.</p> <p>Primary Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Professional Services</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>
<p><b>Routine Foot Disorders</b></p>	<p>Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.</p>	<p>Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK	OUT-OF-NETWORK
<p><b>Treatment Resulting From Life Threatening Emergencies</b></p> <p>Medical treatment required as a result of an emergency, such as a suicide attempt, will be considered a medical expense until the medical condition is stabilized. Once the medical condition is stabilized, whether the treatment will be characterized as either a medical expense or a mental health/substance use disorder expense will be determined by the utilization review Physician in accordance with the applicable mixed services claim guidelines.</p>		
<p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <p><b>Inpatient</b></p> <p>Includes Acute Inpatient and Residential Treatment</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p><b>Outpatient</b></p> <p>Outpatient - Office Visits</p> <p>Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy; medication management, virtual care, etc.</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p>Dedicated Virtual Providers MDLIVE Behavioral Services</p> <p>Outpatient - All Other Services</p> <p>Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, virtual care, etc.</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>          <p>Plan deductible, then 100% for the first visit each year</p> <p>Subsequent visits will be paid as follows: Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>          <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>          <p>In-Network coverage only</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

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<p><b>Substance Use Disorder</b></p> <p><b>Inpatient</b> Includes Acute Inpatient Detoxification, Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation and Residential Treatment</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p><b>Outpatient</b></p> <p>Outpatient - Office Visits</p> <p>Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy; medication management, virtual care, etc.</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p>Dedicated Virtual Providers MDLIVE Behavioral Services</p> <p>Outpatient - All Other Services</p> <p>Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, virtual care, etc.</p> <p>Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 100% for the first visit each year</p> <p>Subsequent visits will be paid as follows: Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 90%</p>	<p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p> <p>In-Network coverage only</p> <p>Plan deductible, then 70% of the Maximum Reimbursable Charge</p>

## Open Access Plus Medical Benefits

### Certification Requirements Out-of-Network

#### For You and Your Dependents

##### Pre-Admission Certification/Continued Stay Review for Hospital Confinement

Pre-Admission Certification (PAC) and Continued Stay Review (CSR) refer to the process used to certify the Medical Necessity and length of a Hospital Confinement when you or your Dependent require treatment in a Hospital:

- as a registered bed patient, except for 48/96 hour maternity stays;
- for Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Services.

You or your Dependent should request PAC prior to any non-emergency treatment in a Hospital described above. In the case of an emergency admission, you should contact the Review Organization within 48 hours after the admission. For an admission due to pregnancy, you should call 1-800-244-6224 or the Review Organization by the end of the third month of pregnancy. CSR should be requested, prior to the end of the certified length of stay, for continued Hospital Confinement.

Covered Expenses incurred will be reduced by 50% for Hospital charges made for each separate admission to the Hospital unless PAC is received: prior to the date of admission.

Covered Expenses incurred for which benefits would otherwise be payable under this plan for the charges listed below will not include:

- Hospital charges for Room and Board, for treatment listed above for which PAC was performed, which are made for any day in excess of the number of days certified through PAC or CSR; and
- any Hospital charges for treatment listed above for which PAC was requested, but which was not certified as Medically Necessary.

**Any reduction of Covered Expenses will not apply for failure to contact the Review Organization in the case of an emergency admission.**

PAC and CSR are performed through a utilization review program by a Review Organization with which Cigna has contracted.

In any case, those expenses incurred for which payment is excluded by the terms set forth above will not be considered as expenses incurred for the purpose of any other part of this plan, except for the "Coordination of Benefits" section.

### Outpatient Certification Requirements – Out-of-Network

Outpatient Certification refers to the process used to certify the Medical Necessity of outpatient diagnostic testing and outpatient procedures, including, but not limited to, those listed in this section when performed as an outpatient in a Free-Standing Surgical Facility, Other Health Care Facility or a Physician's office. You or your Dependent should call 1-800-244-6224 or the toll-free number on the back of your I.D. card prior to any outpatient diagnostic testing or outpatient procedures. Outpatient Certification is performed through a utilization review program by a Review Organization with which Cigna has contracted. Outpatient Certification should only be requested for non-emergency procedures or services, and should be requested by you or your Dependent at least four working days (Monday through Friday) prior to having the procedure performed or the service rendered.

Covered Expenses incurred will be reduced by 50% to a maximum of \$500 for charges made for any outpatient diagnostic testing or outpatient procedure performed unless Outpatient Certification is received prior to the date the testing or procedure is performed.

Covered Expenses incurred will not include expenses incurred for charges made for outpatient diagnostic testing or outpatient procedures for which Outpatient Certification was performed, but, which was not certified as Medically Necessary.

In any case, those expenses incurred for which payment is excluded by the terms set forth above will not be considered as expenses incurred for the purpose of any other part of this plan, except for the "Coordination of Benefits" section.

### Outpatient Diagnostic Testing and Outpatient Procedures

Including, but not limited to:

- Advanced radiological imaging – CT Scans, MRI, MRA or PET scans.
- Medical Pharmaceuticals.
- Radiation therapy.

### Prior Authorization/Pre-Authorized

The term Prior Authorization means the approval that a Participating Provider must receive from the Review Organization, prior to services being rendered, in order for certain services and benefits to be covered under this policy. For initial determinations, including all Pre-determination reviews, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will make the determination (whether adverse or not) and notify the covered person and his or her provider within 72 hours or 2 business days, whichever is less after obtaining all necessary information regarding a proposed admission, procedure or service requiring a review determination.

For urgent care determinations not involving concurrent review, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will make the determination (whether adverse or not) and notify the covered person as soon as possible, taking into account the medical exigencies, and not later than 24 hours after receiving all necessary information.

Cigna's designated utilization review entity will make a good faith effort to obtain all necessary information expeditiously, and is responsible for expeditious retrieval of necessary information in the possession of a person with whom Cigna contracts. Cigna's designated utilization review entity must comply with the state's notification requirements.

For concurrent review determinations, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will make the determination within 1 working day after obtaining all necessary information.

In the case of a determination to certify an extended stay or additional services, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will notify the covered person and the provider rendering the service within 1 working day. The written notification will include the number of extended days or next review date, the new total number of days or services approved, and the date of admission or initiation of services.

In the case of an adverse benefit determination, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will notify the covered person and the provider rendering the service within 1 working day. The service will be continued without liability to the covered person until the covered person has been notified of the determination.

For retrospective review decisions, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will make the decision within 30 days after receiving all necessary information.

In the case of a certification, Cigna's designated utilization review entity may notify in writing the covered person and the provider rendering the service.

In the case of an adverse health care treatment decision, Cigna's designated utilization review entity will, within 5 working days after making the adverse decision, notify in writing the provider rendering the service and the covered person. Cigna's designated utilization review entity will not without adequate written notice to the covered person prior to his or her receipt of previously authorized services render an adverse decision with regard to health care services authorized pursuant to prospective review, except where fraudulent or materially incorrect information was provided to Cigna at the time prior approval was granted, and the information was relied upon by Cigna in rendering its approval.

Prior authorization is not required for emergency Hospital admissions.

Services that require Prior Authorization include, but are not limited to:

- inpatient Hospital services, except for 48/96 hour maternity stays.
- inpatient services at any participating Other Health Care Facility.
- residential treatment.
- outpatient facility services.
- partial hospitalization.
- advanced radiological imaging.
- non-emergency Ambulance.
- certain Medical Pharmaceuticals.
- home health care services.
- radiation therapy.
- transplant services.

## Covered Expenses

The term Covered Expenses means expenses incurred by a person while covered under this plan for the charges listed below for:

- preventive care services; and
- services or supplies that are Medically Necessary for the care and treatment of an Injury or a Sickness, as determined by Cigna.

As determined by Cigna, Covered Expenses may also include all charges made by an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange, through contracts with providers of services and/or supplies, for the provision of any services and/or supplies listed below.

**Any applicable Copayments, Deductibles or limits are shown in The Schedule.**

### Covered Expenses

- charges for inpatient Room and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies made by a Hospital, subject to the limit as shown in The Schedule.
- charges for inpatient Room and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies made by an Other Health Care Facility, including a Skilled Nursing Facility, a Rehabilitation Hospital or a subacute facility as shown in The Schedule.
- charges for licensed Ambulance service to the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.
- charges for outpatient medical care and treatment received at a Hospital.

- charges for outpatient medical care and treatment at a Free-Standing Surgical Facility.
  - charges for Emergency Services.
  - charges for Urgent Care.
  - charges made by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
  - charges made by a Nurse for professional nursing service.
  - charges made for anesthetics, including, but not limited to supplies and their administration.
  - charges for diagnostic x-ray.
  - charges for advanced radiological imaging, including for example CT Scans, MRI, MRA and PET scans and laboratory examinations, x-ray, radiation therapy and radium and radioactive isotope treatment and other therapeutic radiological procedures.
  - charges for chemotherapy.
  - charges for blood transfusions.
  - charges for oxygen and other gases and their administration.
  - charges made for Medically Necessary foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease.
  - charges made for screening prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing and digital rectal examination.
  - charges made for a colorectal cancer screening for asymptomatic persons who are 50 years of age or older, or less than 50 years of age and at high risk for colorectal cancer according to the most recently published colorectal cancer screening guidelines of a national cancer society.
  - charges for cervical cancer (PAP) screening testing.
  - charges made for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
  - charges for men's family planning, counseling, testing and sterilization (e.g. vasectomies), excluding reversals.
  - abortion services.
  - charges made for preventive care services as defined by recommendations from the following:
    - the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (A and B recommendations);
    - the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunizations;
    - the American Academy of Pediatrics' Periodicity Schedule of the Bright Futures Recommendations for Pediatric Preventive Health Care;
    - the Uniform Panel of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children; and
  - with respect to women, evidence-informed preventive care and screening guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Detailed information is available at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). For additional information on immunizations, visit the immunization schedule section of [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).
- charges made for fluoride treatment and dental procedures that are Medically Necessary to reduce the risk of infection or eliminate infection or to treat tooth loss or decay for persons prior to beginning cancer treatment or that are the direct or indirect result of cancer treatment are covered. Cancer treatment includes chemotherapy, biological therapy or radiation therapy treatment.
  - charges for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine and screening and testing for COVID-19.
  - charges for anesthesia services and Hospital and facility services related to dental procedures, in order to safely and effectively perform the dental procedures if the insured: is exhibiting physical, intellectual or medically compromising conditions for which dental treatment under local anesthesia (with or without additional adjunctive techniques and modalities) cannot be expected to provide a successful result and for which dental treatment under general anesthesia can be expected to produce a superior result; is demonstrating dental treatment needs for which local anesthesia is ineffective because of acute infection, anatomic variation or allergy; is an extremely uncooperative, fearful, anxious or uncommunicative child or adolescent with dental needs of such magnitude that treatment should not be postponed or deferred, and for whom lack of treatment can be expected to result in dental or oral pain or infection, loss of teeth or other increased oral or dental morbidity; and has sustained extensive oral-facial or dental trauma for which treatment under local anesthesia would be ineffective or compromised.
  - charges made for hearing aids and associated exam for device testing and fitting, including but not limited to semi-implantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs). A hearing aid is any device that amplifies and delivers speech and other sounds at levels equivalent to that of normal speech and conversations.
  - charges made for treatment, including Day Treatment, of mental or nervous conditions that are caused by biological disorders, which includes: psychotic disorders, including schizophrenia; dissociative disorders; mood disorders; anxiety disorders; personality disorders; paraphilias; attention deficit and disruptive behavior disorders; pervasive developmental disorders; tic disorders; eating disorders, including bulimia and anorexia; and substance abuse-related disorders. The treatment of these illnesses is covered at the same level as other medical conditions. All



- other mental health services are covered subject to the Copayments and limitations as outlined in The Schedule.
- charges for inpatient coverage with respect to the treatment of breast cancer, for a period of time determined by the attending Physician, in consultation with you, to be medically appropriate following a mastectomy, lumpectomy or lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer.
  - charges for diabetic equipment and outpatient diabetic training through ambulatory diabetes training facilities authorized by the State's Diabetes Control Projects within the Bureau of Health.
  - charges for a drug prescribed for the treatment of cancer for a medically accepted indication, even if the drug has not been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for that indication. However, use of the drug must be a medically accepted indication for the treatment of cancer, in general. "Medically accepted indication" means another use of the drug if that use is supported by one or more citations in the standard reference compendia (the United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information or the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information) or the Plan, based on guidance from the federal Medicare program, determines such use is medically accepted based on supportive clinical evidence in peer-reviewed medical literature. Coverage includes Medically Necessary services given in connection with the administration of the drug.
  - charges for a drug prescribed for the treatment of HIV or AIDS, even if the drug has not been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for that indication, as long as the drug is recognized for the treatment of that indication in one of the standard reference compendia (the United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information or the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information) or in peer-reviewed medical literature. Coverage includes Medically Necessary services given in connection with the administration of the drug.
  - charges for laboratory testing expenses will be covered in full when recommended by a Physician for ongoing monitoring of HIV prevention drug treatment.
  - charges for treatment of autism spectrum disorders including physical, occupational and speech therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) when determined by a licensed Physician or licensed Psychologist to be Medically Necessary. (The licensed Physician or licensed Psychologist may be required to demonstrate ongoing Medical Necessity, at least annually, for continued coverage of such treatment.) Coverage includes any assessments, evaluations or tests by a licensed Physician or licensed Psychologist to diagnose an autism spectrum disorder.
  - charges for Children's Early Intervention Services. Children's Early Intervention Services are services provided

by licensed occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists or clinical social workers working with children from birth to 36 months of age with an identified development Disability or delay such as intellectual disabilities, hearing impairments (including deafness), speech or language impairments, visual impairments (including blindness), serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities.

- charges for routine newborn care required by state law are part of the mother's benefit. The mother and the newborn are treated as one person in calculating the Deductible, Coinsurance and Copayments for coverage.
- charges made for medical diagnostic services to determine the cause of erectile dysfunction. Penile implants are covered for an established medical condition that clearly is the cause of erectile dysfunction, such as postoperative prostatectomy and diabetes. Penile implants are not covered as treatment of psychogenic erectile dysfunction.
- Medically Necessary orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement.
- charges made for contraceptives, other than oral contraceptives. Refer to the Prescription Drug Benefits section for information regarding coverage on oral contraceptives.
- charges for laboratory fees up to \$150 arising from human leukocyte antigen testing performed to establish bone marrow transplantation suitability.
- charges for acupuncture.

#### **Convenience Care Clinic**

Convenience Care Clinics provide for common ailments and routine services, including but not limited to, strep throat, ear infections or pink eye, immunizations and flu shots.

#### **Virtual Care**

##### **Dedicated Virtual Providers**

Includes charges for the delivery of medical and health-related services, consultations, and remote monitoring by dedicated virtual providers as medically appropriate through audio, video, and secure internet-based technologies.

Includes charges for the delivery of mental health and substance use disorder-related services, consultations and remote monitoring by dedicated virtual providers as appropriate through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies.

##### **Virtual Physician Services**

Includes charges for the delivery of real-time medical and health-related services, consultations, and remote monitoring as medically appropriate through audio, video, and secure

internet-based technologies that are similar to office visit services provided in a face-to-face setting.

Includes charges for the delivery of real-time mental health and substance use disorder consultations and services, via secure telecommunications technologies that shall include video capability, telephone and internet, when such consultations and services are delivered by a behavioral provider and are similar to office visit services provided in a face-to-face setting.

### **Postpartum Care**

Charges for maternity benefits must provide coverage for 12 months following childbirth for postpartum care services. Postpartum care services and support must include coverage for development of a postpartum care plan including:

- contact with the patient within 3 weeks of the end of pregnancy;
- comprehensive postpartum visit, including full assessment of the patient's physical, social and psychological well-being; and
- treatment of complications of pregnancy and childbirth, including pelvic floor disorders and postpartum depression; assessment of risk factors for cardiovascular disease; and care related to pregnancy loss.

### **Nutritional Counseling**

Charges for nutritional counseling when diet is a part of the medical management of a medical or behavioral condition.

### **Enteral Nutrition**

Enteral Nutrition means medical foods that are specially formulated for enteral feedings or oral consumption.

Charges for metabolic formulas and special modified low-protein food products, when prescribed by a Physician, for a person with an inborn error of metabolism (e.g. disorders of amino acid or organic acid metabolism). Low protein food products do not include foods naturally low in protein. Coverage also includes charges for amino acid-based elemental infant formula for children two years of age and under, without regard to the method of delivery of the formula, when: a Physician has submitted documentation that the amino acid-based elemental infant formula is Medically Necessary; the amino acid-based elemental infant formula is the predominant source of nutritional intake at a rate of 50% or greater; and other commercial infant formulas, including cow milk-based and soy milk-based formulas, have been tried and have failed or are contraindicated. Coverage for amino acid-based elemental infant formula must be provided when a licensed Physician has diagnosed and through medical evaluation has documented one of the following conditions: symptomatic allergic colitis or proctitis; laboratory- or biopsy-proven allergic or eosinophilic gastroenteritis; a history of anaphylaxis; gastroesophageal reflux disease that is

nonresponsive to standard medical therapies; severe vomiting or diarrhea resulting in clinically significant dehydration requiring treatment by a medical provider; cystic fibrosis; or malabsorption of cow milk-based or soy milk-based infant formula.

### **Internal Prosthetic/Medical Appliances**

Charges for internal prosthetic/medical appliances that provide permanent or temporary internal functional supports for nonfunctional body parts are covered. Medically Necessary repair, maintenance or replacement of a covered appliance is also covered.

### **Home Health Care Services**

Charges for skilled care provided by certain health care providers during a visit to the home, when the home is determined to be a medically appropriate setting for the services. A visit is defined as a period of 2 hours or less. Home Health Care Services are subject to a maximum of 16 hours in total per day.

Home Health Care Services are covered when skilled care is required under any of the following conditions:

- the required skilled care cannot be obtained in an outpatient facility.
- confinement in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility is not required.
- the patient's home is determined to be the most medically appropriate place to receive specific services.

Home Health Care Services include:

- visits by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse to carry out treatments prescribed, or supportive nursing care and observation as indicated;
- a Physician's home or office visits or both;
- visits by a registered physical, speech, occupational, inhalation or dietary therapist for services or for evaluation of, consultation with and instruction of nurses in carrying out such therapy prescribed by the attending Physician, or both;
- any prescribed laboratory tests and x-ray examination using Hospital or community facilities, drugs, dressings, oxygen or medical appliances and equipment as prescribed by a Physician, but only to the extent that such charges would have been covered under the contract if the covered person had remained in the Hospital; and
- visits by persons who have completed a home health aide training course under the supervision of a registered nurse for the purpose of giving personal care to the patient and performing light household tasks as required by the plan of care, but not including services.

Physical, occupational, and other Outpatient Therapy Services covered under Home Health Care visits do not accumulate to Outpatient Therapy Service benefit limits.

The following are excluded from coverage:

- services provided by a person who is a member of the patient's family, even when that person is a health care provider.
- services provided by a person who normally resides in the patient's house, even when that person is a health care provider.
- non-skilled care, Custodial Services, and assistance in the activities of daily living, including but not limited to eating, bathing, dressing or other services; self-care activities; homemaker services; and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.

Home Health Care Services, for a patient who is dependent upon others for non-skilled care and/or Custodial Services, is provided only when there is a family member or caregiver present in the home at the time of the health care visit to provide the non-skilled care and/or Custodial Services.

### Hospice Care Services

Charges for services for a person diagnosed with advanced Illness (having a life expectancy of twelve or fewer months). Services provided by a Hospice Care Program are available to those who have ceased treatment and to those continuing to receive curative treatment and therapies.

A Hospice Care Program rendered by a Hospice Facility or Hospital includes services:

- by a Hospice Facility for Room and Board and Services and Supplies;
- by a Hospice Facility for services provided on an outpatient basis;
- by a Physician for professional services;
- by a Psychologist, social worker, family counselor or ordained minister for individual and family counseling;
- for pain relief treatment, including drugs, medicines and medical supplies.

A Hospice Care Program rendered by an Other Health Care Facility or in the Home includes services:

- part-time or intermittent nursing care by or under the supervision of a Nurse;
- part-time or intermittent services of an Other Health Professional;
- physical, occupational and speech therapy;
- respite care;
- medical supplies;

- drugs and medicines lawfully dispensed only on the written prescription of a Physician;
- laboratory services;
- but only to the extent such charges would have been payable under the policy if the person had remained or been Confined in a Hospital or Hospice Facility.

The following charges for Hospice Care Services are not included as Covered Expenses:

- services of a person who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family or who normally resides in your house or your Dependent's house;
- services for any period when you or your Dependent is not under the care of a Physician;
- services or supplies not listed in the Hospice Care Program;
- to the extent that any other benefits are payable for those expenses under the policy;
- services or supplies that are primarily to aid you or your Dependent in daily living.

### Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

**Mental Health Services** are services that are required to treat a disorder that impairs the behavior, emotional reaction or thought processes. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to Mental Health will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Mental Health.

**Substance Use Disorder** is defined as the psychological or physical dependence on alcohol or other mind-altering drugs that requires diagnosis, care, and treatment. In determining benefits payable, charges made for the treatment of any physiological conditions related to rehabilitation services for alcohol or drug abuse or addiction will not be considered to be charges made for treatment of Substance Use Disorder.

We will not deny treatment for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services that use Evidence-Based Practices and are determined to be Medically Necessary health care.

### Inpatient Mental Health Services

Services that are provided by a Hospital while you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital for the treatment and evaluation of Mental Health. Inpatient Mental Health Services include Mental Health Residential Treatment Services.

