# **University of New England**

OPEN ACCESS PLUS IN-NETWORK MEDICAL BENEFITS Enhanced Plan

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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

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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).

Anna Krishtul, Corporate Secretary

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#### **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**

Participating Providers include Physicians, Hospitals and Other Health Care 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.

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#### **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.

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#### **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

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100% for these services when rendered by designated health care professionals in these collaborative arrangements.

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## **Important Notices**

#### **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, visit www.mycigna.com or contact customer service at the phone number listed on the back of 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 information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, visit www.mycigna.com or contact customer service at the phone number listed on the back of your ID card.

For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider.

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#### **Important Information**

# **Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act**

#### The Certificate is amended as stated below:

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of your plan documents and the provisions of this notice, the provisions that provide the better benefit shall apply.

# The Schedule and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Covered Expenses:

Partial Hospitalization charges for Mental Health and Substance Abuse will be paid at the Outpatient level. Covered Expenses are changed as follows:

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

#### **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 are 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, or for Partial Hospitalization sessions, and is provided in an individual, group or Mental Health 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

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conditions (crisis intervention and relapse prevention) and outpatient testing and assessment.

**Partial Hospitalization** sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

#### **Inpatient Substance Abuse 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 Abuse Services include Residential Treatment services

**Substance Abuse 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 Abuse conditions.

Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Substance Abuse; 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 Abuse Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

#### **Outpatient Substance Abuse 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 Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program and for Partial Hospitalization sessions.

**Partial Hospitalization** sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

A Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Substance Abuse 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 Abuse Detoxification Services**

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

#### **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Exclusions:**

The following exclusion is hereby deleted and no longer applies:

 any court ordered treatment or therapy, or any treatment or therapy ordered as a condition of parole, probation or custody or visitation evaluations unless Medically Necessary and otherwise covered under this policy or agreement.

#### Terms within the agreement:

The term "mental retardation" within your Certificate is hereby changed to "intellectual disabilities".

#### **Visit Limits:**

Any health care service billed with a Mental Health or Substance Abuse diagnosis, will not incur a visit limit, including but not limited to genetic counseling and nutritional evaluation/counseling.

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#### 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.

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- 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 <a href="mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com">ACAGrievance@cigna.com</a> 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 <u>ACAGrievance@cigna.com</u>. 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 <a href="https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf">https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf</a>, 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.

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#### **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 연락해주십시오. 기타 다른 경우에는 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 다이얼 711)번으로 전화해주십시오.

**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 (ТТҮ: 711).

Arabic - برجاء الانتباه خدمات الترجمة المجانية متاحة لكم. لعملاء Cigna الحاليين برجاء الاتصال بالرقم المدون علي ظهر بطاقتكم الشخصية. او اتصل ب 1711: 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) و 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 ناشنوایان: شماره 711 را شمارهگیری کنید).

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#### **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 Customer Service at 1-800-244-6224 or the phone number shown on your ID card. Customer Service 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 Organic Brain Disease

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

- · you suffer from an organic brain disease; and
- the reason your coverage cancelled was because you did not pay your premium or because of another lapse or default on your part.

"Organic brain disease" means a mental or nervous disorder with a demonstrable organic origin, causing significant cognitive impairment, including, but not limited to:

- Pick's Disease;
- Parkinson's Disease:
- Huntington's Chorea; and
- Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias.

#### **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.

HC-IMP49 04-10 V1 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.

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#### **How To File Your Claim**

If your plan provides coverage when care is received only from In-Network providers, you may still have Out-of-Network claims (for example, when Emergency Services are received from an Out-of-Network provider) and should follow the claim submission instructions for those claims. 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

## **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 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.

#### **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**

The first day of the month following date of hire.

#### Classes of Eligible Employees

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



#### **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.

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).

#### **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 31st day. No benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31st 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 31st day and no benefits for expenses incurred beyond the 31st day will be payable.

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# **Important Information About Your Medical Plan**

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

### Opportunity to Select a Primary Care Physician

#### Choice of 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.

#### Changing Primary Care Physicians:

You may request a transfer from one Primary Care Physician to another by contacting us at the member services number on 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.