**Mental Health Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Mental Health conditions.

**Mental Health Residential Treatment Center** means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Mental Health

conditions; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Mental Health Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

### **Outpatient Mental Health Services**

Services of Providers who are qualified to treat Mental Health when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, and is provided in an individual, group or Mental Health Partial Hospitalization or Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program. Covered services include, but are not limited to, outpatient treatment of conditions such as: anxiety or depression which interfere with daily functioning; emotional adjustment or concerns related to chronic conditions, such as psychosis or depression; emotional reactions associated with marital problems or divorce; child/adolescent problems of conduct or poor impulse control; affective disorders; suicidal or homicidal threats or acts; eating disorders; or acute exacerbation of chronic Mental Health conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention) and outpatient testing and assessment.

Mental Health Partial Hospitalization Services are rendered not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period by a certified/licensed Mental Health program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

A Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Mental Health program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate, legally authorized agency. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine or more hours in a week.

### **Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for rehabilitation, while you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital, when required for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Services include Residential Treatment services.

**Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital for the evaluation and treatment of the psychological and social functional disturbances that are a result of subacute Substance Use Disorder conditions.

**Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center** means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Substance Use Disorder; provides a subacute, structured, psychotherapeutic treatment program, under the supervision of Physicians; provides 24-hour care, in which a person lives in an open setting; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency as a residential treatment center.

A person is considered confined in a Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

### **Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Services**

Services provided for the diagnosis and treatment of abuse or addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, while you or your Dependent is not Confined in a Hospital, including outpatient rehabilitation in an individual, or a Substance Use Disorder Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program.

Substance Use Disorder Partial Hospitalization services are rendered not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period by a certified/licensed Substance Use Disorder program in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

A Substance Use Disorder Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Substance Use Disorder program. Intensive Outpatient Therapy Programs provide a combination of individual, family and/or group therapy in a day, totaling nine, or more hours in a week.

### **Substance Use Disorder Detoxification Services**

Detoxification and related medical ancillary services are provided when required for the diagnosis and treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. The Insurance Company will decide, based on the Medical Necessity of each situation, whether such services will be provided in an inpatient or outpatient setting.

### **Exclusions**

The following are specifically excluded from Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services:

- Geriatric day care, occupational and recreational therapy for age-related cognitive decline.
- Special education, including but not limited to school tuition.
- counseling for activities of an educational reason, IQ testing or other testing (including psychological testing on children requested by or for a school system).
- counseling for occupational problems.
- counseling related to consciousness raising.

- vocational or religious counseling.

### Durable Medical Equipment

- charges made for purchase or rental of Durable Medical Equipment that is ordered or prescribed by a Physician and provided by a vendor approved by Cigna for use outside a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility. Coverage for repair, replacement or duplicate equipment is provided only when required due to anatomical change and/or reasonable wear and tear. All maintenance and repairs that result from a person's misuse are the person's responsibility.

Durable Medical Equipment is defined as items which are designed for and able to withstand repeated use by more than one person; customarily serve a medical purpose; generally are not useful in the absence of Injury or Sickness; are appropriate for use in the home; and are not disposable. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, crutches, hospital beds, ventilators, insulin pumps and wheel chairs.

Durable Medical Equipment items that are not covered include but are not limited to those that are listed below:

- **Bed Related Items:** bed trays, over the bed tables, bed wedges, pillows, custom bedroom equipment, mattresses, including non-power mattresses, custom mattresses and posturepedic mattresses.
- **Bath Related Items:** bath lifts, non-portable whirlpools, bathtub rails, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bath benches, bath stools, hand held showers, paraffin baths, bath mats, and spas.
- **Fixtures to Real Property:** ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps.
- **Car/Van Modifications.**
- **Air Quality Items:** room humidifiers, vaporizers and air purifiers.
- **Other Equipment:** centrifuges, needleless injectors, heat lamps, heating pads, cryounits, cryotherapy machines, ultraviolet cabinets that emit Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays, sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, AC/DC adaptors, scales (baby and adult), stair gliders, elevators, saunas, cervical and lumbar traction devices, exercise equipment and diathermy machines.

### External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices

- charges made or ordered by a Physician for: the initial purchase and fitting of external prosthetic appliances and devices available only by prescription which are necessary for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or congenital defect. Coverage for repair or replacement of a prosthetic device if repair or replacement is determined appropriate by your provider.

External prosthetic appliances and devices include prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices; orthoses and orthotic devices; braces; and splints.

### Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices

Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices are defined as fabricated replacements for missing body parts. Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices include, but are not limited to:

- limb prostheses;
- terminal devices such as hands or hooks;
- speech prostheses;
- facial prostheses; and
- prosthetic devices for persons age 18 and under that are determined by the person's provider to be the most appropriate model that meets the medical needs of the person for recreational purposes, as applicable, to maximize the ability to ambulate, run, bike and swim and to maximize upper limb function.

### Orthoses and Orthotic Devices

Orthoses and orthotic devices are defined as orthopedic appliances or apparatuses used to support, align, prevent or correct deformities. Coverage is provided for custom foot orthoses and other orthoses as follows:

- Non-foot orthoses – only the following non-foot orthoses are covered:
  - rigid and semi-rigid custom fabricated orthoses;
  - semi-rigid prefabricated and flexible orthoses; and
  - rigid prefabricated orthoses including preparation, fitting and basic additions, such as bars and joints.
- Custom foot orthoses – custom foot orthoses are only covered as follows:
  - for persons with impaired peripheral sensation and/or altered peripheral circulation (e.g. diabetic neuropathy and peripheral vascular disease);
  - when the foot orthosis is an integral part of a leg brace and is necessary for the proper functioning of the brace;
  - when the foot orthosis is for use as a replacement or substitute for missing parts of the foot (e.g. amputated toes) and is necessary for the alleviation or correction of Injury, Sickness or congenital defect; and
  - for persons with neurologic or neuromuscular condition (e.g. cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, spina bifida) producing spasticity, malalignment, or pathological positioning of the foot and there is reasonable expectation of improvement.

The following are specifically excluded orthoses and orthotic devices:

- prefabricated foot orthoses;
- cranial banding and/or cranial orthoses. Other similar devices are excluded except when used postoperatively for synostotic plagiocephaly. When used for this indication, the cranial orthosis will be subject to the limitations and maximums of the External Prosthetic Appliances and Devices benefit;
- orthosis shoes, shoe additions, procedures for foot orthopedic shoes, shoe modifications and transfers;
- non-foot orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons; and
- non-foot orthoses primarily for improved athletic performance or sports participation.

### Braces

A Brace is defined as an orthosis or orthopedic appliance that supports or holds in correct position any movable part of the body and that allows for motion of that part.

The following braces are specifically excluded: Copes scoliosis braces.

### Splints

A Splint is defined as an appliance for preventing movement of a joint or for the fixation of displaced or movable parts.

Coverage for replacement of external prosthetic appliances and devices is limited to the following:

- replacement due to regular wear. Replacement for damage due to abuse or misuse by the person will not be covered.
- replacement required because anatomic change has rendered the external prosthetic appliance or device ineffective. Anatomic change includes significant weight gain or loss, atrophy and/or growth.
- replacement due to a surgical alteration or revision of the impacted site.

Coverage for replacement is limited as follows:

- no more than once every 24 months for persons 19 years of age and older.
- no more than once every 12 months for persons 18 years of age and under.

The following are specifically excluded external prosthetic appliances and devices:

- external and internal power enhancements for external prosthetic devices;
- microprocessor controlled prostheses and orthoses, except for state-required coverage for microprocessors; and
- myoelectric prostheses and orthoses.

### Infertility Services

- charges made for services related to diagnosis of infertility and treatment of infertility once a condition of infertility has been diagnosed. Services include, but are not limited to: infertility drugs which are administered or provided by a Physician; approved surgeries and other therapeutic procedures that have been demonstrated in existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to have a reasonable likelihood of resulting in pregnancy; laboratory tests; sperm washing or preparation; artificial insemination; diagnostic evaluations; gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT); in vitro fertilization (IVF); zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT); and the services of an embryologist.

Infertility is defined as:

- the inability of opposite-sex partners to achieve conception after at least one year of unprotected intercourse;
- the inability of opposite-sex partners to achieve conception after six months of unprotected intercourse, when the female partner trying to conceive is age 35 or older;
- the inability of a woman, with or without an opposite-sex partner, to achieve conception after at least six trials of medically supervised artificial insemination over a one-year period; and
- the inability of a woman, with or without an opposite-sex partner, to achieve conception after at least three trials of medically supervised artificial insemination over a six-month period of time, when the female partner trying to conceive is age 35 or older.

This benefit includes diagnosis and treatment of both male and female infertility.

However, the following are specifically excluded infertility services:

- reversal of male and female voluntary sterilization;
- infertility services when the infertility is caused by or related to voluntary sterilization;
- donor charges and services;
- cryopreservation of donor sperm and eggs; and
- any experimental, investigational or unproven infertility procedures or therapies.

## Outpatient Therapy Services

Charges for the following therapy services:

### **Cognitive Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Osteopathic Manipulation, Physical Therapy, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Speech Therapy**

- charges for therapy services are covered when provided as part of a program of treatment.

### **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

- charges for Phase II cardiac rehabilitation provided on an outpatient basis following diagnosis of a qualifying cardiac condition when Medically Necessary. Phase II is a Hospital-based outpatient program following an inpatient Hospital discharge. The Phase II program must be Physician directed with active treatment and EKG monitoring.

Phase III and Phase IV cardiac rehabilitation is not covered. Phase III follows Phase II and is generally conducted at a recreational facility primarily to maintain the patient's status achieved through Phases I and II. Phase IV is an advancement of Phase III which includes more active participation and weight training.

### **Chiropractic Care Services**

- charges for diagnostic and treatment services utilized in an office setting by chiropractic Physicians. Chiropractic treatment includes the conservative management of acute neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment rendered to specific joints to restore motion, reduce pain, and improve function. For these services you have direct access to qualified chiropractic Physicians.

Coverage is provided when Medically Necessary in the most medically appropriate setting to:

- restore function (called “rehabilitative”):
  - to restore function that has been impaired or lost.
  - to reduce pain as a result of Sickness, Injury, or loss of a body part.
- improve, adapt or attain function (sometimes called “habilitative”):
  - to improve, adapt or attain function that has been impaired or was never achieved as a result of congenital abnormality (birth defect).
  - to improve, adapt or attain function that has been impaired or was never achieved because of mental health and substance use disorder conditions. Includes conditions such as autism and intellectual disability, or mental health and substance use disorder conditions that result in a developmental delay.

Coverage is provided as part of a program of treatment when the following criteria are met:

- the individual’s condition has the potential to improve or is improving in response to therapy, and maximum improvement is yet to be attained.
- there is an expectation that the anticipated improvement is attainable in a reasonable and generally predictable period of time.
- the therapy is provided by, or under the direct supervision of, a licensed health care professional acting within the scope of the license.
- the therapy is Medically Necessary and medically appropriate for the diagnosed condition.

Coverage for occupational therapy is provided only for purposes of enabling individuals to perform the activities of daily living after an Injury or Sickness.

Therapy services that are not covered include:

- sensory integration therapy.
- treatment of dyslexia.
- maintenance or preventive treatment provided to prevent recurrence or to maintain the patient’s current status.
- charges for Chiropractic Care not provided in an office setting.
- vitamin therapy.

Coverage is administered according to the following:

- multiple therapy services provided on the same day constitute one day of service for each therapy type.

### **Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses**

- charges made for reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy; benefits include: surgical services for reconstruction of the breast on which surgery was performed; surgical services for reconstruction of the non-diseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance; postoperative breast prostheses; and mastectomy bras and prosthetics, limited to the lowest cost alternative available that meets prosthetic placement needs. During all stages of mastectomy, treatment of physical complications, including lymphedema therapy, are covered.

### **Reconstructive Surgery**

- charges made for reconstructive surgery or therapy to repair or correct a severe physical deformity or disfigurement which is accompanied by functional deficit; (other than abnormalities of the jaw or conditions related to TMJ disorder) provided that: the surgery or therapy restores or improves function; reconstruction is required as a result of Medically Necessary, non-cosmetic surgery; or the surgery or therapy is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a

result of the congenital absence or agenesis (lack of formation or development) of a body part. Repeat or subsequent surgeries for the same condition are covered only when there is the probability of significant additional improvement as determined by the utilization review Physician.

### **Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care**

Charges made for human organ and tissue transplant services which include solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell procedures at designated facilities throughout the United States or its territories. This coverage is subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Transplant services include the recipient's medical, surgical and Hospital services; inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ or bone marrow/stem cell procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform any of the following human to human organ or tissue transplants: allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell, autologous bone marrow/stem cell, cornea, heart, heart/lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, lung, pancreas or intestine which includes small bowel-liver or multi-visceral. Implantation procedures for artificial heart, percutaneous ventricular assist device (PVAD), extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), ventricular assist device (VAD), and intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) are also covered.

- All transplant services and related specialty care services, other than cornea transplants, are covered when received at Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facilities.
- Transplant services and related specialty care services received at Participating Provider facilities specifically contracted with Cigna for those transplant services and related specialty care services, other than Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facilities, are payable at the In-Network level.
- Transplant services and related specialty care services received at any other facility, including non-Participating Provider facilities and Participating Provider facilities not specifically contracted with Cigna for transplant services and related specialty care services, are covered at the Out-of-Network level.
- Cornea transplants received at a facility that is specifically contracted with Cigna for this type of transplant are payable at the In-Network level.

Coverage for organ procurement costs are limited to costs directly related to the procurement of an organ, from a cadaver or a live donor. Organ procurement costs shall consist of hospitalization and surgery necessary for removal of an organ and transportation of a live donor (refer to Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services). Compatibility testing undertaken prior to procurement is covered if Medically

Necessary. Costs related to the search for, and identification of a bone marrow or stem cell donor for an allogeneic transplant are also covered.

### **Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services**

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations:

- Transplant and related specialty care travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants.
- Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to the recipient of a pre-approved organ/tissue transplant and/or related specialty care from a designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility.
- The term recipient is defined to include a person receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, transplant event, or post-transplant care.
- Travel expenses for the person receiving the transplant will include charges for: transportation to and from the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the Cigna designated LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from the Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility.
- In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.
- The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income; travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home; food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

These benefits for Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care, and for Transplant and Related Specialty Care Travel Services are only available when the covered person is the recipient of an organ/tissue transplant. Travel expenses for the designated live donor for a covered recipient are covered subject to the same conditions and limitations noted above.

Charges for the expenses of a donor companion are not covered. No transplant and related specialty care services or travel benefits are available when the covered person is the donor for an organ/tissue transplant; the transplant recipient's plan would cover all donor costs.



### **Advanced Cellular Therapy**

Charges for advanced cellular therapy products and services directly related to their administration are covered when Medically Necessary. Coverage includes the cost of the advanced cellular therapy product; medical, surgical, and facility services directly related to administration of the advanced cellular therapy product, and professional services.

Cigna determines which U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved products are in the category of advanced cellular therapy, based on the nature of the treatment and how it is manufactured, distributed and administered. An example of advanced cellular therapy is chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy that redirects a person's T cells to recognize and kill a specific type of cancer cell.

Advanced cellular therapy products and their administration are covered at the in-network benefit level when prior authorized to be received at a provider contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services. Advanced cellular therapy products and their administration received from a provider that is not contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services are covered at the out-of-network benefit level when prior authorized.

### **Advanced Cellular Therapy Travel Services**

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a prior authorized advanced cellular therapy product are covered, subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to you only when:

- you are the recipient of a prior authorized advanced cellular therapy product;
- the term recipient is defined to include a person receiving prior authorized advanced cellular therapy related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, event, or post care;
- the advanced cellular therapy products and services directly related to their administration are received at a provider contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services; and
- the provider is not available within a 60 mile radius of your primary home residence.

Travel expenses for the person receiving the advanced cellular therapy include charges for: transportation to and from the advanced cellular therapy site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from, the site.

In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The

term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.

The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income, travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 mile radius of your primary home residence; food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

### **Medical Pharmaceuticals**

The plan covers charges made for Medical Pharmaceuticals that may be administered in an Inpatient setting, Outpatient setting, Physician's office, or in a covered person's home.

Benefits under this section are provided only for Medical Pharmaceuticals that, because of their characteristics as determined by Cigna, require a qualified licensed health care professional to administer or directly supervise administration.

Certain Medical Pharmaceuticals are subject to prior authorization requirements or other coverage conditions. Additionally, certain Medical Pharmaceuticals are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive coverage, the covered person may be required to try a specific Medical Pharmaceutical before trying others. Medical Pharmaceuticals administered in an Inpatient facility are reviewed per Inpatient review guidelines.

Cigna determines the utilization management requirements and other coverage conditions that apply to a Medical Pharmaceutical by considering a number of factors, including, but not limited to:

- Clinical factors, which may include but are not limited to Cigna's evaluations of the site of care and the relative safety or relative efficacy of Medical Pharmaceuticals.
- Economic factors, which may include but are not limited to the cost of the Medical Pharmaceutical and assessments of cost effectiveness after rebates.

The coverage criteria for a Medical Pharmaceutical may change periodically for various reasons. For example, a Medical Pharmaceutical may be removed from the market, a new Medical Pharmaceutical in the same therapeutic class as a Medical Pharmaceutical may become available, or other market events may occur. Market events that may affect the coverage status of a Medical Pharmaceutical include, but are not limited to, an increase in the cost of a Medical Pharmaceutical.

Certain Medical Pharmaceuticals that are used for treatment of complex chronic conditions, are high cost, and are administered and handled in a specialized manner may be subject to additional coverage criteria or require

administration by a participating provider in the network for the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network. Cigna determines which injections, infusions, and implantable drugs are subject to these criteria and requirements.

The Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network includes but is not limited to contracted physician offices, ambulatory infusion centers, home and outpatient hospital infusion centers, and contracted specialty pharmacies. When the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network cannot meet the clinical needs of the customer as determined by Cigna, exceptions are considered and approved when appropriate.

A complete list of those Medical Pharmaceuticals subject to additional coverage criteria or that require administration by a participating provider in the Cigna Pathwell Specialty Network is available at [www.cigna.com/PathwellSpecialty](http://www.cigna.com/PathwellSpecialty).

The following are not covered under the plan, including but not limited to:

- Medical Pharmaceutical regimens that have a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to another covered Prescription Drug Product(s);
- Medical Pharmaceuticals newly approved by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) up to the first 180 days following its market launch;
- Medical Pharmaceutical regimens for which there is an appropriate lower cost alternative for treatment.

In the event a covered Medical Pharmaceutical is not clinically appropriate, Cigna makes available an exception process to allow for access to non-covered drugs when Medically Necessary.

Cigna may consider certain Medical Pharmaceutical regimens as preferred when they are clinically effective treatments and the most cost effective. Preferred regimens are covered unless the covered person is not a candidate for the regimen and a Medical Necessity coverage exception is obtained.

### **Gene Therapy**

Charges for gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration are covered when Medically Necessary. Gene therapy is a category of pharmaceutical products approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat or cure a disease by:

- replacing a disease-causing gene with a healthy copy of the gene.
- inactivating a disease-causing gene that may not be functioning properly.
- introducing a new or modified gene into the body to help treat a disease.

Each gene therapy product is specific to a particular disease and is administered in a specialized manner. Cigna determines

which products are in the category of gene therapy, based in part on the nature of the treatment and how it is distributed and administered.

Coverage includes the cost of the gene therapy product; medical, surgical, and facility services directly related to administration of the gene therapy product; and professional services.

Gene therapy products and their administration are covered when prior authorized to be received at In-Network facilities specifically contracted with Cigna for the specific gene therapy service. Gene therapy products and their administration received at other facilities are not covered.

### **Gene Therapy Travel Services**

Charges made for non-taxable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a prior authorized gene therapy procedure are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to you only when you are the recipient of a prior authorized gene therapy; and when the gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration are received at a participating In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna for the specific gene therapy service. The term recipient is defined to include a person receiving prior authorized gene therapy related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, event, or post care.

Travel expenses for the person receiving the gene therapy include charges for: transportation to and from the gene therapy site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the facility); and lodging while at, or traveling to and from, the site.

In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.

The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income, travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home; food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

## Clinical Trials

This plan covers routine patient care costs and services related to an approved clinical trial for a qualified individual. The individual must be eligible to participate according to the trial protocol and **either** of the following conditions must be met:

- the referring health care professional is a participating health care provider and has concluded that the individual's participation in such trial would be appropriate; or
- the individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation in the clinical trial would be appropriate.

In addition to qualifying as an individual, the clinical trial must also meet certain criteria in order for patient care costs and services to be covered.

The clinical trial must be a phase I, phase II, phase III, or phase IV clinical trial conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition that meets **any** of the following criteria:

- it is a federally funded trial. 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);
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC);
  - Agency for Health Care 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 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA);
  - a qualified non-governmental research entity identified in NIH guidelines for center support grants.
- any of the following: Department of Energy, Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, if **both** of the following conditions are met:
  - the study or investigation has been reviewed and approved through a system of peer review comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and
  - the study or investigation assures 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 (FDA);
- the study or investigation is a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

The plan does not cover any of the following services associated with a clinical trial:

- services that are not considered routine patient care costs and services, including the following:
  - the investigational drug, device, item, or service that is provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs;
  - an item or service that is not used in the direct clinical management of the individual;
  - a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis.
- an item or service provided by the research sponsors free of charge for any person enrolled in the trial.
- travel and transportation expenses, unless otherwise covered under the plan, including but not limited to the following:
  - fees for personal vehicle, rental car, taxi, medical van, ambulance, commercial airline, train;
  - mileage reimbursement for driving a personal vehicle;
  - lodging;
  - meals.
- routine patient costs obtained out-of-network when Out-of-Network benefits do not exist under the plan.

Examples of routine patient care costs and services include:

- radiological services.
- laboratory services.
- intravenous therapy.
- anesthesia services.
- Physician services.
- office services.
- Hospital services.
- Room and Board, and medical supplies that typically would be covered under the plan for an individual who is not enrolled in a clinical trial.

Clinical trials conducted by Out-of-Network providers will be covered only when the following conditions are met:

- In-Network providers are not participating in the clinical trial; or
- the clinical trial is conducted outside the individual's state of residence.

## Prescription Drug Benefits The Schedule

### For You and Your Dependents

This plan provides Prescription Drug benefits for Prescription Drug Products provided by Pharmacies as shown in this Schedule. To receive Prescription Drug Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance requirement for Covered Expenses for Prescription Drug Products.

You and your Dependents will pay 100% of the cost of any Prescription Drug Product excluded from coverage under this plan. The amount you and your Dependent pays for any excluded Prescription Drug Product to the dispensing Pharmacy, will not count towards your Deductible, if any, or Out-of-Pocket Maximum.

### Coinsurance

The term Coinsurance means the percentage of the Prescription Drug Charge for a covered Prescription Drug Product that you or your Dependent are required to pay under this plan in addition to the Deductible, if any.

### Oral Chemotherapy Medication

Prescription oral chemotherapy medication that is used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells is covered at Network Pharmacies at 100% after deductible and if applicable at non-Network Pharmacies, the same as the out of network medical cost share for injectable/IV chemotherapy.

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
<b>Calendar Year Deductible</b>		
Individual	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
Family	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule
<b>Non-PPACA Preventive Medications</b>		
<p>Certain Generic Non-PPACA Preventive Medications identified by Cigna and that are dispensed by a retail or home delivery Pharmacy are not subject to the Deductible and Copay and Coinsurance. Certain Brand Non-PPACA Preventive Medications identified by Cigna and that are dispensed by a retail or home delivery Pharmacy are not subject to the Deductible and Copay and Coinsurance. You may determine whether a drug is a Non-PPACA Preventive Care Medication through the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.</p>		

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<p><b>Patient Assurance Program</b></p> <p>Your plan offers additional discounts for certain covered Prescription Drug Products that are dispensed by a retail or home delivery Network Pharmacy included in what is known as the “Patient Assurance Program”. As may be described elsewhere in this plan, from time to time Cigna may directly or indirectly enter into arrangements with pharmaceutical manufacturers for discounts that result in a reduction of your Out-of-Pocket Expenses for certain covered Prescription Drug Products for which Cigna directly or indirectly earns the discounts. Specifically, some or all of the Patient Assurance Program discount earned by Cigna for certain covered Prescription Drug Products included in the Patient Assurance Program is applied or credited to a portion of your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any. The Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, otherwise applicable to those certain covered Prescription Drug Products as set forth in The Schedule may be reduced in order for Patient Assurance Program discounts earned by Cigna to be applied or credited to the Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, as described above.</p> <p>For example, certain insulin product(s) covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit for which Cigna directly or indirectly earns a discount in connection with the Patient Assurance Program shall result in a credit toward some or all of your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, which, as noted, may be reduced from the amount set forth in The Schedule, for the insulin product. In addition, the covered insulin products eligible for Patient Assurance Program discounts shall not be subject to the Deductible, if any.</p> <p>Your Copayment or Coinsurance payment, if any, for covered Prescription Drug Products under the Patient Assurance Program counts toward your Deductible and counts toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p> <p>Any Patient Assurance Program discount that is used to satisfy your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, for covered Prescription Drug Products under the Patient Assurance Program counts toward your Deductible and counts toward your Out-of-Pocket Maximum.</p> <p>Please note that the Patient Assurance Program discounts that Cigna may earn for Prescription Drug Products, and may apply or credit to your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any, in connection with the Patient Assurance Program are unrelated to any rebates or other payments that Cigna may earn from a pharmaceutical manufacturer for the same or other Prescription Drug Products. Except as may be noted elsewhere in this plan, you are not entitled to the benefit of those rebates or other payments earned by Cigna because they are unrelated to the Patient Assurance Program. Additionally, the availability of the Patient Assurance Program, as well as the Prescription Drug Products included in the Patient Assurance Program and/or your Copayment or Coinsurance, if any for those eligible Prescription Drug Products, may change from time to time depending on factors including, but not limited to, the continued availability of the Patient Assurance Program discount(s) to Cigna in connection with the Patient Assurance Program. More information about the Patient Assurance Program including the Prescription Drug Products included in the program, is available at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.</p>		
<p><b>Insulin Drugs</b></p> <p>For all insulin drugs covered by this plan your total out-of-pocket responsibility will not exceed \$35 per 30 day supply, regardless of the amount of insulin needed to fill your insulin prescriptions.</p>		
<p><b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b></p>		
<p>Individual</p>	<p>Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule</p>	<p>Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule</p>
<p>Family</p>	<p>Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule</p>	<p>Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<p><b>Maintenance Drug Products</b> Maintenance Drug Products may be filled in an amount up to a consecutive 90 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill at a retail Pharmacy or home delivery Pharmacy.</p>		
<p>Certain Preventive Care Medications covered under this plan and required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a>) are payable at 100% with no Copayment or Deductible, when purchased from a Network Pharmacy. A written prescription is required.</p>		
<p><b>Prescription Drug Products at Retail Pharmacies</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b></p>
<p><b>Tier 1</b> Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>10% after plan Deductible</p>	<p>30% after plan Deductible</p>
<p><b>Tier 2</b> Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>10% after plan Deductible</p>	<p>30% after plan Deductible</p>
<p><b>Tier 3</b> Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>10% after plan Deductible</p>	<p>30% after plan Deductible</p>
<p><b>Prescription Drug Products at Retail Pharmacies</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b></p>
<p>Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30-day supply per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>		
<p><b>Tier 1</b> Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>10% after plan Deductible</p>	<p>30% after plan Deductible</p>
<p><b>Tier 2</b> Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>10% after plan Deductible</p>	<p>30% after plan Deductible</p>
<p><b>Tier 3</b> Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>10% after plan Deductible</p>	<p>30% after plan Deductible</p>

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Prescription Drug Products at Home Delivery Pharmacies</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b>
Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30-day supply per Prescription Order or Refill and are subject to the same Copayment or Coinsurance that applies to retail Pharmacies.		
<b>Tier 1</b> Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List	10% after plan Deductible	In-network coverage only
<b>Tier 2</b> Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List	10% after plan Deductible	In-network coverage only
<b>Tier 3</b> Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	10% after plan Deductible	In-network coverage only

## Prescription Drug Benefits

### Covered Expenses

Your plan provides benefits for Prescription Drug Products on the Prescription Drug List that are dispensed by a Pharmacy. Details regarding your plan's Covered Expenses, which for the purposes of the Prescription Drug Benefit include Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products ordered by a Physician, Limitations, and Exclusions are provided below and/or shown in The Schedule.

If you or any one of your Dependents, while insured for Prescription Drug Benefits, incurs expenses for charges made by a Pharmacy for Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products ordered by a Physician, your plan provides coverage for those expenses as shown in The Schedule. Your benefits may vary depending on which of the Prescription Drug List tiers the Prescription Drug Product is listed, or the Pharmacy that provides the Prescription Drug Product.

Coverage under your plan's Prescription Drug Benefits also includes Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products dispensed pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill issued to you or your Dependents by a licensed dentist for the prevention of infection or pain in conjunction with a dental procedure. This includes:

- charges for abuse-deterrent opioid analgesic drug products.
- charges for one type of covered HIV infection prevention drugs (pre-exposure prophylaxis, post-exposure prophylaxis, or other drugs approved by the FDA for the prevention of HIV infection) at no cost share.

When you or a Dependent are issued a Prescription Order or Refill for Medically Necessary Prescription Drug Products as part of the rendering of Emergency Services and Cigna determines that it cannot reasonably be filled by a Network Pharmacy, the prescription will be covered pursuant to the, as applicable, Copayment or Coinsurance for the Prescription Drug Product when dispensed by a Network Pharmacy.

### Prescription Drug List Management

Your plan's Prescription Drug List coverage tiers may contain Prescription Drug Products that are Generic Drugs, Brand Drugs or Specialty Prescription Drug Products. Determination of inclusion of a Prescription Drug Product to a certain coverage tier on the Prescription Drug List and utilization management requirements or other coverage conditions are based on a number of factors which may include, clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include, but are not limited to, the P&T Committee's evaluations of the place in therapy, relative safety or relative efficacy of the Prescription Drug Product, as well as whether certain supply limits or other utilization management requirements should apply. Economic

factors may include, but are not limited to, the Prescription Drug Product's acquisition cost including, but not limited to, assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product and available rebates. Regardless of its eligibility for coverage under the plan, whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for you or any of your Dependents is a determination that is made by you or your Dependent; and the prescribing Physician.

### Formulary Exception Process

1. Cigna allows an enrollee, the enrollee's designee or the person who has issued a valid prescription for the enrollee to request and gain access to a clinically appropriate drug not otherwise covered by the health plan. This process complies with the state's utilization review requirements and this law.
2. If Cigna approves a request under this law for a drug not otherwise covered by the health plan, Cigna will treat the drug as an essential health benefit, including counting any cost sharing toward the plan's annual limit on cost sharing (out of pocket) and including it when calculating the plan's actuarial value.
3. Cigna will determine whether it will cover the drug requested and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's designee, if applicable, and the person who has issued the valid prescription for the enrollee of its coverage decision within 72 hours or 2 business days, whichever is less, following receipt of the request. If the request is approved, Cigna, will provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the prescription, including refills.
4. Cigna has a process by which an expedited review may be requested in urgent circumstances. Urgent circumstances exist when an enrollee is suffering from a health condition that may seriously jeopardize the enrollee's life, health or ability to regain maximum function or when an enrollee is undergoing a current course of treatment using a non-formulary drug. When an expedited review has been requested, Cigna will determine whether it will cover the drug requested and notify the enrollee, the enrollee's designee, if applicable, and the person who has provided a valid prescription for the enrollee of its coverage decision within 24 hours following receipt of the request. If the request is approved, Cigna, will provide coverage of the drug for the duration of the urgency.

The coverage status of a Prescription Drug Product may change periodically for various reasons. For example, a Prescription Drug Product may be removed from the market, a New Prescription Drug Product in the same therapeutic class as a Prescription Drug Product may become available, or other market events may occur. Market events that may affect the coverage status of a Prescription Drug Product include, but are



not limited to, an increase in the acquisition cost of a Prescription Drug Product. As a result of coverage changes, for the purposes of benefits the plan may require you to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug Product, to obtain the Prescription Drug Product from a certain Pharmacy (ies) for coverage, or try another covered Prescription Drug Product(s). Please access the Prescription Drug List through the website shown on your ID card or call member services at the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier status, utilization management, or other coverage limitations for a Prescription Drug Product.

## Limitations

For most Prescription Drug Products you and your Dependent pay only the cost sharing detailed in The Schedule of Prescription Drug Benefits. However, in the event you or your Dependent insist on a more expensive Brand Drug where a Therapeutic Equivalent Generic Drug is available, you will be financially responsible for an Ancillary Charge, in addition to any required Brand Drug Copayment and/or Coinsurance. In this case, the Ancillary Charge will not apply to your Deductible, if any, or Out-of-Pocket Maximum. However, in the event your Physician determines that the Generic Drug is not an acceptable alternative for you (and indicates Dispensed as Written on the Prescription Order or Refill), you will only be responsible for payment of the appropriate Brand Drug Coinsurance and/or Copayment after satisfying your Deductible, if any.

Your plan includes a Brand Drug for Generic Drug dispensing program. This program allows certain Brand Drugs to be dispensed in place of the Therapeutic Equivalent Generic Drug at the time your Prescription Order or Refill is processed by a participating Pharmacy. Brand Drug for Generic Drug substitution will occur only for certain Brand Drugs included in the program. When this substitution program is applied, the participating Pharmacy will dispense the Brand Drug to you in place of the available Generic Drug. You will be responsible for payment of only a Generic Drug Copayment and/or Coinsurance, after satisfying your Deductible, if any.

## Prior Authorization Requirements

Coverage for certain Prescription Drug Products prescribed to you requires your Physician to obtain prior authorization from Cigna or its Review Organization. The reason for obtaining prior authorization from Cigna is to determine whether the Prescription Drug Product is Medically Necessary in accordance with Cigna's coverage criteria. Coverage criteria for a Prescription Drug Product may vary based on the clinical use for which the Prescription Order or Refill is submitted, and may change periodically based on changes in, without limitation, clinical guidelines or practice standards, or market factors.

If Cigna or its Review Organization reviews the documentation provided and determines that the Prescription Drug Product is not Medically Necessary or otherwise excluded, your plan will not cover the Prescription Drug Product. Cigna, or its Review Organization, will not review claims for excluded Prescription Drug Products or other services to determine if they are Medically Necessary, unless required by law.

When Prescription Drug Products that require prior authorization are dispensed at a Pharmacy, you or your prescribing Physician are responsible for obtaining prior authorization from Cigna. If you do not obtain prior authorization from us before the Prescription Drug Product is dispensed by the Pharmacy, you can ask us to consider reimbursement after you pay for and receive the Prescription Drug Product. You will need to pay for the Prescription Drug Product at the Pharmacy prior to submitting a reimbursement request.

When you submit a claim on this basis, you will need to submit a paper claim using the form that appears on the website shown on your ID card.

If a prior authorization request is approved, your Physician will receive confirmation. The authorization will be processed in the claim system to allow you to have coverage for the Prescription Drug Product. The length of the authorization may depend on the diagnosis and the Prescription Drug Product. The authorization will at all times be subject to the plan's terms of coverage for the Prescription Drug Product, which may change from time to time. When your Physician advises you that coverage for the Prescription Drug Product has been approved, you can contact a Pharmacy to fill the covered Prescription Order or Refill.

If the prior authorization request is denied, your Physician and you will be notified that coverage for the Prescription Drug Product is not authorized. If you disagree with a coverage decision, you may appeal that decision in accordance with the provisions of the plan by submitting a written request stating why the Prescription Drug Product should be covered.

We will approve prior authorization requests for Prescription Drug Products on the Prescription Drug List prescribed to assess or treat a serious mental illness.

## Step Therapy

Certain Prescription Drug Products are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive Benefits for such Prescription Drug Products you are required to try a different Prescription Drug Product(s) first unless you satisfy the plan's exception criteria. You may identify whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is subject to step therapy requirements at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

Step therapy is not required for medications used to assess or treat an enrollee's Serious Mental Illness. A Serious Mental Illness is a mental disorder, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association that results in serious functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities.

### **Supply Limits**

Benefits for Prescription Drug Products are subject to the supply limits that are stated in The Schedule. For a single Prescription Order or Refill, you may receive a Prescription Drug Product up to the stated supply limit.

You may obtain a twelve-month supply of covered contraceptive drugs and supplies, which may be dispensed all at once or over the course of the twelve-month period, at the discretion of your provider.

Some products are subject to additional supply limits, quantity limits or dosage limits based on coverage criteria that have been approved based on consideration of the P&T Committee's clinical findings. Coverage criteria are subject to periodic review and modification. The limit may restrict the amount dispensed per Prescription Order or Refill and/or the amount dispensed per month's supply, or may require that a minimum amount be dispensed.

A pharmacist may partially dispense a prescription for an opioid medication in a lesser quantity than the recommended full quantity indicated on the prescription if requested by the patient for whom the prescription is written. The remaining quantity of the prescription is void and may not be dispensed without a new prescription.

A pharmacist may dispense an emergency supply of a chronic maintenance drug when certain conditions are met. The amount dispensed may not exceed a 30-day supply or, if the standard unit of dispensing exceeds a 30-day supply, may not exceed the smallest standard unit of dispensing.

A pharmacist may not dispense the chronic maintenance drug in an emergency supply to the same patient more than twice in a 12-month period.

You may determine whether a Prescription Drug Product has been assigned a dispensing supply limit or similar limit or requirement at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Specialty Prescription Drug Products**

Benefits are provided for Specialty Prescription Drug Products. If you require Specialty Prescription Drug Products, you may be directed to a Designated Pharmacy with whom Cigna has an arrangement to provide those Specialty Prescription Drug Products.

### **Designated Pharmacies**

If you require certain Prescription Drug Products, including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products, we may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom we have an arrangement to provide those Prescription Drug Products. If you are directed to a Designated Pharmacy and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, you may receive reduced or no coverage for the Prescription Drug Product. Refer to The Schedule for further information.

### **New Prescription Drug Products**

New Prescription Drug Products may or may not be placed on a Prescription Drug List tier upon market entry. Cigna will use reasonable efforts to make a tier placement decision for a New Prescription Drug Product within six months of its market availability. Cigna's tier placement decision shall be based on consideration of, without limitation, the P&T Committee's clinical review of the New Prescription Drug Product and economic factors. If a New Prescription Drug Product not listed on the Prescription Drug List is approved by Cigna or its Review Organization as Medically Necessary in the interim, the New Prescription Drug Product shall be covered at the applicable coverage tier as set forth in The Schedule.

### **Prescription Eye Drops**

For prescription eye drops, an early refill will be allowed when the insured requests the refill no earlier than the date on which 70% of the days of use authorized by the prescribing health care provider have elapsed; the prescriber indicated on the original prescription that a specific number of refills are authorized; the refill requested by the insured does not exceed the number of refills indicated on the original prescription; the prescription has not been refilled more than once during the period authorized by the prescribing health care provider prior to the request for an early refill and the prescription eye drops are a covered benefit under the insured's health plan.

### **Prescription Synchronization**

Benefits are provided for less than 30-day supplies of covered prescription drugs when the prescriber or pharmacist determines that this is in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a less than 30-day supply of medication. This does not apply to Solid Oral Doses of Antibiotics and Solid Oral Doses that are dispensed in their original container as indicated in the federal FDA Prescribing Information or are customarily dispensed in their original packaging to assist a patient with compliance (i.e. contraceptives).

Coverage will not be denied for dispensing of a medication prescribed for the treatment of a chronic illness that is made in accordance with a plan developed by Cigna, the insured, the prescriber and a pharmacist to synchronize the filling or refilling of multiple prescriptions for the Insured.

Dispensing fees for partially filled or refilled prescriptions shall be paid in full for each prescription dispensed, regardless of any prorated copay for the insured or fee paid for alignment services.

### **Emergency Order**

During a statewide state of emergency declared by the Governor, a prescription drug is covered in accordance with a valid prescription issued by a provider in a quantity sufficient for an extended period of time, not to exceed a 180-day supply. This does not apply to coverage of prescribed contraceptive supplies according to state law or coverage of opioids prescribed in accordance with limits set by state law.

### **Your Payments**

Covered Prescription Drug Products purchased at a Pharmacy are subject to any applicable Deductible, Copayments or Coinsurance shown in The Schedule, as well as any limitations or exclusions set forth in this plan. Please refer to The Schedule for any required Copayments, Coinsurance, Deductibles or Out-of-Pocket Maximums.

#### **Deductible**

Your plan requires that you pay the costs for covered Prescription Drug Products up to the Deductible amount set forth in The Schedule. Until you meet that Deductible amount, your costs under the plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Network Pharmacy will be the lowest of the following amounts:

- the Prescription Drug Charge; or
- the Network Pharmacy's submitted Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge, if any.

The Schedule sets forth your costs for covered Prescription Drug Products after you have satisfied the Deductible amount.

#### **Coinsurance**

Your plan requires that you pay a Coinsurance amount for covered Prescription Drug Products as set forth in The Schedule. After satisfying any applicable annual Deductible set forth in The Schedule, your costs under the plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a Network Pharmacy and that is subject to a Coinsurance requirement will be the lowest of the following amounts:

- the amount that results from applying the applicable Coinsurance percentage set forth in The Schedule to the Prescription Drug Charge; or
- the Network Pharmacy's submitted Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge, if any.

### **Payments at Non-Network Pharmacies**

Any reimbursement due to you under this plan for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy may be determined by applying the Deductible, if any, and/or non-Network Pharmacy Coinsurance amount set forth in The Schedule to the average wholesale price (or "AWP"), or other benchmark price Cigna applies, for a Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy. Your reimbursement, if any, for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy will never exceed the average wholesale price (or other benchmark price applied by Cigna) for the Prescription Drug Product.

When a treatment regimen contains more than one type of Prescription Drug Products that are packaged together for your or your Dependent's convenience, any applicable Copayment or Coinsurance may apply to each Prescription Drug Product.

You will need to obtain prior approval from Cigna or its Review Organization for any Prescription Drug Product not listed on the Prescription Drug List that is not otherwise excluded. If Cigna or its Review Organization approves coverage for the Prescription Drug Product because it meets the applicable coverage exception criteria, the Prescription Drug Product shall be covered at the applicable coverage tier as set forth in The Schedule.

The amount you or your Dependent pays for any excluded Prescription Drug Product or other product or service will not be included in calculating any applicable plan Out-of-Pocket Maximum. You are responsible for paying 100% of the cost (the amount the Pharmacy charges you) for any excluded Prescription Drug Product or other product.

### **Exclusions**

Coverage exclusions listed under the "Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations" section also apply to benefits for Prescription Drug Products. In addition, the exclusions listed below apply to benefits for Prescription Drug Products. When an exclusion or limitation applies to only certain Prescription Drug Products, you can access the internet through the website shown on your ID card or call member services at the telephone number on your ID card for information on which Prescription Drug Products are excluded.

- coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply) which exceeds the applicable supply limit, or is less than any applicable supply minimum set forth in The Schedule, or which exceeds quantity limit(s) or dosage limit(s) set by the P&T Committee.
- more than one Prescription Order or Refill for a given prescription supply period for the same Prescription Drug

- Product prescribed by one or more Physicians and dispensed by one or more Pharmacies.
- Prescription Drug Products dispensed outside the jurisdiction of the United States, except as required for emergency or Urgent Care treatment.
  - Prescription Drug Products which are prescribed, dispensed or intended to be taken by or administered to you while you are a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home, rehabilitation facility, or similar institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceutical products.
  - Prescription Drug Products furnished by the local, state or federal government (except for a Network Pharmacy owned or operated by a local, state or federal government).
  - prescription and non-prescription supplies other than supplies covered as Prescription Drug Products.
  - vitamins, except prenatal vitamins that require a Prescription Order or Refill, unless coverage for such product(s) is required by federal or state law.
  - medications used for cosmetic or anti-aging purposes, including, without limitation, medications used to reduce wrinkles, medications used to promote hair growth and fade cream products.
  - Prescription Drug Products as a replacement for a previously dispensed Prescription Drug Product that was lost, stolen, broken or destroyed.
  - Medical Pharmaceuticals covered solely under the plan's medical benefits.
  - any ingredient(s) in a compounded Prescription Drug Product that has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
  - medications available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription Order or Refill by federal or state law before being dispensed, unless state or federal law requires coverage of such medications or the over-the-counter medication has been designated as eligible for coverage as if it were a Prescription Drug Product.
  - certain Prescription Drug Products that are a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to an over-the-counter drug(s), or are available in over-the-counter form. Such coverage determinations may be made periodically, and benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision may be reinstated at any time.
  - any product for which the primary use is a source of nutrition, nutritional supplements, or dietary management of disease, even when used for the treatment of Sickness or Injury, unless coverage for such product(s) is required by federal or state law.

- medications used for travel prophylaxis unless specifically identified on the Prescription Drug List.
- immunization agents, virus detection testing, virus antibody testing, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions unless specifically identified on the Prescription Drug List.
- smoking cessation medications except those required by federal law to be covered as Preventive Care Medications.
- certain Prescription Drug Products that are a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to another covered Prescription Drug Product(s). Such coverage determinations may be made periodically, and benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision may be reinstated at any time.
- medications that are experimental, investigational or unproven as described under the "General Exclusion and Limitations" section of your plan's certificate.

## Reimbursement/Filing a Claim

### Retail Pharmacy

When you or your Dependents purchase your Prescription Drug Products through a Network Pharmacy, you pay any applicable Copayment, Coinsurance, or Deductible shown in The Schedule at the time of purchase. You do not need to file a claim form for a Prescription Drug Product obtained at a Network Pharmacy unless you pay the full cost of a Prescription Drug Product at a Network Pharmacy and later seek reimbursement for the Prescription Drug Product under the plan. For example, if you must pay the full cost of a Prescription Drug Product to the retail Network Pharmacy because you did not have your ID card, then you must submit a claim to Cigna for any reimbursement or benefit you believe is due to you under this plan. If, under this example, your payment to the retail Network Pharmacy for the covered Prescription Drug Product exceeds any applicable copay, then you will be reimbursed the difference, if any, between the applicable copay and the Prescription Drug Charge for the Prescription Drug Product.

If you obtain a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed by a non-Network Pharmacy, then you must pay the non-Network Pharmacy for the Prescription Drug Product and then submit a claim to Cigna for any reimbursement or benefit you believe is due to you under this plan. You can obtain a claim form through the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

## Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations

### Exclusions and Expenses Not Covered

**Additional coverage limitations determined by plan or provider type are shown in The Schedule. Payment for the following is specifically excluded from this plan:**

- care for health conditions that are required by state or local law to be treated in a public facility.
- care required by state or federal law to be supplied by a public school system or school district.
- care for military service disabilities treatable through governmental services if you are legally entitled to such treatment and facilities are reasonably available.
- treatment of an Injury or Sickness which is due to war, declared, or undeclared.
- charges which you are not obligated to pay and/or for which you are not billed. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to:
  - any instance where Cigna determines that a provider or Pharmacy did not bill you for or has waived, reduced, or forgiven any portion of its charges and/or any portion of any Copayment, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amount(s) you are required to pay for an otherwise Covered Expense (as shown on The Schedule) without Cigna's express consent.
  - charges of a non-Participating Provider who has agreed to charge you at an In-Network benefits level or some other benefits level not otherwise applicable to the services received.

In the event that Cigna determines that this exclusion applies, then Cigna shall have the right to:

- require you and/or any provider or Pharmacy submitting claims on your behalf to provide proof sufficient to Cigna that you have made your required cost-share payment(s) prior to the payment of any benefits by Cigna;
- deny the payment of benefits in connection with the Covered Expense regardless of whether the provider or the Pharmacy represents that you remain responsible for any amounts that your plan does not cover; or
- reduce the benefits in proportion to the amount of the Copayment, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amounts waived, forgiven or reduced, regardless of whether the provider or Pharmacy represents that you remain responsible for any amounts that your plan does not cover.
- charges or payment for healthcare-related services that violate state or federal law.

- assistance in the activities of daily living, including but not limited to eating, bathing, dressing or other Custodial Services or self-care activities, homemaker services and services primarily for rest, domiciliary or convalescent care.
- for or in connection with experimental, investigational or unproven services.

Experimental, investigational and unproven services are medical, surgical, diagnostic, psychiatric, substance use disorder or other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug or Biologic therapies or devices that are determined by the utilization review Physician to be:

- not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other appropriate regulatory agency to be lawfully marketed;
- not demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing the condition or Sickness for which its use is proposed;
- the subject of review or approval by an Institutional Review Board for the proposed use except as provided in the "Clinical Trials" sections of this plan.

In determining whether any such technologies, supplies, treatments, drug or Biologic therapies, or devices are experimental, investigational, and/or unproven, the utilization review Physician may rely on the clinical coverage policies maintained by Cigna or the Review Organization. Clinical coverage policies may incorporate, without limitation and as applicable, criteria relating to U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, the standard medical reference compendia and peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature or guidelines.

- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem.
- the following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications: macromastia or gynecomastia surgeries; surgical treatment of varicose veins; abdominoplasty; panniculectomy; rhinoplasty; blepharoplasty; redundant skin surgery; removal of skin tags; acupressure; craniosacral/cranial therapy; dance therapy; movement therapy; applied kinesiology; rolfing; prolotherapy; and extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) for musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions.
- surgical and non-surgical treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ).
- dental treatment of the teeth, gums or structures directly supporting the teeth, including dental X-rays, examinations, repairs, orthodontics, periodontics, casts, splints and services for dental malocclusion, for any condition.

- However, charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment for an Injury to teeth are covered.
- for medical and surgical services, initial and repeat, intended for the treatment or control of obesity including clinically severe (morbid) obesity, including: medical and surgical services to alter appearance or physical changes that are the result of any surgery performed for the management of obesity or clinically severe (morbid) obesity; and weight loss programs or treatments, whether prescribed or recommended by a Physician or under medical supervision.
  - reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons including, but not limited to, employment, insurance or government licenses, and court-ordered, forensic or custodial evaluations, unless otherwise covered under this plan.
  - court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless treatment is prescribed by a Physician and is a covered service or supply under this plan.
  - any services or supplies for the treatment of male or female sexual dysfunction such as, but not limited to, treatment of erectile dysfunction (including penile implants), anorgasm, and premature ejaculation.
  - medical and Hospital care and costs for the child of your Dependent child, unless the child is otherwise eligible under this plan.
  - non-medical counseling and/or ancillary services including, but not limited to, Custodial Services, educational services, vocational counseling training and rehabilitation services, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, hypnosis, sleep therapy, return to work services, work hardening programs, and driver safety courses.
  - therapy or treatment intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
  - consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters. Excluded supplies include, but are not limited to bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips, except as specified in the “Home Health Care Services” or “Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses” sections of this plan.
  - private Hospital rooms and/or private duty nursing except as provided under the Home Health Care Services provision.
  - personal or comfort items such as personal care kits provided on admission to a Hospital, television, telephone, newborn infant photographs, complimentary meals, birth announcements, and other articles which are not for the specific treatment of an Injury or Sickness.
  - artificial aids including, but not limited to, corrective orthopedic shoes, arch supports, elastic stockings, garter belts, corsets and dentures.
  - aids or devices that assist with non-verbal communications, including but not limited to communication boards, pre-recorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books.
  - eyeglass lenses and frames, contact lenses and associated services (exams and fittings) except the initial set after treatment of keratoconus or following cataract surgery.
  - eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
  - all non-injectable prescription drugs unless Physician administration or oversight is required, injectable prescription drugs to the extent they do not require Physician supervision and are typically considered self-administered drugs, non-prescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided in this plan.
  - routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses and toenail maintenance. However, foot care services for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease are covered when Medically Necessary.
  - membership costs and fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs or smoking cessation programs.
  - genetic screening or pre-implantations genetic screening. General population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically-linked inheritable disease.
  - dental implants for any condition.
  - fees associated with the collection, storage or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services when medical management review determines the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
  - blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
  - cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks.
  - health and beauty aids, cosmetics and dietary supplements.

- all nutritional supplements, formulae, enteral feedings, supplies and specially formulated medical foods, whether prescribed or not, except for infant formula needed for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism.
- for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
- charges related to an Injury or Sickness payable under worker's compensation or similar laws.
- massage therapy.

### **General Limitations**

No payment will be made for expenses incurred for you or any one of your Dependents:

- for charges made by a Hospital owned or operated by or which provides care or performs services for, the United States Government, if such charges are directly related to a military-service-connected Injury or Sickness.
- for any charges related to care provided through a public program, other than Medicaid.
- for charges which would not have been made if the person did not have coverage.
- to the extent that they are more than Maximum Reimbursable Charges.
- to the extent of the exclusions imposed by any certification requirement shown in this plan.
- for expenses for services, supplies, care, treatment, drugs or surgery that are not Medically Necessary.
- for charges made by any Physician or Other Health Professional who is a member of your family or your Dependent's family.
- for expenses incurred outside the United States other than expenses for Medically Necessary emergency or urgent care while temporarily traveling abroad.

### **Coordination of Benefits**

This section applies if you or any one of your Dependents is covered under more than one Plan and determines how benefits payable from all such Plans will be coordinated. You should file all claims with each Plan.

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings set forth below:

#### **Plan**

Any of the following that provides benefits in the form of payment or services for:

- An insurance policy or certificate or HMO group service agreement issued to an individual or a group; or a self-insured group health plan providing benefits in the form of reimbursement or services for medical care or treatment/items, except for Medicare supplement insurance.
- Medicare and other governmental benefit programs except for Medicaid.
- Medical benefits coverage under any form of group or individual automobile insurance.

Each Plan or part of a Plan which has the right to coordinate benefits will be considered a separate Plan.

#### **Primary Plan**

The Plan that pays first as determined by the Order of Benefit Determination Rules below.

#### **Secondary Plan**

The Plan that pays after the Primary Plan as determined by the Order of Benefit Determination Rules below. The benefits under the Secondary Plan are reduced based by the benefits under the Primary Plan.

#### **Allowable Expense**

The amount of charges considered for payment under the Plan for a Covered Service prior to any reductions due to coinsurance, copayment or deductible amounts. If Cigna contracts with an entity to arrange for the provision of Covered Services through that entity's contracted network of health care providers, the amount that Cigna has agreed to pay that entity is the allowable amount used to determine your coinsurance or deductible payments. If the Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

#### **Claim Determination Period**

A calendar year, excluding any part of a calendar year during which you are not covered under this Plan or any date before this section or any similar provision takes effect.

#### **Deductible**

When this Plan is secondary in a Coordination of Benefits situation, any Covered Expenses paid by the Primary Plan shall be credited toward the Deductible.

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

A Plan that does not have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section shall always be the Primary Plan.

If the Plan does have a coordination of benefits rule consistent with this section, the first of the following rules that applies to the situation is the one to use:

- The Plan that covers you as an enrollee or an employee shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as a Dependent shall be the Secondary Plan;
- If you are a Dependent child whose parents are not divorced or legally separated, the Primary Plan shall be the Plan which covers the parent whose birthday falls first in the calendar year as an enrollee or employee;
- If you are the Dependent of divorced or separated parents, the Primary Plan for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - if a court decree states that one parent is responsible for the child's healthcare expenses or health coverage and the Plan for that parent has actual knowledge of the terms of the order, then it shall be Primary, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child; and
  - the Plan of the spouse of the parent not having custody of the child.
- The Plan that covers you as an active employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan and the Plan that covers you as laid-off or retired employee (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans do not reach agreement on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- The Plan that covers you under a right of continuation which is provided by federal or state law shall be the Secondary Plan and the Plan that covers you as an active employee or retiree (or as that employee's Dependent) shall be the Primary Plan. If the other Plan does not have a similar provision and, as a result, the Plans do not reach agreement on the order of benefit determination, this paragraph shall not apply.
- If one of the Plans that covers you is issued out of the state whose laws govern this Policy, and determines the order of benefits based upon the gender of a parent, and as a result, the Plans do not reach agreement on the order of benefit determination, the Plan with the gender rules shall determine the order of benefits.

If none of the above rules determines the order of benefits, the Plan that has covered you for the longer period of time shall be Primary Plan.

You are expected to enroll in Medicare when you first become eligible. If you do not enroll in Medicare, this Plan will not pay the portion Medicare would have paid as the Primary Plan and will only pay benefits as if this Plan was your Secondary Plan.

When coordinating benefits with Medicare, this Plan will be the Secondary Plan and determine benefits after Medicare, where permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965, as amended. However, when more than one Plan is secondary to Medicare, the benefit determination rules identified above, will be used to determine how benefits will be coordinated.

#### **Effect on the Benefits of This Plan**

If this Plan is the Primary Plan, the amount this Plan pays for a Covered Expense will be determined without regard to the benefits payable under any other Plan.

If this Plan is the Secondary Plan, the amount this Plan pays for a Covered Expense is the Allowable Expense less the amount payable by the Primary Plan during a Claim Determination Period.

The difference between the amount that this Plan pays when it is the Secondary Plan and what it would have paid as the Primary Plan will be recorded as a benefit reserve for you. This benefit reserve will be used to pay any Covered Expense not otherwise paid during the Claim Determination Period.

As each claim is submitted, Cigna will determine the following:

- whether the expense for which the claim is made is covered under this Plan;
- whether to record a benefit reserve for you; and
- whether you incurred any Covered Expenses during the Claims Determination Period that were not paid by this Plan or the Primary Plan.

The benefit reserve recorded for you will be used to pay any Covered Expenses incurred during the Claim Determination Period that are not otherwise paid by the Primary Plan or this Plan. At the beginning of each Claim Determination Period, your benefit reserve will be zero and a new benefit reserve will be recorded for you as described above. Benefit reserve amounts not used in the prior Claim Determination Period do not carry over to the next Claim Determination Period.

#### **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If this Plan is the Secondary Plan and Cigna pays for Covered Expenses that should have been paid by the Primary Plan, or if Cigna pays any amount in excess of what it is obligated to pay under this Plan, Cigna will have the right to recover the amount of the overpayment.

Cigna will seek such recovery. If we request, you must execute and deliver to us such instruments and documents as we determine are necessary to secure our right of recovery.



### **Right to Receive and Release Information**

Cigna, without consent or notice to you, may obtain information from and release information to any other Plan with respect to you in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. You must provide us with any information we request in order to coordinate your benefits pursuant to this section. This request may occur in connection with a submitted claim; if so, you will be advised that the "other coverage" information, (including an Explanation of Benefits paid under the Primary Plan) is required before the claim will be processed for payment. If no response is received within 55 days of the request, the claim will be closed. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

### **Coordination of Benefits with Medicare**

If you, your spouse, or your Dependent are covered under this Plan and qualify for Medicare, federal law determines which Plan is the primary payer and which is the secondary payer. The primary payer always determines covered benefits first, without considering what any other coverage will pay. The secondary payer determines its coverage only after the Primary Plan has completed its determination.

#### **When Medicare is the Primary Payer**

Medicare will be the primary payer and this Plan will be the secondary payer, even if you don't elect to enroll in Medicare or you receive services from a provider who does not accept Medicare payments, in the following situations:

- **COBRA or State Continuation:** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare for any reason and are covered under this Plan due to COBRA or state continuation of coverage.
- **Retirement or Termination of Employment:** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare for any reason and are covered under this Plan due to your retirement or termination of employment.
- **Disability:** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to a disability, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has fewer than 100 employees.
- **Age:** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to age, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has fewer than 20 employees.
- **End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and you are an active or retired Employee. This Plan will be the primary payer for the first 30 months. Beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> month, Medicare will be the primary payer.

#### **When This Plan is the Primary Payer**

This Plan will be the primary payer and Medicare will be the secondary payer in the following situations:

- **Disability:** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to a disability, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has 100 or more employees.
- **Age:** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to age, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has 20 or more employees.
- **End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD):** You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and you are an active or retired Employee. This Plan is the primary payer for the first 30 months. Beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> month, Medicare will be the primary payer.

### **Domestic Partners**

Under federal law, when Medicare coverage is due to age, Medicare is always the primary payer and this Plan is the secondary payer for a person covered under this Plan as a Domestic Partner. However, when Medicare coverage is due to disability, the Disability payer explanations above will apply.

**IMPORTANT: If you, your spouse, or your Dependent do not elect to enroll in Medicare Parts A and/or B when first eligible, or you receive services from a provider who does not accept Medicare payments, this Plan will calculate payment based on what should have been paid by Medicare as the primary payer if the person had been enrolled or had received services from a provider who accepts Medicare payments. A person is considered eligible for Medicare on the earliest date any coverage under Medicare could become effective.**

### **Failure to Enroll in Medicare**

If you, your spouse, or your Dependent do not enroll in Medicare Parts A and/or B during the person's initial Medicare enrollment period, or the person opts out of coverage, the person may be subject to Medicare late enrollment penalties, which can cause a delay in coverage and result in higher Medicare premiums when the person does enroll. It can also result in a reduction in coverage under Medicare Parts A and B. If you are planning to retire or terminate employment and you will be eligible for COBRA, state Continuation, or retiree coverage under this Plan, you should enroll in Medicare before you terminate employment to avoid penalties and to receive the maximum coverage under Medicare. Please consult Medicare or the Social Security Administration for more information.

### **Assistance with Medicare Questions**

For more information on Medicare's rules and regulations, contact Medicare toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). You may also contact the

Social Security Administration toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), or call your local Social Security Administration office.

## Expenses For Which A Third Party May Be Responsible

This plan does not cover:

- Expenses incurred by you or your Dependent (hereinafter individually and collectively referred to as a "Participant,") for which another party may be responsible as a result of having caused or contributed to an Injury or Sickness.
- Expenses incurred by a Participant to the extent any payment is received for them either directly or indirectly from a third party tortfeasor or as a result of a settlement, judgment or arbitration award in connection with any automobile medical, automobile no-fault, uninsured or underinsured motorist, homeowners, workers' compensation, government insurance (other than Medicaid), or similar type of insurance or coverage.

### Right of Reimbursement

If a Participant incurs a Covered Expense for which, in the opinion of the plan or its claim administrator, another party may be responsible or for which the Participant may receive payment, the Participant by accepting benefits under this plan, hereby provides prior written approval and grants the plan a right of reimbursement, on a just and equitable basis and not on the basis of a priority lien, from the proceeds of any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise. A just and equitable basis shall mean that any factors that diminish the potential value of the insured member's claim shall likewise reduce the share in the claim for those claiming payment for services or reimbursement. Such factors shall include, but are not limited to legal defenses, exigencies of trial, or applicable insurance coverage that reduce the amount recoverable by the Participant. A Participant or his/her representative shall execute such documents as may be required to secure the plan's right of reimbursement.

### Additional Terms

By accepting benefits under this plan, a Participant hereby provides prior written approval of the following:

- No adult Participant hereunder may assign any rights that it may have to recover medical expenses from any third party or other person or entity to any minor Dependent of said adult Participant without the prior express written consent of the plan. The plan's right to recover on a just and equitable basis shall apply to decedents', minors', and incompetent or disabled persons' settlements or recoveries.

- In the event that a Participant shall fail or refuse to honor its obligations hereunder, then the plan shall be entitled to recover any costs incurred in enforcing the terms hereof including, but not limited to, attorney's fees, litigation, court costs, and other expenses. The plan shall also be entitled to offset the reimbursement obligation against any entitlement to future medical benefits hereunder until the Participant has fully complied as agreed upon here with his reimbursement obligations hereunder, regardless of how those future medical benefits are incurred.
- Participants must assist the plan in pursuing any recovery rights by providing requested information.

## Payment of Benefits

### Assignment and Payment of Benefits

You may not assign to any party, including, but not limited to, a provider of healthcare services/items, your right to benefits under this plan, nor may you assign any administrative, statutory, or legal rights or causes of action you may have under ERISA, including, but not limited to, any right to make a claim for plan benefits, to request plan or other documents, to file appeals of denied claims or grievances, or to file lawsuits under ERISA. Any attempt to assign such rights shall be void and unenforceable under all circumstances.