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# **Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits**

#### The Schedule

#### For You and Your Dependents

Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits provide coverage for care In-Network. To receive Open Access Plus In-Network 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 Copayment, Deductible or Coinsurance.

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.

#### Coinsurance

The term Coinsurance means the percentage of charges for Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the plan.

#### Copayments/Deductibles

Copayments are expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent for the services received. Deductibles are also expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent. Deductible amounts are separate from and not reduced by Copayments. Copayments and 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.

#### **Out-of-Pocket Expenses**

Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred for charges that are not paid by the benefit plan because of any Deductibles, Copayments 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%.

#### **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.



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited
The Percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan Pays	100%
Note:  "No charge" means an insured person is not required to pay Coinsurance.	
Calendar Year Deductible	
Individual	\$500 per person
Family Maximum	\$1,000 per family
Family Maximum Calculation Individual Calculation: 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.	
Out-of-Pocket Maximum	
Individual	\$3,000 per person
Family Maximum	\$6,000 per family
Family Maximum Calculation Individual Calculation: 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%.	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
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Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximum	
Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket: includes retail and home delivery prescription drugs	Yes
Home Delivery Pharmacy Costs Contribute to the Combined Medical/Pharmacy Out-of-Pocket Maximum	Yes
Physician's Services	
Primary Care Physician's Office Visit	No charge after \$20 per office visit copay
Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits Consultant and Referral Physician's Services	No charge after \$40 per office visit copay
Note: OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with the Insurance Company.	
Surgery Performed in the Physician's Office	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Second Opinion Consultations (provided on a voluntary basis)	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Allergy Treatment/Injections	No charge after either the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay or the actual charge, whichever is less
Allergy Serum (dispensed by the Physician in the office)	No charge
Preventive Care	
Routine Preventive Care - all ages	No charge
Immunizations - all ages	No charge
Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear  Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. "routine" services)	No charge
Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. "non-routine" services)	Subject to the plan's x-ray & lab benefit; based on place of service
Inpatient Hospital - Facility Services	100% after plan deductible
Semi-Private Room and Board	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate
Private Room	Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate
Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)	Limited to the negotiated rate
Outpatient Facility Services	100% after plan deductible
Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room	
Inpatient Hospital Physician's Visits/Consultations	100% after plan deductible



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Inpatient Hospital Professional Services	100% after plan deductible
Surgeon	
Radiologist	
Pathologist	
Anesthesiologist	
Outpatient Professional Services	100% after plan deductible
Surgeon	
Radiologist	
Pathologist	
Anesthesiologist	
Emergency and Urgent Care Services	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Hospital Emergency Room	No charge after \$100 per visit copay* and plan deductible *waived if admitted
Outpatient Professional services (radiology, pathology and ER Physician)	No charge after plan deductible
Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility	No charge after \$50 per visit copay
	*waived if admitted
X-ray and/or Lab performed at the Emergency Room Facility (billed by the facility as part of the ER visit)	No charge after plan deductible
X-ray and/or Lab performed at the Urgent Care Facility (billed by the facility as part of the UC visit)	No charge
Independent x-ray and/or Lab Facility in conjunction with an ER visit	No charge after plan deductible
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.) for ER	No charge after plan deductible
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.) for UC	No charge
Ambulance	No charge
Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities	100% after plan deductible
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Laboratory and Radiology Services (includes pre- admission testing)	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Outpatient Hospital Facility	100% after plan deductible
Independent X-ray and/or Lab Facility	100% after plan deductible
Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans)	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge
Inpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Services	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Calendar Year Maximum: 90 days for all therapies combined	Note: Outpatient Short Term Rehab copay applies, regardless of place
Note: The Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy maximum does not apply to the treatment of autism.	of service, including the home.
Includes: Cardiac Rehab Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Pulmonary Rehab Cognitive Therapy Chiropractic Therapy (includes Chiropractors)	
Home Health Care	
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as Medically Necessary)	100% after plan deductible
Hospice	
Inpatient Services	No charge
Outpatient Services	No charge
Bereavement Counseling	
Services Provided as part of Hospice Care	
Inpatient	No charge
Outpatient	No charge
Services Provided by Mental Health Professional	Covered under Mental Health benefit