You may, however, authorize Cigna to pay any healthcare benefits under this policy to a Participating or non-Participating Provider. When you authorize the payment of your healthcare benefits to a Participating or non-Participating Provider, you authorize the payment of the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If a provider is overpaid because of accepting duplicate payments from you and Cigna, it is the provider's responsibility to reimburse the overpayment to you. Cigna may pay all healthcare benefits for Covered Services directly to a Participating Provider without your authorization. You may not interpret or rely upon this discrete authorization or permission to pay any healthcare benefits to a Participating or non-Participating Provider as the authority to assign any other rights under this policy to any party, including, but not limited to, a provider of healthcare services/items.

Even if the payment of healthcare benefits to a non-Participating Provider has been authorized by you, Cigna may, at its option, make payment of benefits to you. When benefits are paid to you or your Dependent, you or your Dependents are responsible for reimbursing the non-Participating Provider.

If any person to whom benefits are payable is a minor or, in the opinion of Cigna is not able to give a valid receipt for any payment due him, such payment will be made to his legal guardian. If no request for payment has been made by his legal guardian, Cigna may, at its option, make payment to the

person or institution appearing to have assumed his custody and support.

When one of our participants passes away, Cigna may receive notice that an executor of the estate has been established. The executor has the same rights as our insured and benefit payments for unassigned claims should be made payable to the executor.

Payment as described above will release Cigna from all liability to the extent of any payment made.

### **Recovery of Overpayment**

When an overpayment has been made by Cigna, Cigna will have the right at any time to: recover that overpayment from the person to whom or on whose behalf it was made; or offset the amount of that overpayment from a future claim payment. In addition, your acceptance of benefits under this plan and/or assignment of Medical Benefits separately creates an equitable lien by agreement pursuant to which Cigna may seek recovery of any overpayment. You agree that Cigna, in seeking recovery of any overpayment as a contractual right or as an equitable lien by agreement, may pursue the general assets of the person or entity to whom or on whose behalf the overpayment was made.

### **Calculation of Covered Expenses**

Cigna, in its discretion, will calculate Covered Expenses following evaluation and validation of all provider billings in accordance with:

- the methodologies in the most recent edition of the Current Procedural terminology.
- the methodologies as reported by generally recognized professionals or publications.

## **Termination of Insurance**

### **Employees**

Your insurance will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date you cease to be in a Class of Eligible Employees or cease to qualify for the insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date the policy is cancelled.
- the last day of the calendar month in which your Active Service ends except as described below.

Any continuation of insurance must be based on a plan which precludes individual selection.

### **Temporary Layoff or Leave of Absence**

If your Active Service ends due to temporary layoff or leave of absence, your insurance will be continued until the date your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels your insurance. However, your insurance will not be continued for more than 60 days past the date your Active Service ends.

### **Injury or Sickness**

If your Active Service ends due to an Injury or Sickness, your insurance will be continued while you remain totally and continuously disabled as a result of the Injury or Sickness. However, your insurance will not continue past the date your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels your insurance.

### **Retirement**

If your Active Service ends because you retire, your insurance will be continued until the date on which your Employer stops paying premium for you or otherwise cancels the insurance.

### **Dependents**

Your insurance for all of your Dependents will cease on the earliest date below:

- the date your insurance ceases.
- the date you cease to be eligible for Dependent Insurance.
- the last day for which you have made any required contribution for the insurance.
- the date Dependent Insurance is cancelled.

The insurance for any one of your Dependents will cease on the date that Dependent no longer qualifies as a Dependent.

### **Rescissions**

Your coverage may not be rescinded (retroactively terminated) by Cigna or the plan sponsor unless the plan sponsor or an individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) performs an act, practice or omission that constitutes fraud; or the plan sponsor or individual (or a person seeking coverage on behalf of the individual) makes an intentional misrepresentation of material fact.

### **Medical Benefits Extension Upon Policy Cancellation**

If the Medical Benefits under this plan cease for you or your Dependent due to cancellation of the policy, and you are or your Dependent is Totally Disabled on that date due to an Injury or Sickness, Medical Benefits will be paid for Covered

Expenses incurred in connection with that Injury or Sickness. However, no benefits will be paid after the earliest of:

- the date you exceed the Maximum Benefit, if any, shown in The Schedule;
- the date you are covered for medical benefits under another group policy; except Cigna will pay benefits as secondary payer in coordination with the succeeding plan;
- the date you are no longer Totally Disabled or no longer Confined in a Hospital;
- 6 months from the date your Medical Benefits cease; or
- 6 months from the date the policy is canceled.

### **Totally Disabled**

You will be considered Totally Disabled if, because of an Injury or a Sickness:

- if you were gainfully employed prior to disability, you are unable to engage in any gainful occupation for which you are reasonably suited by training, education, and experience; and
- if you were not gainfully employed prior to disability, you are unable to engage in most normal activities of a person of like age in good health.

## **Federal Requirements**

The following pages explain your rights and responsibilities under federal laws and regulations. Some states may have similar requirements. If a similar provision appears elsewhere in this booklet, the provision which provides the better benefit will apply.

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## **Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)**

### **Eligibility for Coverage Under a QMCSO**

If a Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO) is issued for your child, that child will be eligible for coverage as required by the order and you will not be considered a Late Entrant for Dependent Insurance.

You must notify your Employer and elect coverage for that child, and yourself if you are not already enrolled, within 31 days of the QMCSO being issued.

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

A Qualified Medical Child Support Order is a judgment, decree or order (including approval of a settlement agreement) or administrative notice, which is issued pursuant to a state

domestic relations law (including a community property law), or to an administrative process, which provides for child support or provides for health benefit coverage to such child and relates to benefits under the group health plan, and satisfies all of the following:

- the order recognizes or creates a child's right to receive group health benefits for which a participant or beneficiary is eligible;
- the order specifies your name and last known address, and the child's name and last known address, except that the name and address of an official of a state or political subdivision may be substituted for the child's mailing address;
- the order provides a description of the coverage to be provided, or the manner in which the type of coverage is to be determined;
- the order states the period to which it applies; and
- if the order is a National Medical Support Notice completed in accordance with the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998, such Notice meets the requirements above.

The QMCSO may not require the health insurance policy to provide coverage for any type or form of benefit or option not otherwise provided under the policy, except that an order may require a plan to comply with State laws regarding health care coverage.

### **Payment of Benefits**

Any payment of benefits in reimbursement for Covered Expenses paid by the child, or the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, shall be made to the child, the child's custodial parent or legal guardian, or a state official whose name and address have been substituted for the name and address of the child.

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## **Special Enrollment Rights Under the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)**

If you or your eligible Dependent(s) experience a special enrollment event as described below, you or your eligible Dependent(s) may be entitled to enroll in the Plan outside of a designated enrollment period upon the occurrence of one of the special enrollment events listed below. If you are already enrolled in the Plan, you may request enrollment for you and your eligible Dependent(s) under a different option offered by the Employer for which you are currently eligible. If you are not already enrolled in the Plan, you must request special

enrollment for yourself in addition to your eligible Dependent(s). You and all of your eligible Dependent(s) must be covered under the same option. The special enrollment events include:

- **Acquiring a new Dependent.** If you acquire a new Dependent(s) through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption, you may request special enrollment for any of the following combinations of individuals if not already enrolled in the Plan: Employee only; spouse only; Employee and spouse; Dependent child(ren) only; Employee and Dependent child(ren); Employee, spouse and Dependent child(ren). Enrollment of Dependent children is limited to the newborn or adopted children or children who became Dependent children of the Employee due to marriage.
- **Loss of eligibility for State Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).** If you and/or your Dependent(s) were covered under a state Medicaid or CHIP plan and the coverage is terminated due to a loss of eligibility, you may request special enrollment for yourself and any affected Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days after termination of Medicaid or CHIP coverage.
- **Loss of eligibility for other coverage (excluding continuation coverage).** If coverage was declined under this Plan due to coverage under another plan, and eligibility for the other coverage is lost, you and all of your eligible Dependent(s) may request special enrollment in this Plan. If required by the Plan, when enrollment in this Plan was previously declined, it must have been declined in writing with a statement that the reason for declining enrollment was due to other health coverage. This provision applies to loss of eligibility as a result of any of the following:
  - divorce or legal separation;
  - cessation of Dependent status (such as reaching the limiting age);
  - death of the Employee;
  - termination of employment;
  - reduction in work hours to below the minimum required for eligibility;
  - you or your Dependent(s) no longer reside, live or work in the other plan’s network service area and no other coverage is available under the other plan;
  - you or your Dependent(s) incur a claim which meets or exceeds the lifetime maximum limit that is applicable to all benefits offered under the other plan; or
  - the other plan no longer offers any benefits to a class of similarly situated individuals.
- **Termination of Employer contributions (excluding continuation coverage).** If a current or former Employer

ceases all contributions toward the Employee’s or Dependent’s other coverage, special enrollment may be requested in this Plan for you and all of your eligible Dependent(s).

- **Exhaustion of COBRA or other continuation coverage.** Special enrollment may be requested in this Plan for you and all of your eligible Dependent(s) upon exhaustion of COBRA or other continuation coverage. If you or your Dependent(s) elect COBRA or other continuation coverage following loss of coverage under another plan, the COBRA or other continuation coverage must be exhausted before any special enrollment rights exist under this Plan. An individual is considered to have exhausted COBRA or other continuation coverage only if such coverage ceases: due to failure of the Employer or other responsible entity to remit premiums on a timely basis; when the person no longer resides or works in the other plan’s service area and there is no other COBRA or continuation coverage available under the plan; or when the individual incurs a claim that would meet or exceed a lifetime maximum limit on all benefits and there is no other COBRA or other continuation coverage available to the individual. This does not include termination of an Employer’s limited period of contributions toward COBRA or other continuation coverage as provided under any severance or other agreement.
- **Eligibility for employment assistance under State Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).** If you and/or your Dependent(s) become eligible for assistance with group health plan premium payments under a state Medicaid or CHIP plan, you may request special enrollment for yourself and any affected Dependent(s) who are not already enrolled in the Plan. You must request enrollment within 60 days after the date you are determined to be eligible for assistance.

**Except as stated above, special enrollment must be requested within 30 days after the occurrence of the special enrollment event. If the special enrollment event is the birth or adoption of a Dependent child, coverage will be effective immediately on the date of birth, adoption or placement for adoption. Coverage with regard to any other special enrollment event will be effective no later than the first day of the first calendar month following receipt of the request for special enrollment.**

Domestic Partners and their children (if not legal children of the Employee) are not eligible for special enrollment.

## Effect of Section 125 Tax Regulations on This Plan

Your Employer has chosen to administer this Plan in accordance with Section 125 regulations of the Internal Revenue Code. Per this regulation, you may agree to a pretax salary reduction put toward the cost of your benefits. Otherwise, you will receive your taxable earnings as cash (salary).

### A. Coverage elections

Per Section 125 regulations, you are generally allowed to enroll for or change coverage only before each annual benefit period. However, exceptions are allowed:

- if you meet Special Enrollment criteria and enroll as described in the Special Enrollment section; or
- if your Employer agrees, and you meet the criteria shown in the following Sections B through H and enroll for or change coverage within the time period established by your Employer.

### B. Change of status

A change in status is defined as:

- change in legal marital status due to marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, annulment or legal separation;
- change in number of Dependents due to birth, adoption, placement for adoption, or death of a Dependent;
- change in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent due to termination or start of employment, strike, lockout, beginning or end of unpaid leave of absence, including under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), or change in worksite;
- changes in employment status of Employee, spouse or Dependent resulting in eligibility or ineligibility for coverage;
- change in residence of Employee, spouse or Dependent to a location outside of the Employer's network service area; and
- changes which cause a Dependent to become eligible or ineligible for coverage.

### C. Court order

A change in coverage due to and consistent with a court order of the Employee or other person to cover a Dependent.

### D. Medicare or Medicaid eligibility/entitlement

The Employee, spouse or Dependent cancels or reduces coverage due to entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid, or enrolls or increases coverage due to loss of Medicare or Medicaid eligibility.

### E. Change in cost of coverage

If the cost of benefits increases or decreases during a benefit period, your Employer may, in accordance with plan terms, automatically change your elective contribution.

When the change in cost is significant, you may either increase your contribution or elect less-costly coverage. When a significant overall reduction is made to the benefit option you have elected, you may elect another available benefit option. When a new benefit option is added, you may change your election to the new benefit option.

### F. Changes in coverage of spouse or Dependent under another employer's plan

You may make a coverage election change if the plan of your spouse or Dependent: incurs a change such as adding or deleting a benefit option; allows election changes due to Special Enrollment, Change in Status, Court Order or Medicare or Medicaid Eligibility/Entitlement; or this Plan and the other plan have different periods of coverage or open enrollment periods.

### G. Reduction in work hours

If an Employee's work hours are reduced below 30 hours/week (even if it does not result in the Employee losing eligibility for the Employer's coverage); and the Employee (and family) intend to enroll in another plan that provides Minimum Essential Coverage (MEC). The new coverage must be effective no later than the 1st day of the 2nd month following the month that includes the date the original coverage is revoked.

### H. Enrollment in a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)

Employee: The Employee must be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP through an Exchange (Marketplace) or the Employee seeks to enroll in a QHP through an Exchange during the Marketplace's annual open enrollment period; and the disenrollment from the group plan corresponds to the intended enrollment of the Employee (and family) in a QHP through an Exchange for new coverage effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of the original coverage.

Family: A plan may allow an Employee to revoke family coverage midyear in order for family members (“related individuals”) to enroll in a QHP through an Exchange (Marketplace). The related individual(s) must be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP or seek to enroll in a QHP during the Marketplace’s annual open enrollment period, and the disenrollment from the group plan corresponds to the intended enrollment of the individual(s) in a QHP for new coverage effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of the original coverage. If the Employee does not enroll in a QHP, the Employee must select self-only coverage or family coverage including one or more already-covered individuals.

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### Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children

Any child who is adopted by you, including a child who is placed with you for adoption, will be eligible for Dependent Insurance, if otherwise eligible as a Dependent, upon the date of placement with you. A child will be considered placed for adoption when you become legally obligated to support that child, totally or partially, prior to that child’s adoption.

If a child placed for adoption is not adopted, all health coverage ceases when the placement ends, and will not be continued.

The provisions in the “Exception for Newborns” section of this document that describe requirements for enrollment and effective date of insurance will also apply to an adopted child or a child placed with you for adoption.

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### Coverage for Maternity Hospital Stay

Under federal law, group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a delivery by cesarean section. However, the plan or issuer may pay for a shorter stay if the attending provider (*e.g.*, your physician, nurse midwife, or physician assistant), after consultation with the mother, discharges the mother or newborn earlier.

Also, under federal law, plans and issuers may not set the level of benefits or out-of-pocket costs so that any later portion of the 48-hour (or 96-hour) stay is treated in a manner less

favorable to the mother or newborn than any earlier portion of the stay.

**In addition, a plan or issuer may not, under federal law, require that a physician or other health care provider obtain authorization for prescribing a length of stay of up to 48 hours (or 96 hours). However, to use certain providers or facilities, or to reduce your out-of-pocket costs, you may be required to obtain precertification. For information on precertification, contact your plan administrator.**

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### Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act (WHCRA)

Do you know that your plan, as required by the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including all stages of reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and complications resulting from a mastectomy, including lymphedema? Call Member Services at the toll free number listed on your ID card for more information.

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### Group Plan Coverage Instead of Medicaid

If your income and liquid resources do not exceed certain limits established by law, the state may decide to pay premiums for this coverage instead of for Medicaid, if it is cost effective. This includes premiums for continuation coverage required by federal law.

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## Requirements of Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (as amended) (FMLA)

Any provisions of the policy that provide for: continuation of insurance during a leave of absence; and reinstatement of insurance following a return to Active Service; are modified by the following provisions of the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, where applicable:

### Continuation of Health Insurance During Leave

Your health insurance will be continued during a leave of absence if:

- that leave qualifies as a leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended; and
- you are an eligible Employee under the terms of that Act.

The cost of your health insurance during such leave must be paid, whether entirely by your Employer or in part by you and your Employer.

### Reinstatement of Canceled Insurance Following Leave

Upon your return to Active Service following a leave of absence that qualifies under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended, any canceled insurance (health, life or disability) will be reinstated as of the date of your return.

You will not be required to satisfy any eligibility or benefit waiting period to the extent that they had been satisfied prior to the start of such leave of absence.

Your Employer will give you detailed information about the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended.

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## Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA)

The Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) sets requirements for continuation of health coverage and re-employment in regard to an Employee's military leave of absence. These requirements apply to medical and dental coverage for you and your Dependents. They do not apply to any Life, Short-term or Long-term Disability or Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage you may have.

### Continuation of Coverage

For leaves of less than 31 days, coverage will continue as described in the Termination section regarding Leave of Absence.

For leaves of 31 days or more, you may continue coverage for yourself and your Dependents as follows:

You may continue benefits by paying the required premium to your Employer, until the earliest of the following:

- 24 months from the last day of employment with the Employer;
- the day after you fail to return to work; and
- the date the policy cancels.

Your Employer may charge you and your Dependents up to 102% of the total premium.

### Reinstatement of Benefits (applicable to all coverages)

If your coverage ends during the leave of absence because you do not elect USERRA at the expiration of USERRA and you are reemployed by your current Employer, coverage for you and your Dependents may be reinstated if you gave your Employer advance written or verbal notice of your military service leave, and the duration of all military leaves while you are employed with your current Employer does not exceed 5 years.

You and your Dependents will be subject to only the balance of a waiting period that was not yet satisfied before the leave began. However, if an Injury or Sickness occurs or is aggravated during the military leave, full Plan limitations will apply.

If your coverage under this plan terminates as a result of your eligibility for military medical and dental coverage and your order to active duty is canceled before your active duty service commences, these reinstatement rights will continue to apply.

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## Claim Determination Procedures under ERISA

**The following complies with federal law. Provisions of applicable laws of your state may supersede.**

### Procedures Regarding Medical Necessity Determinations

In general, health services and benefits must be Medically Necessary to be covered under the plan. The procedures for determining Medical Necessity vary, according to the type of service or benefit requested, and the type of health plan. Medical Necessity determinations are made on a preservice, concurrent, or postservice basis, as described below:

Certain services require prior authorization in order to be covered. The Certificate describes who is responsible for obtaining this review. You or your authorized representative (typically, your health care professional) must request prior authorization according to the procedures described below, in



the Certificate, and in your provider's network participation documents as applicable.

When services or benefits are determined to be not covered, you or your representative will receive a written description of the adverse determination, and may appeal the determination. Appeal procedures are described in the Certificate, in your provider's network participation documents as applicable, and in the determination notices.

Note: An oral statement made to you by a representative of Cigna or its designee that indicates, for example, a particular service is a Covered Expense, is authorized for coverage by the plan, or that you are eligible for coverage is not a guarantee that you will receive benefits for services under this plan. Cigna will make a benefit determination after a claim is received from you or your authorized representative, and the benefit determination will be based on, your eligibility as of the date services were rendered to you and the terms and conditions of the plan in effect as of the date services were rendered to you.

### **Preservice Determinations**

When you or your representative requests a required prior authorization, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 15 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed due to matters beyond Cigna's control, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 15 days after receiving your request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 30 days after receipt of the request. If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and you or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date you or your representative responds to the notice.

If the determination periods above would seriously jeopardize your life or health, your ability to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of a health care professional with knowledge of your health condition, cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services, Cigna will make the preservice determination on an expedited basis. Cigna will defer to the determination of the treating health care professional regarding whether an expedited determination is necessary. Cigna will notify you or your representative of an expedited determination within 72 hours after receiving the request.

However, if necessary information is missing from the request, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 24 hours after receiving the request to specify what information is needed. You or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 48 hours after receiving the

notice. Cigna will notify you or your representative of the expedited benefit determination within 48 hours after you or your representative responds to the notice. Expedited determinations may be provided orally, followed within 3 days by written or electronic notification.

If you or your representative attempts to request a preservice determination, but fails to follow Cigna's procedures for requesting a required preservice determination, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the failure and describe the proper procedures for filing within 5 days (or 24 hours, if an expedited determination is required, as described above) after receiving the request. This notice may be provided orally, unless you or your representative requests written notification.

### **Concurrent Determinations**

When an ongoing course of treatment has been approved for you and you wish to extend the approval, you or your representative must request a required concurrent coverage determination at least 24 hours prior to the expiration of the approved period of time or number of treatments. When you or your representative requests such a determination, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 24 hours after receiving the request.

### **Postservice Determinations**

When you or your representative requests a coverage determination or a claim payment determination after services have been rendered, Cigna will notify you or your representative of the determination within 30 days after receiving the request. However, if more time is needed to make a determination due to matters beyond Cigna's control, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 30 days after receiving the request. This notice will include the date a determination can be expected, which will be no more than 45 days after receipt of the request.

If more time is needed because necessary information is missing from the request, the notice will also specify what information is needed, and you or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 45 days after receiving the notice. The determination period will be suspended on the date Cigna sends such a notice of missing information, and the determination period will resume on the date you or your representative responds to the notice.

### **Notice of Adverse Determination**

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination: information sufficient to identify the claim including, if applicable, the date of service, provider and claim amount; diagnosis and treatment codes, and their meanings; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination including, if applicable, the denial code and its meaning and a description of any standard that was used in the denial; reference to the specific

plan provisions on which the determination is based; a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable, including a statement of a claimant's rights to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on appeal, (if applicable); upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your claim; and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; a description of any available internal appeal and/or external review process(es); information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you with the appeal process; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

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## **COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law**

### **For You and Your Dependents**

#### **What is COBRA Continuation Coverage?**

Under federal law, you and/or your Dependents must be given the opportunity to continue health insurance when there is a "qualifying event" that would result in loss of coverage under the Plan. You and/or your Dependents will be permitted to continue the same coverage under which you or your Dependents were covered on the day before the qualifying event occurred, unless you move out of that plan's coverage area or the plan is no longer available. You and/or your Dependents cannot change coverage options until the next open enrollment period.

#### **When is COBRA Continuation Available?**

For you and your Dependents, COBRA continuation is available for up to 18 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your termination of employment for any reason, other than gross misconduct; or
- your reduction in work hours.

For your Dependents, COBRA continuation coverage is available for up to 36 months from the date of the following qualifying events if the event would result in a loss of coverage under the Plan:

- your death;
- your divorce or legal separation; or
- for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Who is Entitled to COBRA Continuation?**

Only a "qualified beneficiary" (as defined by federal law) may elect to continue health insurance coverage. A qualified beneficiary may include the following individuals who were covered by the Plan on the day the qualifying event occurred: you, your spouse, and your Dependent children. Each qualified beneficiary has their own right to elect or decline COBRA continuation coverage even if you decline or are not eligible for COBRA continuation.

The following individuals are not qualified beneficiaries for purposes of COBRA continuation: domestic partners, grandchildren (unless adopted by you), stepchildren (unless adopted by you). Although these individuals do not have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage, if you elect COBRA continuation coverage for yourself, you may also cover your Dependents even if they are not considered qualified beneficiaries under COBRA. However, such individuals' coverage will terminate when your COBRA continuation coverage terminates. The sections titled "Secondary Qualifying Events" and "Medicare Extension For Your Dependents" are not applicable to these individuals.

#### **Secondary Qualifying Events**

If, as a result of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, your Dependent(s) have elected COBRA continuation coverage and one or more Dependents experience another COBRA qualifying event, the affected Dependent(s) may elect to extend their COBRA continuation coverage for an additional 18 months (7 months if the secondary event occurs within the disability extension period) for a maximum of 36 months from the initial qualifying event. The second qualifying event must occur before the end of the initial 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage or within the disability extension period discussed below. Under no circumstances will COBRA continuation coverage be available for more than 36 months from the initial qualifying event. Secondary qualifying events are: your death; your divorce or legal separation; or, for a Dependent child, failure to continue to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.

#### **Disability Extension**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security

Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

To qualify for the disability extension, all of the following requirements must be satisfied:

- SSA must determine that the disability occurred prior to or within 60 days after the disabled individual elected COBRA continuation coverage; and
- A copy of the written SSA determination must be provided to the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the date the SSA determination is made AND before the end of the initial 18-month continuation period.

If the SSA later determines that the individual is no longer disabled, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 30 days after the date the final determination is made by SSA. The 11-month disability extension will terminate for all covered persons on the first day of the month that is more than 30 days after the date the SSA makes a final determination that the disabled individual is no longer disabled.

All causes for “Termination of COBRA Continuation” listed below will also apply to the period of disability extension.

#### **Medicare Extension for Your Dependents**

When the qualifying event is your termination of employment or reduction in work hours and you became enrolled in Medicare (Part A, Part B or both) within the 18 months before the qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage for your Dependents will last for up to 36 months after the date you became enrolled in Medicare. Your COBRA continuation coverage will last for up to 18 months from the date of your termination of employment or reduction in work hours.

#### **Termination of COBRA Continuation**

COBRA continuation coverage will be terminated upon the occurrence of any of the following:

- the end of the COBRA continuation period of 18, 29 or 36 months, as applicable;
- failure to pay the required premium within 30 calendar days after the due date;
- cancellation of the Employer’s policy with Cigna;
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both);
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan, unless the qualified beneficiary has a condition for which the new plan limits or excludes coverage under a pre-existing condition provision. In such case coverage will continue until the earliest of: the end of the applicable maximum period; the date the pre-existing condition

provision is no longer applicable; or the occurrence of an event described in one of the first three bullets above;

- any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary who is not receiving continuation coverage (e.g., fraud).

#### **Moving Out of Employer’s Service Area or Elimination of a Service Area**

If you and/or your Dependents move out of the Employer’s service area or the Employer eliminates a service area in your location, your COBRA continuation coverage under the plan will be limited to out-of-network coverage only. In-network coverage is not available outside of the Employer’s service area. If the Employer offers another benefit option through Cigna or another carrier which can provide coverage in your location, you may elect COBRA continuation coverage under that option.

#### **Employer’s Notification Requirements**

Your Employer is required to provide you and/or your Dependents with the following notices:

- An initial notification of COBRA continuation rights must be provided within 90 days after your (or your spouse’s) coverage under the Plan begins (or the Plan first becomes subject to COBRA continuation requirements, if later). If you and/or your Dependents experience a qualifying event before the end of that 90-day period, the initial notice must be provided within the time frame required for the COBRA continuation coverage election notice as explained below.
- A COBRA continuation coverage election notice must be provided to you and/or your Dependents within the following timeframes:
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the loss of coverage, 44 days after loss of coverage under the Plan;
  - if the Plan provides that COBRA continuation coverage and the period within which an Employer must notify the Plan Administrator of a qualifying event starts upon the occurrence of a qualifying event, 44 days after the qualifying event occurs; or
  - in the case of a multi-employer plan, no later than 14 days after the end of the period in which Employers must provide notice of a qualifying event to the Plan Administrator.

#### **How to Elect COBRA Continuation Coverage**

The COBRA coverage election notice will list the individuals who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage and inform you of the applicable premium. The notice will also include instructions for electing COBRA continuation coverage. You must notify the Plan Administrator of your

election no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If a written election notice is required, it must be post-marked no later than the due date stated on the COBRA election notice. If you do not make proper notification by the due date shown on the notice, you and your Dependents will lose the right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. If you reject COBRA continuation coverage before the due date, you may change your mind as long as you furnish a completed election form before the due date.

Each qualified beneficiary has an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Continuation coverage may be elected for only one, several, or for all Dependents who are qualified beneficiaries. Parents may elect to continue coverage on behalf of their Dependent children. You or your spouse may elect continuation coverage on behalf of all the qualified beneficiaries. You are not required to elect COBRA continuation coverage in order for your Dependents to elect COBRA continuation.

#### **How Much Does COBRA Continuation Coverage Cost?**

Each qualified beneficiary may be required to pay the entire cost of continuation coverage. The amount may not exceed 102% of the cost to the group health plan (including both Employer and Employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member. The premium during the 11-month disability extension may not exceed 150% of the cost to the group health plan (including both employer and employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated active Employee or family member.

For example: If the Employee alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, the Employee will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If the spouse or one Dependent child alone elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the active Employee premium. If more than one qualified beneficiary elects COBRA continuation coverage, they will be charged 102% (or 150%) of the applicable family premium.

#### **When and How to Pay COBRA Premiums**

##### *First payment for COBRA continuation*

If you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to send any payment with the election form. However, you must make your first payment no later than 45 calendar days after the date of your election. (This is the date the Election Notice is postmarked, if mailed.) If you do not make your first payment within that 45 days, you will lose all COBRA continuation rights under the Plan.

##### *Subsequent payments*

After you make your first payment for COBRA continuation coverage, you will be required to make subsequent payments of the required premium for each additional month of coverage. Payment is due on the first day of each month. If you make a payment on or before its due date, your coverage

under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break.

##### *Grace periods for subsequent payments*

Although subsequent payments are due by the first day of the month, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each monthly payment. Your COBRA continuation coverage will be provided for each coverage period as long as payment for that coverage period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment. However, if your payment is received after the due date, your coverage under the Plan may be suspended during this time. Any providers who contact the Plan to confirm coverage during this time may be informed that coverage has been suspended. If payment is received before the end of the grace period, your coverage will be reinstated back to the beginning of the coverage period. This means that any claim you submit for benefits while your coverage is suspended may be denied and may have to be resubmitted once your coverage is reinstated. If you fail to make a payment before the end of the grace period for that coverage period, you will lose all rights to COBRA continuation coverage under the Plan.

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

If you or your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the later of the date the qualifying event occurs or the date coverage would cease as a result of the qualifying event:

- Your divorce or legal separation; or
- Your child ceases to qualify as a Dependent under the Plan.
- The occurrence of a secondary qualifying event as discussed under “Secondary Qualifying Events” above (this notice must be received prior to the end of the initial 18- or 29-month COBRA period).

(Also refer to the section titled “Disability Extension” for additional notice requirements.)

Notice must be made in writing and must include: the name of the Plan, name and address of the Employee covered under the Plan, name and address(es) of the qualified beneficiaries affected by the qualifying event; the qualifying event; the date the qualifying event occurred; and supporting documentation (e.g., divorce decree, birth certificate, disability determination, etc.).

#### **Newly Acquired Dependents**

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption while your coverage is being continued, you may cover such Dependent under your COBRA continuation coverage. However, only your newborn or adopted Dependent child is a qualified beneficiary and may continue COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of

the coverage period following your early termination of COBRA coverage or due to a secondary qualifying event. COBRA coverage for your Dependent spouse and any Dependent children who are not your children (e.g., stepchildren or grandchildren) will cease on the date your COBRA coverage ceases and they are not eligible for a secondary qualifying event.

### **COBRA Continuation for Retirees Following Employer's Bankruptcy**

If you are covered as a retiree, and a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer under Title 11 of the United States Code, you may be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage. If the bankruptcy results in a loss of coverage for you, your Dependents or your surviving spouse within one year before or after such proceeding, you and your covered Dependents will become COBRA qualified beneficiaries with respect to the bankruptcy. You will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage until your death. Your surviving spouse and covered Dependent children will be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage for up to 36 months following your death. However, COBRA continuation coverage will cease upon the occurrence of any of the events listed under "Termination of COBRA Continuation" above.

### **Interaction With Other Continuation Benefits**

You may be eligible for other continuation benefits under state law. Refer to the Termination section for any other continuation benefits.

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## **ERISA Required Information**

The name of the Plan is:

University of New England Employee Benefit Plan

The name, address, ZIP code and business telephone number of the sponsor of the Plan is:

University of New England  
11 Hills Beach Road  
Biddeford, ME 04005  
207-602-2394

Employer Identification  
Number (EIN):

010211810

Plan Number:

501

The name, address, ZIP code and business telephone number of the Plan Administrator is:

Employer named above

The name, address and ZIP code of the person designated as agent for service of legal process is:

Employer named above

The office designated to consider the appeal of denied claims is:

The Cigna Claim Office responsible for this Plan

The cost of the Plan is shared by Employee and Employer.

The Plan's fiscal year ends on 12/31.

The preceding pages set forth the eligibility requirements and benefits provided for you under this Plan.

### **Plan Trustees**

A list of any Trustees of the Plan, which includes name, title and address, is available upon request to the Plan Administrator.

### **Plan Type**

The plan is a healthcare benefit plan.

### **Collective Bargaining Agreements**

You may contact the Plan Administrator to determine whether the Plan is maintained pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agreements and if a particular Employer is a sponsor. A copy is available for examination from the Plan Administrator upon written request.

### **Discretionary Authority**

The Plan Administrator delegates to Cigna the discretionary authority to interpret and apply plan terms and to make factual determinations in connection with its review of claims under the plan. Such discretionary authority is intended to include, but not limited to, the determination of the eligibility of persons desiring to enroll in or claim benefits under the plan, the determination of whether a person is entitled to benefits under the plan, and the computation of any and all benefit payments. The Plan Administrator also delegates to Cigna the discretionary authority to perform a full and fair review, as required by ERISA, of each claim denial which has been appealed by the claimant or his duly authorized representative.

### **Plan Modification, Amendment and Termination**

The Employer as Plan Sponsor reserves the right to, at any time, change or terminate benefits under the Plan, to change or terminate the eligibility of classes of employees to be covered by the Plan, to amend or eliminate any other plan term or condition, and to terminate the whole plan or any part of it. Contact the Employer for the procedure by which benefits may be changed or terminated, by which the eligibility of classes of employees may be changed or terminated, or by which part or all of the Plan may be terminated. No consent of any participant is required to terminate, modify, amend or change the Plan.

Termination of the Plan together with termination of the insurance policy(s) which funds the Plan benefits will have no adverse effect on any benefits to be paid under the policy(s) for any covered medical expenses incurred prior to the date that policy(s) terminates. Likewise, any extension of benefits under the policy(s) due to you or your Dependent's total disability which began prior to and has continued beyond the date the policy(s) terminates will not be affected by the Plan termination. Rights to purchase limited amounts of life and medical insurance to replace part of the benefits lost because the policy(s) terminated may arise under the terms of the policy(s). A subsequent Plan termination will not affect the extension of benefits and rights under the policy(s).

Your coverage under the Plan's insurance policy(s) will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- the date you leave Active Service (or later as explained in the Termination Section;)
- the date you are no longer in an eligible class;
- if the Plan is contributory, the date you cease to contribute;
- the date the policy(s) terminates.

See your Plan Administrator to determine if any extension of benefits or rights are available to you or your Dependents under this policy(s). No extension of benefits or rights will be available solely because the Plan terminates.

#### **Statement of Rights**

As a participant in the plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

#### **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

- examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements 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.
- obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each person under the Plan with a copy of this summary financial report.

#### **Continue Group Health Plan Coverage**

- continue health care coverage for yourself, your spouse or Dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your Dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review the documents governing the Plan on the rules governing your federal continuation coverage rights.

#### **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA. If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored you 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.

#### **Enforce Your Rights**

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of documents governing the plan or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court.

In addition, if you disagree with the plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example if it finds your claim is frivolous.

#### **Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits

Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your 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. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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## Notice of an Appeal or a Grievance

The appeal or grievance provision in this certificate may be superseded by the law of your state. Please see your explanation of benefits for the applicable appeal or grievance procedure.

## Appointment of Authorized Representative

You may appoint an authorized representative to assist you in submitting a claim or appealing a claim denial. However, Cigna may require you to designate your authorized representative in writing using a form approved by Cigna. At all times, the appointment of an authorized representative is revocable by you. To ensure that a prior appointment remains valid, Cigna may require you to re-appoint your authorized representative, from time to time.

Cigna reserves the right to refuse to honor the appointment of a representative if Cigna reasonably determines that:

- the signature on an authorized representative form may not be yours, or
- the authorized representative may not have disclosed to you all of the relevant facts and circumstances relating to the overpayment or underpayment of any claim, including, for example, that the billing practices of the provider of medical services may have jeopardized your coverage through the waiver of the cost-sharing amounts that you are required to pay under your plan.

If your designation of an authorized representative is revoked, or Cigna does not honor your designation, you may appoint a new authorized representative at any time, in writing, using a form approved by Cigna.

## When You Have An Appeal Or Grievance

For the purposes of this section, any reference to "you", "your" or "Member" also refers to a representative or provider

designated by you to act on your behalf, unless otherwise noted.

We want you to be completely satisfied with the care and services you receive. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and solving your problems.

### Requests for Reconsideration

In a case involving a health care treatment decision or a concurrent review decision, Cigna shall give the provider rendering the service an opportunity to request by telephone, fax or in writing on behalf of the covered person a reconsideration of an adverse decision by the reviewer making the adverse decision.

The reconsideration shall occur within one working day after the receipt of the request and shall be conducted between the provider rendering the service and the reviewer who made the adverse health care treatment decision or a clinical peer designated by the reviewer if the reviewer who made the adverse decision cannot be available within one working day.

If the reconsideration process does not resolve the difference of opinion, the adverse health care treatment decision may be appealed by the covered person or the provider on behalf of the covered person. Reconsideration is not a prerequisite to a standard appeal or an expedited appeal of an adverse decision.

### Appeals of Adverse Health Care Treatment Decisions

An adverse health care treatment decision is a health care treatment decision made by or on behalf of Cigna that denies payment for or provision of a service otherwise covered under the Plan (in whole or in part), when that service is requested by you or on your behalf. A health care treatment decision means a benefit decision involving determinations regarding Medically Necessary health care and determinations regarding experimental or investigational services. It also include a rescission determination, consistent with the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act.

To initiate an appeal for most claims, you must submit a request for an appeal after receipt of a denial notice. If you appeal a reduction or termination in coverage for an ongoing course of treatment that Cigna previously approved, you will receive, as required by applicable law, continued coverage pending the outcome of an appeal. Appeals may be submitted to the following address:

Cigna  
National Appeals Organization (NAO)  
P.O. Box 188011  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

You should state the reason why you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information supporting your appeal. If you are unable or choose not to write, you may ask to register your appeal by telephone. Call us at 1-800-244-

6224 or the toll-free number on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

We will provide notice to you of the following rights within three working days after we receive your appeal:

- You have the right to review your claim file and to present evidence and testimony as part of the internal appeals process.
- We will provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by us (or at our direction) in connection with your claim. We will provide such evidence as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond.
- Prior to issuing a final internal adverse benefit determination based on new or additional rationale, we will provide you with the rationale, free of charge, sufficiently in advance of the decision to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond.
- We will provide you the name, address and telephone number of the person designated to coordinate the appeal on Cigna's behalf.

#### *Standard Appeal of an Adverse Health Care Treatment Decision*

A standard appeal of an adverse health care treatment decision will be evaluated by an appropriate clinical peer or peers. The clinical peer shall not have been involved in the initial adverse determination, unless the appeal presents additional information that the clinical peer was not aware of at the time of the initial adverse health care treatment decision. The clinical peer will not be a subordinate of a clinical peer involved in the prior decision.

You and your attending or ordering provider will be notified, in writing, of the results of the standard appeal of an adverse determination review within 15 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a required preservice or concurrent care coverage determination, and within 30 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a postservice coverage determination. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

If a standard appeal of an adverse health care treatment decision is denied by Cigna, the Adverse Health Care Treatment appeal Decision provided to you and your attending or ordering provider will contain:

- The names, titles and qualifying credentials of the person(s) evaluating the appeal.
- A statement of the appeal reviewer's understanding of the reason for the request for appeal.

- Reference to the specific plan provisions upon which the decision is based.
- The appeal reviewer's decision in clear terms and the clinical rationale, in sufficient detail, so that you may respond further to Cigna, if necessary.
- A reference to the evidence or documentation used as the basis for the decision, including the clinical review criteria used to make the determination. The decision will include: instructions for requesting copies (free of charge) of information relevant to the claim, including any referenced evidence, documentation or clinical review criteria not previously provided to you; or the actual copies of such additional clinical review criteria, if you previously submitted a written request for the clinical review criteria used in the initial adverse health care treatment decision.
- If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit decision, either: the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement referring to the rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse decision. Copies will be provided to you, free of charge, upon request.
- Notice of any subsequent appeal rights available to you, and the procedure and time limitation for exercising those rights.
- Notice of the availability of any applicable office if health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman established under the federal Affordable Care Act.
- Notice of your right to contact the Maine Insurance Superintendent's office. (See the provision **Assistance from the State of Maine.**)

#### *Expedited Appeal of an Adverse Health Care Treatment Decision*

An expedited appeal of an adverse health care treatment decision is available to you, or to a provider acting on your behalf, when the time frame for the standard appeal of an adverse health care treatment decision would seriously jeopardize your life or health, or your ability to regain maximum function. If you request that your appeal be expedited, you may also ask for an expedited external Independent Review at the same time, if the time to complete an expedited appeal would be detrimental to your medical condition.

Additionally, Cigna will provide expedited review to all requests concerning an admission, availability of care, continued stay or a health care services if you have received Emergency Services, but have not been discharged from a health care facility.

An expedited appeal will be evaluated by an appropriate clinical peer or peers. The clinical peer shall not have been involved in the initial adverse health care treatment decision.



The clinical peer may not be a subordinate of the clinical peer involved in the prior decision.

All information necessary to the expedited review, including Cigna's decision, will be transmitted between all parties by telephone, facsimile, electronic means or the most expeditious method available.

Cigna will make a decision as expeditiously as your medical condition requires, but in no event more than 72 hours after the expedited appeal is initiated. Cigna will notify you and a provider acting on your behalf via telephone. Written confirmation will be provided within two working days of any notification provided by other means.

If the expedited appeal is in connection with: a concurrent review determination of Emergency Services; or an initially authorized admission or course of treatment, the service will be continued without liability to you until you have been notified of the expedited appeal determination.

If an expedited appeal of an adverse health care treatment decision is denied by Cigna, the adverse appeal decision provided to you and your attending or ordering provider will contain the same items outlined above that are provided for a standard appeal denial.

Expedited appeal review will not be provided for retrospective adverse health care treatment decisions.

#### *Second Level Appeals of Adverse Health Care Treatment Decisions*

Cigna provides you with an opportunity for a second level appeal when you are dissatisfied with a first level appeal decision.

When requesting a second level appeal, you have a right to appear in person before authorized Cigna representatives. Cigna will provide you adequate notice of this option.

Cigna will appoint a panel for each second level appeal, which will include one or more panelists who are disinterested clinical peers (that is, a peer not involved in the prior decision, who is not a subordinate of a panelist involved in the prior decision, and has no financial or other personal interest in the outcome of the review). If the second level appeal decision is adverse to you, the decision must have the concurrence of a majority of the disinterested clinical peers on the panel.

In the event any new or additional information (evidence) is considered, relied upon or generated by Cigna in connection with the second level appeal, Cigna will provide this information to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the panel's decision, so that you will have the opportunity to respond. Also, if any new or additional rationale is considered by Cigna, Cigna will provide the rationale to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the panel's decision so that you will have the opportunity to respond.