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Maternity Care Services	
Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Note: OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with the Insurance Company.	
All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician's Delivery Charges (i.e. global maternity fee)	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN or Specialist	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Delivery - Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)	100% after plan deductible
Abortion	
Includes elective and non-elective procedures	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% after plan deductible
Women's Family Planning Services	
Office Visits, Lab and Radiology Tests and Counseling	No charge
Note: Includes coverage for contraceptive devices (e.g., Depo-Provera and Intrauterine Devices (IUDs)) as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Diaphragms also are covered when services are provided in the physician's office.	
Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Tubal Ligation (excludes reversals)	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge
Inpatient Facility	No charge
Outpatient Facility	No charge
Physician's Services	No charge



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Men's Family Planning Services	
Office Visits, Lab and Radiology Tests and Counseling	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Surgical Sterilization Procedures for Vasectomy (excludes reversals)	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% after plan deductible
Infertility Treatment Coverage will be provided for the following services:	
<ul> <li>Testing and treatment services performed in connection with an underlying medical condition.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Testing performed specifically to determine the cause of infertility.</li> </ul>	
• Treatment and/or procedures performed specifically to restore fertility (e.g. procedures to correct an infertility condition).	
<ul> <li>Artificial Insemination.</li> </ul>	

Surgical Treatment: Limited to procedures for the correction of infertility (excludes In-vitro, GIFT, ZIFT, etc.)

Physician's Office Visit (Lab and Radiology Tests, Counseling)	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% after plan deductible
Organ Transplants Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	100% at Lifesource center, otherwise 100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% at Lifesource center, otherwise 100% after plan deductible
Lifetime Travel Maximum: \$15,000 per transplant	No charge (only available when using Lifesource facility)
Durable Medical Equipment Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	No charge



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Consumable Medical Supplies	No charge
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Note: Include Diabetic Supplies	
External Prosthetic Appliances	No charge
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Diabetic Equipment	No charge
Calendar Year Maximum: Unlimited	
Hearing Aid Maximum	
One hearing aid for each hearing impaired ear every 3	6 months for a dependent child under age 19.
Nutritional Evaluation	
Calendar Year Maximum: 3 visits per person however, the 3 visit limit will not	
apply to treatment of diabetes.	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% after plan deductible
Dental Care	
Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment started within six months of an injury to sound, natural teeth.	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit copay
Inpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% after plan deductible



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
Obesity/Bariatric Surgery	
Note: Coverage is provided subject to medical necessity and clinical guidelines subject to any limitations shown in the "Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations" section of this certificate.	
Physician's Office Visit	No charge after the \$20 PCP or \$40 Specialist per office visit
Inpatient Facility	copay 100% after plan deductible
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Physician's Services	100% after plan deductible
Surgical Professional Services Lifetime Maximum: Unlimited	
Notes:  • Includes charges for surgeon only; does not include radiologist, anesthesiologist, etc.	
Routine Foot Disorders	Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.
Treatment Resulting From Life Threatening Emerge	
until the medical condition is stabilized. Once the medic	alth/substance abuse expense will be determined by the utilization
Mental Health	
Inpatient	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient (Includes Individual, Group and Intensive Outpatient)	
Physician's Office Visit	\$20 per visit copay
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible
Substance Abuse	
Inpatient	100% after plan deductible
Outpatient (Includes Individual and Intensive Outpatient)	
Physician's Office Visit	\$20 per visit copay
Outpatient Facility	100% after plan deductible



# Open Access Plus In-Network Medical Benefits

#### 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.

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;
- intensive outpatient programs;
- · advanced radiological imaging;
- non-emergency ambulance; or
- · transplant services.