When you request the opportunity to appear in person before Cigna-authorized representatives, Cigna's procedures for conducting a second level panel review will include the following:

- For required preservice and concurrent care coverage determinations, the panel review will be completed within 15 calendar days, and for postservice claims, the panel review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed by the panel to complete the review.
- The review meeting will be held during regular business hours at a location reasonably accessible to you. Cigna will offer you the opportunity to communicate with the review panel, at Cigna's expense, by conference call, video conferencing, or other appropriate technology. You will be notified in writing at least 15 days in advance of the review date. Cigna will not unreasonably deny your request for postponement of the review.
- Upon your request, Cigna will provide to you all relevant information that is not confidential and privileged from disclosure to you.
- You have the right to:
  - Attend the second level review;
  - Present your case to the review panel;
  - Submit supporting material both before and at the review meeting;
  - Ask questions of any Cigna representative;
  - Be assisted or represented by a person of your choice; and
  - Obtain your medical file and information relevant to the appeal free of charge upon request.
- If Cigna has an attorney present to argue its case, Cigna will so notify you at least 15 days in advance of the review, and will advise you of your right to obtain legal representation.
- Your right to a fair review is not conditional on your appearance at the review.
- The review panel will issue a written decision to you within 5 working days after completing the review meeting and within the panel time frames above if the panel does not approve the requested coverage. A decision adverse to you will contain the same items outlined above that are provided for a standard appeal denial.

Even if you choose not to appear in person before Cigna-authorized representatives, for required preservice and concurrent care coverage determinations, the panel review will be completed within 15 calendar days, and for postservice claims, the panel review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If more time or information is needed to make the

determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed by the panel to complete the review.

### **Review of Adverse Benefit Decisions Not Involving Health Care Treatment Decisions**

For any adverse benefit determination that does not involve medical issues, we will provide written notice to you that includes the following information:

- The principal reason or reasons for the determination.
- Reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based.
- Information sufficient to identify the claim involved (including the date of service, the health care provider, and the claim amount, if applicable), and a statement that the diagnosis code and its corresponding meaning, and the treatment code and its corresponding meaning will be provided upon request.
- A description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect the claim and an explanation as to why such material or information is necessary.
- The instructions and time limits for initiating an appeal or reconsideration of the determination.
- Notice of the right to file a complaint with the Bureau of Insurance after exhausting any appeals under Cigna's internal review process. In addition, an explanation of benefits (EOB) must comply with Maine requirements.
- If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement referring to the rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination. We will provide a copy to you free of charge on request.
- The phone number you may call for information on and assistance with initiating an appeal or reconsideration or requesting review criteria.
- A description of the expedited review process applicable to claims involving urgent care.
- The availability of any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman established under the federal Affordable Care Act.
- Any other information required pursuant to the federal Affordable Care Act.

#### *First Level Review of Adverse Benefit Determinations Not Involving Health Care Treatment Decisions*

A grievance concerning any matter may be submitted by you or a representative of your choice. A grievance is a written complaint submitted by you or on your behalf regarding the:

- Availability, delivery or quality of health care services, including a complaint regarding an adverse determination made pursuant to utilization review;
- Claims payment, handling or reimbursement for health care services; or
- Matters pertaining to the contractual relationship between you and Cigna.

You may not attend a first level grievance review (or have a representative attend in your place), but you may submit written material to the reviewer at the first level grievance review. Within three working days of receiving a grievance, Cigna will provide you with the name, address and telephone number of a person designated to coordinate the grievance review.

Cigna will issue to you a written decision within 15 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a required preservice or concurrent care coverage determination, and within 30 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a postservice coverage determination. The person reviewing the grievance will not be the same person who made the initial determination denying the claim or handling the matter that is the subject of the grievance.

If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify any additional information needed to complete the review.

If the decision is adverse to you, the written decision will contain:

- The names, titles and qualifying credentials of the person(s) participating in the first level grievance review process (the reviewers).
- A statement of the reviewers' understanding of your grievance and all pertinent facts.
- Reference to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination is based.
- The reviewers' decision in clear terms, including the specific reason or reasons for the adverse benefit determination.
- A reference to the evidence or documentation used as the basis for the decision. The decision will include: instructions for requesting copies (free of charge) of information relevant to the claim, including any referenced evidence or documentation not previously provided to you.
- If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit decision, either: the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or

other similar criterion; or a statement referring to the rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination. Copies will be provided to you, free of charge, upon request.

- A description of the process to obtain a second level grievance review and the procedures and time frames governing a second level grievance review, along with notice of subsequent external review rights.
- Notice of the availability of any applicable office if health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman established under the federal Affordable Care Act.
- Notice of your right to contact the Maine Insurance Superintendent's office. (See the provision **Assistance from the State of Maine.**)

#### *Second Level Review of Adverse Benefit Determinations not Involving Health Care Treatment Decisions*

Cigna will provide a second level grievance review process to you if you are dissatisfied with a first level grievance review determination. You have the right to appear in person before Cigna-authorized representatives, and we will provide you adequate notice of that option.

In the event any new or additional information (evidence) is considered, relied upon or generated by Cigna in connection with the second level appeal, Cigna will provide this information to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the panel's decision, so that you will have the opportunity to respond. Also, if any new or additional rationale is considered by Cigna, Cigna will provide the rationale to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the panel's decision so that you will have the opportunity to respond.

Cigna will appoint a second level grievance review panel for your grievance. A majority of the panel will consist of Cigna employees or representatives who were not previously involved in the grievance.

When you decide not to appear in person before Cigna-authorized representatives, the decision will be issued within 30 calendar days

When you request the opportunity to appear in person before Cigna-authorized representatives, Cigna's procedures for conducting a second level panel review will include the following:

- The review panel will schedule and hold a review meeting within 45 days of your request. For required preservice and concurrent care coverage determinations, the review will be completed within 15 calendar days and for postservice claims, the review will be completed within 30 calendar days. The review meeting will be held during regular business hours at a location reasonably accessible to you. Cigna will offer you the opportunity to communicate with

the review panel, at Cigna's expense, by conference call, video conferencing, or other appropriate technology. You be notified in writing at least 15 days in advance of the review date. Cigna will not unreasonably deny your request for postponement of the review.

- Upon your request, Cigna will provide to you all relevant information that is not confidential and privileged from disclosure to you.
- You have the right to:
  - Attend the second level review;
  - Present your case to the review panel;
  - Submit supporting material both before and at the review meeting;
  - Ask questions of any Cigna representative; and
  - Be assisted or represented by a person of your choice.
- If Cigna has an attorney present to discuss its case, Cigna will notify you at least 15 days in advance of the review, and will advise you of your right to obtain legal representation.
- Your right to a fair review is not conditional on your appearance at the review.
- The review panel will issue a written decision to you within 5 working days after completing the review meeting. A decision adverse to you will contain the same items outlined above that are provided for a standard appeal denial.

#### **Cigna Independent Review Procedure**

You also have the right to appeal an unfavorable decision; however, to qualify for an independent review, the complaint must involve one of the following: Medical Necessity (medical diagnosis care or treatment), experimental or investigational treatment. Your request must be in writing and sent to the State of Maine, Bureau of Insurance, 34 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04330. A request for an independent review must be submitted within 12 months of the date that you receive an adverse determination (decision) under Cigna's complaint and appeals process. When you request an independent review from the Maine's Bureau of Insurance, you may submit additional information for consideration. You may (a) attend the review in person, by telephone, by teleconference or other appropriate electronic means, (b) ask questions of the representatives and (c) have outside assistance.

The Independent Review Organization will issue a written decision within 30 days of receipt of a completed review from Maine's Bureau of Insurance.

You may request an expedited independent review of your appeal prior to exhausting all levels of Cigna's appeals procedure if: (a) Cigna has failed to make a decision on a complaint or an appeal within the time period required; (b)

you and Cigna mutually agreed to bypass the appeals procedure; (c) the time frames under this process would seriously jeopardize your life, health or ability to regain maximum function or in the opinion of your Physician would cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services; or (d) the patient has died.

You may call Cigna at 1-800-244-6224 or the toll-free telephone number on your ID card for assistance in filing a request for an independent review with the Maine's Bureau of Insurance. There is no charge for you to initiate this independent review process. Cigna will abide by the decision of the Independent Review Organization. The Independent Review Program is a voluntary program arranged by Cigna.

You may also call Maine's Bureau of Insurance at 1-800-300-5000 for assistance.

#### **Assistance from the State of Maine**

You have the right to contact the Maine Superintendent of Insurance for assistance at any time. The Maine Superintendent of Insurance may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

State of Maine  
Maine Bureau of Insurance  
Superintendent of Insurance  
34 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333  
1-800-300-5000

#### **Notice of Benefit Determination on Appeal**

Every notice of a determination on appeal will be provided in writing or electronically and, if an adverse determination, will include: (1) information sufficient to identify the claim; (2) the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; (3) reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; (4) a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other Relevant Information as defined; (5) a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan and the claimant's right to bring an action under ERISA section 502(a); (6) upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your appeal, and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; and (7) information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you in the appeal process. A final notice of adverse determination will include a discussion of the decision.

You also have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the decision on review. You or your plan may have other voluntary alternative

dispute resolution options such as Mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor office and your state insurance regulatory agency. You may also contact the Plan Administrator.

#### **Relevant Information**

Relevant Information is any document, record, or other information which (a) was relied upon in making the benefit determination; (b) was submitted, considered, or generated in the course of making the benefit determination, without regard to whether such document, record, or other information was relied upon in making the benefit determination; (c) demonstrates compliance with the administrative processes and safeguards required by federal law in making the benefit determination; or (d) constitutes a statement of policy or guidance with respect to the Plan concerning the denied treatment option or benefit or the claimant's diagnosis, without regard to whether such advice or statement was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

#### **Legal Action**

If your plan is governed by ERISA, you have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Appeals Procedure. In most instances, you may not initiate a legal action against Cigna until you have completed the Level One and Level Two Appeal processes. If your Appeal is expedited, there is no need to complete the Level Two process prior to bringing legal action.

## **Definitions**

#### **Active Service**

You will be considered in Active Service:

- on any of your Employer's scheduled work days if you are performing the regular duties of your work on a full-time basis on that day either at your Employer's place of business or at some location to which you are required to travel for your Employer's business.
- on a day which is not one of your Employer's scheduled work days if you were in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

#### **Ambulance**

Licensed ambulance transportation services involve the use of specially designed and equipped vehicles for transporting ill or injured patients. It includes ground, air, or sea transportation when Medically Necessary and clinically appropriate.

### **Ancillary Charge**

An additional cost, outside of plan cost sharing detailed in The Schedule of Prescription Drug Benefits, which may apply to some Prescription Drug Products when you request a more expensive Brand Drug when a lower cost, Therapeutic Equivalent, Generic Drug is available. The Ancillary Charge is the amount by which the cost of the requested Brand Drug exceeds the cost of the Generic Drug.

### **Biologic**

A virus, therapeutic serum, toxin, antitoxin, vaccine, blood, blood component or derivative, allergenic product, protein (except any chemically synthesized polypeptide), or analogous product, or arsphenamine or derivative of arsphenamine (or any other trivalent organic arsenic compound), used for the prevention, treatment, or cure of a disease or condition of human beings, as defined under Section 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 262(i)) (as amended by the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009, title VII of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, § 7002 (2010), and as may be amended thereafter).

### **Biosimilar**

A Biologic that is highly similar to the reference Biologic product notwithstanding minor differences in clinically inactive components, and has no clinically meaningful differences from the reference Biologic in terms of its safety, purity, and potency, as defined under Section 351(i) of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 262(i)) (as amended by the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009, title VII of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148, § 7002 (2010), and as may be amended thereafter).

### **Brand Drug**

A Prescription Drug Product that Cigna identifies as a Brand Drug product across its book-of-business, principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or Biologics as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a "brand name" by the manufacturer, Pharmacy, or your Physician may be classified as a Brand Drug under the plan.

### **Business Decision Team**

A committee comprised of voting and non-voting representatives across various Cigna business units such as

clinical, medical and business leadership that is duly authorized by Cigna to effect changes regarding coverage treatment of Prescription Drug Products and Medical Pharmaceuticals based on clinical findings provided by the P&T Committee, including, but not limited to, changes regarding tier placement and application of utilization management to Prescription Drug Products and Medical Pharmaceuticals.

### **Charges**

The term charges means the actual billed charges; except when Cigna has contracted directly or indirectly for a different amount including where Cigna has directly or indirectly contracted with an entity to arrange for the provision of services and/or supplies through contracts with providers of such services and/or supplies.

### **Convenience Care Clinic**

Convenience Care Clinics are staffed by nurse practitioners and physician assistants and offer customers convenient, professional walk-in care for common ailments and routine services. Convenience Care Clinics have extended hours and are located in or near easy-to-access, popular locations (pharmacies, grocery and free-standing locations) with or without appointment.

### **Custodial Services**

Any services that are of a sheltering, protective, or safeguarding nature. Such services may include a stay in an institutional setting, at-home care, or nursing services to care for someone because of age or mental or physical condition. This service primarily helps the person in daily living. Custodial care also can provide medical services, given mainly to maintain the person's current state of health. These services cannot be intended to greatly improve a medical condition; they are intended to provide care while the patient cannot care for himself or herself. Custodial Services include but are not limited to:

- Services related to watching or protecting a person;
- Services related to performing or assisting a person in performing any activities of daily living, such as: walking, grooming, bathing, dressing, getting in or out of bed, toileting, eating, preparing foods, or taking medications that can be self administered, and
- Services not required to be performed by trained or skilled medical or paramedical personnel.

## Dependent

Dependents are:

- your lawful spouse; or
- your Domestic Partner; and
- any child of yours who is:
  - less than 26 years old.
  - 26 or more years old, unmarried, and primarily supported by you and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical disability which arose while the child was covered as a Dependent under this Plan, or while covered as a dependent under a prior plan with no break in coverage.

Proof of the child's condition and dependence may be required to be submitted to the plan within 31 days after the date the child ceases to qualify above. From time to time, but not more frequently than once a year, the plan may require proof of the continuation of such condition and dependence.

The term child means a child born to you or a child legally adopted by you. If your Domestic Partner has a child, that child will also be included as a Dependent. It also includes a stepchild, a grandchild who lives with you, or a child for whom you are the legal guardian.

Benefits for a Dependent child will continue until the last day of the calendar month in which the limiting age is reached.

Anyone who is eligible as an Employee will not be considered as a Dependent or Dependent spouse unless the Dependent or Dependent spouse declines Employee coverage. A child under age 26 may be covered as either an Employee or as a Dependent child. You cannot be covered as an Employee while also covered as Dependent of an Employee.

No one may be considered as a Dependent of more than one Employee.

## Designated Pharmacy

A Network Pharmacy that has entered into an agreement with Cigna, or with an entity contracting on Cigna's behalf, to provide Prescription Drug Products or services, including, without limitation, specific Prescription Drug Products, to plan enrollees on a preferred or exclusive basis. For example, a Designated Pharmacy may provide enrollees certain Specialty Prescription Drug Products that have limited distribution availability, provide enrollees with an extended days' supply of Prescription Drug Products or provide enrollees with Prescription Drug Products on a preferred cost share basis. A Pharmacy that is a Network Pharmacy is not necessarily a Designated Pharmacy.

## Disability

A physical, mental, intellectual or developmental Disability that renders a person incapable of self-sustaining employment.

## Domestic Partner

A Domestic Partner is defined as a person of the same or opposite sex who:

- shares your permanent residence;
- has resided with you for no less than one year;
- is no less than 18 years of age;
- is financially interdependent with you and has proven such interdependence by providing documentation of at least two of the following arrangements: common ownership of real property or a common leasehold interest in such property; community ownership of a motor vehicle; a joint bank account or a joint credit account; designation as a beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits or under your partner's will; assignment of a durable power of attorney or health care power of attorney; or such other proof as is considered by Cigna to be sufficient to establish financial interdependency under the circumstances of your particular case;
- is not a blood relative any closer than would prohibit legal marriage; and
- has signed jointly with you, a notarized affidavit attesting to the above which can be made available to Cigna upon request.

In addition, you and your Domestic Partner will be considered to have met the terms of this definition as long as neither you nor your Domestic Partner:

- has signed a Domestic Partner affidavit or declaration with any other person within twelve months prior to designating each other as Domestic Partners hereunder;
- is currently legally married to another person; or
- has any other Domestic Partner, spouse or spouse equivalent of the same or opposite sex.

You and your Domestic Partner must have registered as Domestic Partners, if you reside in a state that provides for such registration.

The section of this certificate entitled "COBRA Continuation Rights Under Federal Law" will not apply to your Domestic Partner and his or her Dependents.

## Emergency Medical Condition

Emergency Medical Condition means a medical condition, including a mental health condition or substance use disorder, manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity

(including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

### **Emergency Services**

Emergency Services means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, a medical screening examination that is within the capability of the emergency department of a Hospital or of an independent freestanding emergency facility, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency Medical Condition; and such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the Hospital or emergency department, as are required to Stabilize the patient.

### **Employee**

The term Employee means a full-time Employee of the Employer who is currently in Active Service. The term does not include Employees who are part-time or temporary or who normally work less than 20 hours a week for the Employer.

### **Employer**

The term Employer means the policyholder and those affiliated Employers whose Employees are covered under this Policy.

### **Essential Health Benefits**

Essential health benefits means, to the extent covered under the plan, expenses incurred with respect to covered services, in at least the following categories: ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management and pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

### **Evidence-Based Practices**

Evidence-Based Practices means clinically sound and scientifically based policies, practices and programs that reflect expert consensus on the prevention, treatment and recovery science, including, but not limited to, policies,

practices and programs published and disseminated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse within the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the What Works Clearinghouse within the United States Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences and the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare within the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

### **Expense Incurred**

An expense is incurred when the service or the supply for which it is incurred is provided.

### **Free-Standing Surgical Facility**

The term Free-Standing Surgical Facility means an institution which meets all of the following requirements:

- it has a medical staff of Physicians, Nurses and licensed anesthesiologists;
- it maintains at least two operating rooms and one recovery room;
- it maintains diagnostic laboratory and x-ray facilities;
- it has equipment for emergency care;
- it has a blood supply;
- it maintains medical records;
- it has agreements with Hospitals for immediate acceptance of patients who need Hospital Confinement on an inpatient basis; and
- it is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

A Free-Standing Surgical Facility, unless specifically noted otherwise, is covered with the same cost share as an Outpatient Facility.

### **Generic Drug**

A Prescription Drug Product that Cigna identifies as a Generic Drug product at a book-of-business level principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or Biologics (including Biosimilars) as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a “generic” by the manufacturer, Pharmacy or your Physician may be classified as a Generic Drug under the plan. A Biosimilar may be classified as a Generic Drug for the purposes of benefits under the plan even if it is identified as a “brand name” drug by the manufacturer, Pharmacy or your Physician.

### **Hospice Care Program**

The term Hospice Care Program means:

- a coordinated, interdisciplinary program to meet the physical, psychological, spiritual and social needs of dying persons and their families;
- a program that provides palliative and supportive medical, nursing and other health services through home or inpatient care during the illness;
- a program for persons who have a Terminal Illness and for the families of those persons.

### **Hospice Care Services**

The term Hospice Care Services means any services provided by: a Hospital, a Skilled Nursing Facility or a similar institution, a Home Health Care Agency, a Hospice Facility, or any other licensed facility or agency under a Hospice Care Program.

### **Hospice Facility**

The term Hospice Facility means an institution or part of it which:

- primarily provides care for Terminally Ill patients;
- is accredited by the National Hospice Organization;
- meets standards established by Cigna; and
- fulfills any licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

### **Hospital**

The term Hospital means:

- an institution licensed as a hospital, which: maintains, on the premises, all facilities necessary for medical and surgical treatment; provides such treatment on an inpatient basis, for compensation, under the supervision of

Physicians; and provides 24-hour service by Registered Graduate Nurses;

- an institution which qualifies as a hospital, a psychiatric hospital or a tuberculosis hospital, and a provider of services under Medicare, if such institution is accredited as a hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; or
- an institution which: specializes in treatment of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder or other related illness; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

The term Hospital does not include an institution which is primarily a place for rest, a place for the aged, or a nursing home.

### **Hospital Confinement or Confined in a Hospital**

A person will be considered Confined in a Hospital if he is:

- a registered bed patient in a Hospital upon the recommendation of a Physician;
- receiving treatment for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services in a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center.

### **Injury**

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

### **Maintenance Drug Product**

A Prescription Drug Product that is prescribed for use over an extended period of time for the treatment of chronic or long-term conditions such as asthma, hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, and is identified principally based on consideration of available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source and clinical factors. For the purposes of benefits, the list of your plan’s Maintenance Drug Products does not include compounded medications, Specialty Prescription Drug Products or Prescription Drug Products, such as certain narcotics that a Pharmacy cannot dispense above certain supply limits per Prescription Drug Order or Refill under applicable federal or state law. You may determine whether a drug is a Maintenance Medication by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Maximum Reimbursable Charge - Medical**

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider’s normal charge for a similar service or supply;



- the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna; or
- a policyholder-selected percentage of a schedule Cigna has developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable reimbursement for the same or similar service within the geographic market.

The percentage used to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is listed in The Schedule. You may be subject to balance billing from a non-Participating Provider as a result of a claims adjustment.

In some cases, a Medicare based schedule will not be used and the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for covered services is determined based on the lesser of:

- the provider's normal charge for a similar service or supply;
- the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna; or
- the 80th percentile of charges made by providers of such service or supply in the geographic area where it is received as compiled in a database selected by Cigna. If sufficient charge data is unavailable in the database for that geographic area, then state, regional or national charge data will be used. If sufficient charge data is unavailable in the database for that geographic area to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge, then data in the database for similar services may be used.

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge is subject to all other benefit limitations and applicable coding and payment methodologies determined by Cigna. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is available upon request by calling the toll-free number shown on your ID card.

### **Medicaid**

The term Medicaid means a state program of medical aid for needy persons established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

### **Medical Pharmaceutical**

Medical Pharmaceuticals are used for treatment of complex chronic conditions, are administered and handled in a specialized manner, and may be high cost. Because of their characteristics, they require a qualified Physician to administer or directly supervise administration. Some Medical Pharmaceuticals may initially or typically require Physician oversight but subsequently may be self-administered under certain conditions specified in the product's FDA labeling.

### **Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity**

"Medically Necessary health care" means health care services or products provided to an enrollee for the purpose of preventing, diagnosing or treating an illness, Injury or disease or the symptoms of an illness, Injury or disease in a manner that is:

- consistent with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration;
- demonstrated through scientific evidence to be effective in improving health outcomes;
- representative of "best practices" in the medical profession; and
- not primarily for the convenience of the enrollee or Physician or Other Health Professional.

In determining whether health care services, supplies, or medications are Medically Necessary, the Medical Director or Review Organization may rely on the clinical coverage policies maintained by Cigna or the Review Organization. Clinical coverage policies may incorporate, without limitation and as applicable, criteria relating to U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, the standard medical reference compendia and peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature or guidelines.

### **Medicare**

The term Medicare means the program of medical care benefits provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

### **Necessary Services and Supplies**

The term Necessary Services and Supplies includes any charges, except charges for Room and Board, made by a Hospital for medical services and supplies actually used during Hospital Confinement.

The term Necessary Services and Supplies will not include any charges for special nursing fees, dental fees or medical fees.

### **Network Pharmacy**

A retail or home delivery Pharmacy that has:

- entered into an agreement with Cigna or an entity contracting on Cigna's behalf to provide Prescription Drug Products to plan enrollees.
- agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for dispensing Prescription Drug Products.

- been designated as a Network Pharmacy for the purposes of coverage under your Employer's plan.

This term may also include, as applicable, an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange for the provision of any Prescription Drug Products the charges for which are Covered Expenses.

### **New Prescription Drug Product**

A Prescription Drug Product, or new use or dosage form of a previously FDA-approved Prescription Drug Product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug Product or newly-approved use or dosage form becomes available on the market following approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and ending on the date Cigna makes a Prescription Drug List coverage status decision.

### **Non-PPACA Preventive Medication**

Non-PPACA Preventive Medication are certain Prescription Drug Products used to prevent a disease that has not yet manifested itself or not yet become clinically apparent or to prevent the reoccurrence of a disease from which a person has recovered, such as Prescription Drug Products with demonstrated effectiveness in primary or secondary disease prevention. The term Non-PPACA Preventive Medication does not include medications covered at 100% as required as preventive care services by PPACA, the terms of coverage for which are addressed separately in this plan.

### **Nurse**

The term Nurse means a Registered Graduate Nurse, a Licensed Practical Nurse or a Licensed Vocational Nurse who has the right to use the abbreviation "R.N.," "L.P.N." or "L.V.N."

### **Other Health Care Facility**

The term Other Health Care Facility means a facility other than a Hospital or Hospice Facility. Examples of Other Health Care Facilities include, but are not limited to, licensed skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation Hospitals and subacute facilities.

### **Other Health Professional**

The term Other Health Professional means an individual other than a Physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and supplies and who provides a service covered under the Plan. Other Health Professionals include, but are not limited to physical therapists, registered nurses, registered nurse first

assistants, and licensed practical nurses, certified nurse practitioners, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, certified midwives and nurse midwives, psychologists, certified nurse anesthetists, dentists, dental hygienists, naturopathic physicians, social workers, pastoral counselors, clinical professional counselors and marriage and family therapists.

Other Health Professionals do not include providers such as Certified First Assistants, Certified Operating Room Technicians, Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Certified Surgical Assistants/Technicians, Licensed Surgical Assistants, Orthopedic Physician Assistants and Surgical First Assistants.

### **Participating Provider**

The term Participating Provider means a person or entity that has a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with Cigna to provide covered services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses. It includes an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange, through contracts with providers of services and/or supplies, for the provision on any services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses.

### **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 ("PPACA")**

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 means the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-148) as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152).

### **Pharmacy**

A duly licensed Pharmacy that dispenses Prescription Drug Products in a retail setting or via home delivery. A home delivery Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that primarily provides Prescription Drug Products through mail order.

### **Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee**

A committee comprised of Physicians and an independent pharmacist that represent a range of clinical specialties. The committee regularly reviews Medical Pharmaceuticals or Prescription Drug Products, including New Prescription Drug Products, for safety and efficacy, the findings of which clinical reviews inform coverage determinations made by the Business Decision Team. The P&T Committee's review may be based on consideration of, without limitation, U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, standard medical reference compendia, or scientific studies published in peer-reviewed English-language bio-medical journals.

### **Physician**

The term Physician means a licensed medical practitioner who is practicing within the scope of his license and who is licensed to prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery. It will also include any other licensed medical practitioner whose services are required to be covered by law in the locality where the policy is issued, including but not limited to naturopathic providers, physician assistants, registered nurse first assistants, certified nurse first assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists if he is:

- operating within the scope of his license; and
- performing a service for which benefits are provided under this plan when performed by a Physician.

### **Prescription Drug Charge**

The Prescription Drug Charge is the amount that, prior to application of the plan's cost-share requirement(s), is payable by Cigna to its Pharmacy Benefit Manager for a specific covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, including any applicable dispensing fee and tax. The "Pharmacy Benefit Manager" is the business unit, affiliate, or other entity that manages the Prescription Drug Benefit for Cigna.

### **Prescription Drug List**

A list that categorizes Prescription Drug Products covered under the plan's Prescription Drug Benefits into coverage tiers. This list is developed by Cigna based on clinical factors communicated by the P&T Committee and adopted by your Employer as part of the plan. The list is subject to periodic review and change, and is subject to the limitations and exclusions of the plan. You may determine to which tier a particular Prescription Drug Product has been assigned through the website shown on your ID card or by calling customer service at the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Prescription Drug Product**

A drug, Biologic (including a Biosimilar), or other product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), certain products approved under the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation review, or products marketed prior to 1938 and not subject to review and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill. For the purpose of benefits under the plan, this definition may also include products in the following categories if specifically identified on the Prescription Drug List:

- Certain durable products and supplies that support drug therapy;
- Certain diagnostic testing and screening services that support drug therapy;
- Certain medication consultation and other medication administration services that support drug therapy;
- Certain digital products, applications, electronic devices, software and cloud-based service solutions used to predict, detect and monitor health conditions in support of drug therapy.

### **Prescription Order or Refill**

The lawful directive to dispense a Prescription Drug Product issued by a Physician whose scope of practice permits issuing such a directive.

### **Preventive Care Medications**

The Prescription Drug Products or other medications (including over-the-counter medications) designated as payable by the plan at 100% of the cost (without application of any Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance) as required by applicable law under any of the following:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- 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.
- With respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

A written prescription is required to process a claim for a Preventive Care Medication. You may determine whether a drug is a Preventive Care Medication through the internet website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Primary Care Physician**

The term Primary Care Physician means a Physician who qualifies as a Participating Provider in general practice, internal medicine, family practice OB/GYN or pediatrics; and who has been voluntarily selected by you and is contracted as a Primary Care Physician with, as authorized by Cigna, to provide or arrange for medical care for you or any of your insured Dependents.

### **Psychologist**

The term Psychologist means a person who is licensed or certified as a clinical psychologist. Where no licensure or certification exists, the term Psychologist means a person who is considered qualified as a clinical psychologist by a recognized psychological association. It will also include any other licensed counseling practitioner whose services are required to be covered by law in the locality where the policy is issued if he is operating within the scope of his license and performing a service for which benefits are provided under this plan when performed by a Psychologist.

### **Review Organization**

The term Review Organization refers to an affiliate of Cigna or another entity to which Cigna has delegated responsibility for performing utilization review services. The Review Organization is an organization with a staff of clinicians which may include Physicians, Registered Graduate Nurses, licensed mental health and chemical dependency professionals, and other trained staff members who perform utilization review services.

### **Room and Board**

The term Room and Board includes all charges made by a Hospital for room and meals and for all general services and activities needed for the care of registered bed patients.

### **Sickness – For Medical Insurance**

The term Sickness means a physical or mental illness. It also includes pregnancy. Expenses incurred for routine Hospital and pediatric care of a newborn child prior to discharge from the Hospital nursery will be considered to be incurred as a result of Sickness.

### **Skilled Nursing Facility**

The term Skilled Nursing Facility means a licensed institution (other than a Hospital, as defined) which specializes in:

- physical rehabilitation on an inpatient basis; or
- skilled nursing and medical care on an inpatient basis;

but only if that institution: maintains on the premises all facilities necessary for medical treatment; provides such treatment, for compensation, under the supervision of Physicians; and provides Nurses' services.

### **Specialist**

The term Specialist means a Physician who provides specialized services, and is not engaged in general practice, family practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology or pediatrics.

### **Specialty Medication - for Prescription Drug Benefits**

The term Specialty Medication means high cost medications which are used to treat rare and chronic conditions which include, but are not limited to, multiple sclerosis, hepatitis C or rheumatoid arthritis.

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### **Specialty Prescription Drug Product**

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical considered by Cigna to be a Specialty Prescription Drug Product based on consideration of the following factors, subject to applicable law: whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical is prescribed and used for the treatment of a complex, chronic or rare condition; whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical has a high acquisition cost; and, whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical is subject to limited or restricted distribution, requires special handling and/or requires enhanced patient education, provider coordination or clinical oversight. A Specialty Prescription Drug Product may not possess all or most of the foregoing characteristics, and the presence of any one such characteristic does not guarantee that a Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical will

be considered a Specialty Prescription Drug Product. Specialty Prescription Drug Products may vary by plan benefit assignment based on factors such as method or site of clinical administration, or by tier assignment or utilization management requirements based on factors such as acquisition cost. You may determine whether a medication is a Specialty Prescription Drug Product through the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

### **Stabilize**

Stabilize means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, to provide medical treatment as necessary to assure that no material deterioration of the condition is likely if the individual is transferred from a facility, or, with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, to deliver.

### **Terminal Illness**

A Terminal Illness will be considered to exist if a person becomes terminally ill with a prognosis of six months or less to live, as diagnosed by a Physician.

### **Therapeutic Alternative**

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical that is of the same therapeutic or pharmacological class, and usually can be expected to have similar outcomes and adverse reaction profiles when administered in therapeutically equivalent doses as, another Prescription Drug Product, Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

### **Therapeutic Equivalent**

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical that is a pharmaceutical equivalent to another Prescription Drug Product, Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

### **Urgent Care**

Urgent Care is medical, surgical, Hospital or related health care services and testing which are not Emergency Services, but which are determined by Cigna, in accordance with generally accepted medical standards, to have been necessary to treat a condition requiring prompt medical attention. This does not include care that could have been foreseen before leaving the immediate area where you ordinarily receive and/or were scheduled to receive services. Such care includes, but is not limited to, dialysis, scheduled medical treatments or therapy, or care received after a Physician's recommendation that the insured should not travel due to any medical condition.

### **Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge**

The usual fee that a Pharmacy charges individuals for a Prescription Drug Product (and any services related to the dispensing thereof) without reference to reimbursement to the Pharmacy by third parties. The Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

The following pages describe the features of your Cigna Choice Fund - Health Savings Account. Please read them carefully.

## What You Should Know About Cigna Choice Fund<sup>®</sup> – Health Savings Account

Cigna Choice Fund is designed to give you:

### *Control*

You decide how much you'd like to contribute (up to federal limits) to your Health Savings Account. You decide how and when to access your account. And the money in the account is yours until you spend it. Unused dollars remain in your account from year to year and earn interest.

### *Choice*

You have the freedom to choose any licensed doctor, **even those who do not participate with Cigna**. Your costs are lower for services from Cigna contracted health care professionals and facilities because they have agreed to accept discounted payments to help you make the most of your health care dollars.

### *Easy Access to your HSA Dollars*

You can draw money directly from your health savings account using your HSA debit card, checkbook (if purchased) or online bill pay. Or, you may choose automatic claim forwarding, which allows qualified medical claims to pay directly from your account to your doctor or hospital.

### *Flexibility and Tax Savings*

You can also choose to pay for medical expenses out of your pocket until you reach the deductible, allowing you to save for qualified health care expenses in future years or retirement. You are not taxed on your HSA withdrawals unless you use the money to pay for nonqualified expenses.

### *Health Information and Education*

Call the toll-free number on your ID card to reach Cigna's 24-Hour Health Information Line<sup>SM</sup>, giving you access to trained nurses and an audio library of health topics 24 hours a day. In addition, the Cigna Healthy Pregnancies, Healthy Babies<sup>®</sup> program provides prenatal education and support for mothers-to-be.

### *Tools & Support*

We help you keep track of your health and coverage with online benefits information, transactions, and account activity; medical and drug cost comparisons; monthly statements; and more. You also have 24/7/365 toll-free access to a dedicated Customer Service team, specially trained to answer your questions and address your needs.

### *Savings on Health and Wellness Products and Services*

Through Cigna Healthy Rewards<sup>®</sup>, you can save money on a variety of health-related products and services. Offerings include laser vision correction, acupuncture, chiropractic care,

weight loss programs, fitness club and equipment discounts, and more.

### **The Basics**

#### **Who is eligible?**

You are eligible to open a Health Savings Account only if you are covered under a federally qualified high deductible health plan, such as the one described in this booklet. You cannot be covered by Medicare or any other individual or group health plan that is not a federally qualified high deductible health plan. You can no longer contribute to the HSA once you: become entitled to Medicare due to age; or are no longer covered under a high deductible health plan. However, you will still be able to use the HSA funds for qualified health care expenses.

#### **How does it work?**

The Health Savings Account combines a health care plan with a tax-free savings account.

1. **You, your employer or both may contribute to your account.** Contributions are tax-free up to federal limits.

2. **You choose how to pay for qualified health care expenses:**

- You may pay for qualified expenses on your own using a debit card, checkbook (if purchased) or online bill pay that draws from your health savings account.
- You may choose the Automatic Claim Forwarding option, allowing qualifying medical expenses to be paid directly to your doctor, hospital, or other facility from your HSA. You can change your election at any time during the year.
- You may choose to cover your expenses using other personal funds. This allows you to save the money in your HSA for qualified health care expenses in future years or at retirement. The balance in your savings account will earn interest.

3. **Once you meet your deductible, you and your plan share the costs.** Depending on your plan, you pay pre-determined coinsurance or copayments for certain services. Your employer determines the maximum amount of out-of-pocket expenses you pay each year. Once you meet the maximum, the plan pays covered expenses at 100%.

Your HSA can be a tax-sheltered savings tool. Because your HSA rolls over year after year, and unused money accumulates tax-deferred interest, you have the option to pay for current qualified health care expenses out of your pocket and use the account to save for future qualified expenses.

*Please note:* Your HSA contributions are not taxable under federal and most state laws. However, your contributions to your HSA may be taxable as income in certain states. Please consult your tax advisor for guidance.

### **Which services are covered by my Cigna Choice Fund Health Savings Account?**

Money in your HSA can be used only to cover qualified health care expenses for you and your dependents as allowed under federal tax law. In addition, your HSA may be used to cover COBRA continuation premiums, qualified long-term care insurance premiums, health plan premiums when you are receiving unemployment compensation, or Medicare or retiree health plan premiums (excluding Medicare Supplement or Medigap premiums) once you reach age 65. If you use your HSA funds for expenses that are not allowed under federal tax law, the withdrawal will be subject to tax, and you will incur a 20 percent tax penalty. The 20 percent penalty is not applicable once you reach age 65. A list of qualified health care expenses is available through [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com).

### **Which services are covered by my Cigna medical plan, and which will I have to pay out of my own pocket?**

Covered services vary depending on your plan, so visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) or check your plan materials in this booklet for specific information. In addition to your monthly premiums deducted from your paycheck, you'll be responsible for paying:

- Any health care services not covered by your plan.
- Costs for any services you receive until you meet your deductible, if you choose not to use your health savings account, or after you spend all the money in your account.
- Your share of the cost for your covered health care expenses (coinsurance or copayments) after you meet the deductible and your medical plan coverage begins.

### **Tools and Resources at Your Fingertips**

#### **If you're not sure where to begin, you have access to health advocates.**

You now have access to health specialists, including individuals trained as nurses, coaches, nutritionists and clinicians, who will listen, understand your needs and help you find solutions, even when you're not sure where to begin. Partner with a health coach and get help to maintain good eating and exercise habits; support and encouragement to set and reach health improvement goals; and guidance to better manage conditions, including coronary artery disease, low back pain, osteoarthritis, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and more. From quick answers to health questions to assistance with managing more serious health needs, call the toll-free number on your Cigna ID card or visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com). See your benefits administrator for more details about all of the services you have access to through your plan.

### **Wherever you go in the U.S., you take the Cigna 24-Hour Health Information Line with you.**

Whether it's late at night, or your child has a fever, or you're traveling and you're not sure where to get care, or you don't feel well and you're unsure about the symptoms, you can call the Cigna 24-Hour Health Information Line whenever you have a question. Call the toll-free number on your Cigna ID card and you will speak to a nurse who will help direct you to the appropriate care.

#### **[www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com)**

[www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) provides fast, reliable and personalized information and service, including:

- Online access to your current account balance, past transactions and claim status, as well as your Explanation of Benefits and health statements.
- Medical cost and drug cost information, including cost estimates specific to you and your plan.
- Explanations of other Cigna products and services, what they are and how you can use them.
- Frequently asked questions about health care in general and Cigna Choice Fund specifically.
- A number of convenient, helpful tools that let you:

#### ***Compare costs***

Use tools to compare costs and help you decide where to get care. You can compare out-of-pocket estimates, specific to your coverage plan, for actual treatment and procedures and costs.

#### ***Find out more about your local hospitals***

Learn how hospitals rank by number of procedures performed, patients' average length of stay, and cost. Go to our online healthcare professional directory for estimated costs for certain procedures, including total charges and your out-of-pocket expense, based on your Cigna plan. You can also find hospitals that earn the Centers of Excellence designation based on effectiveness in treating selected procedures/conditions and cost.

#### ***Get the facts about your medication, cost, treatment options and side effects***

Use the pharmacy tools to: check your prescription drug costs, listed by specific pharmacy and location (including Cigna Home Delivery Pharmacy); and review your claims history for the past 16 months. Look at condition-specific drug treatments and compare characteristics of more than 200 common medications. Evaluate up to 10 medications at once to better understand side effects, drug interactions and alternatives.



### ***Take control of your health***

Take the health assessment, an online questionnaire that can help you identify and monitor your health status. You can learn about preventive care and check your progress toward healthy goals. And if your results show that you may benefit from other services, you can learn about related Cigna programs on the same site.

### ***Explore topics on medicine, health and wellness***

Get information on more than 5,000 health conditions, health and wellness, first aid and medical exams through **Healthwise®** Medical Encyclopedia, an interactive library.

### ***Keep track of your personal health information***

**Health Record** is your central, secure location for your medical conditions, medications, allergies, surgeries, immunizations, and emergency contacts. You can add your health assessment results to **Health Record**, so you can easily print and share the information with your doctor. Your lab results from certain facilities can be automatically entered into your Personal Health Record.

### ***Chart progress of important health indicators***

Input key data such as blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol (Total/LDL/HDL), height and weight, and exercise regimen. **Health Tracker** makes it easy to chart the results and share them with your doctor.

## **Getting the Most from Your HSA**

As a consumer, you make decisions every day, from buying the family car to choosing the breakfast cereal. Make yourself a more educated health care consumer and you'll find that you, too, can make a difference in the health care services you receive and what you ultimately pay.

**If you choose to see a Cigna participating health care professional, the cost is based on discounted rates, so your costs will be lower.** If you visit a health care professional or facility not in the network, you may still use your HSA to pay for the cost of those services, but you will pay a higher rate, and you may have to file claims.

**If you need hospital care, there are several tools to help you make informed decisions about quality and cost.**

- With the Hospital Comparison tool on [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com), you can learn how hospitals rank by number of procedures performed, patients' average length of stay, and cost.
- Visit our healthcare professional directory for Cigna Centers of Excellence, providing hospital scores for specific procedures/conditions, such as cardiac care, hip and knee replacement, and bariatric surgery. Scores are based on cost and effectiveness in treating the procedure/condition, based on publicly available data.

- [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) also includes a Healthcare Professional Excellence Recognition Directory. This directory includes information on:

- Participating physicians who have achieved recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for diabetes and/or heart and stroke care.
- Hospitals that fully meet The Leapfrog Group patient safety standards.

### **A little knowledge goes a long way.**

Getting the facts about your care, such as treatment options and health risks is important to your health and well-being, and your pocketbook. For instance:

- Getting appropriate preventive care is key to staying healthy. Visit [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) to learn more about proper preventive care and what's covered under your plan.
- When it comes to medications, talk to your doctor about whether generic drugs are right for you. The brand-name drugs you are prescribed may have generic alternatives that could lower your costs. If a generic version of your brand-name drug is not available, other generic drugs with the same treatment effect may meet your needs.
- Tools on [www.myCigna.com](http://www.myCigna.com) can help you take control of your health and health care spending. You can learn about medical topics and wellness, and keep track of your personal health information. You can also print personalized reports to discuss with your doctor.