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#### **Covered Expenses**

The term Covered Expenses means the expenses incurred by or on behalf of a person for the charges listed below if they are incurred after he becomes insured for these benefits. Expenses incurred for such charges are considered Covered Expenses to the extent that the services or supplies provided are recommended by a Physician, and are Medically Necessary for the care and treatment of an Injury or a Sickness, as determined by Cigna. **Any applicable Copayments**, **Deductibles or limits are shown in The Schedule.** 

#### **Covered Expenses**

 charges made by a Hospital, on its own behalf, for Bed and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies; except that for any day of Hospital Confinement, Covered Expenses will not include that portion of charges for Bed and Board which is more than the Bed and Board Limit shown in The Schedule.

- charges for licensed ambulance service to or from the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.
- charges made by a Hospital, on its own behalf, for medical care and treatment received as an outpatient.
- charges made by a Free-Standing Surgical Facility, on its own behalf for medical care and treatment.
- charges made on its own behalf, by an Other Health Care Facility, including a Skilled Nursing Facility, a Rehabilitation Hospital or a subacute facility for medical care and treatment; except that for any day of Other Health Care Facility confinement, Covered Expenses will not include that portion of charges which are in excess of the Other Health Care Facility Daily Limit shown in The Schedule.
- charges made for Emergency Services and Urgent Care.
- charges made by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
- charges made by a Nurse, other than a member of your family or your Dependent's family, for professional nursing service.
- charges made for anesthetics and their administration; diagnostic x-ray and laboratory examinations; x-ray, radium, and radioactive isotope treatment; chemotherapy; blood transfusions; oxygen and other gases and their administration.
- charges made for an annual prostate-specific antigen test (PSA).
- 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 made for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges made for Family Planning, including medical history, physical exam, related laboratory tests, medical supervision in accordance with generally accepted medical practices, other medical services, information and counseling on contraception, implanted/injected contraceptives, after appropriate counseling, medical services connected with surgical therapies (tubal ligations, vasectomies).
- charges made for the following preventive care services (detailed information is available at www.healthcare.gov.):
  - (1) 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;



- (2) immunizations that have in effect a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to the Covered Person involved;
- (3) for infants, children, and adolescents, evidenceinformed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration;
- (4) for women, such additional preventive care and screenings not described in paragraph (1) as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- 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 for Medically Necessary breast reduction and/or symptomatic varicose vein surgery.
- charges made for telemedicine services to the same extent that such services are available for other conditions covered under the plan. Telemedicine means the use of interactive audio, video or other electronic media for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation or treatment.
- charges made for the purchase of a hearing aid for each ear, every 36 months (not subject to plan deductible or coinsurance) for children through age 18 as shown in The Schedule. The plan deductible and coinsurance can be applied to the services necessary to assess, select, and fit the hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear, in accordance with the following requirements:
  - The hearing loss must be documented by a Physician or a licensed audiologist.
  - The hearing aid must be purchased from a licensed audiologist or a licensed hearing aid dealer.

- 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 including glucose monitors.
- charges for 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 compedia (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 treatment of autism spectrum disorders for a
   Dependent child who is 5 years of age or under, 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 whether the child has 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 as described in the federal Individual with Disabilities Education Act.
- · charges for metabolic formulas and special modified lowprotein food products, when prescribed by a Physician, for a person with an inborn error of metabolism for special modified low-protein food products. 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.

#### **Clinical Trials**

You are eligible for coverage for routine patient costs for participation in an approved clinical trial if you meet all of the following conditions:

- a person has symptoms or signs of a genetically-linked inheritable disease;
- you are eligible to participate according to the clinical trial protocol with respect to treatment of such illness;
- your participation in the trial offers meaningful potential for significant clinical benefit to you; and
- your referring Physician has concluded that your participation in such trial would be appropriate based on the satisfaction of the conditions above.

#### **Genetic Testing**

Charges made for genetic testing that uses a proven testing method for the identification of genetically-linked inheritable disease. Genetic testing is covered only if:

- a person has symptoms or signs of a genetically-linked inheritable disease;
- it has been determined that a person is at risk for carrier status as supported by existing peer-reviewed, evidencebased, scientific literature for the development of a genetically-linked inheritable disease when the results will impact clinical outcome; or
- the therapeutic purpose is to identify specific genetic mutation that has been demonstrated in the existing peerreviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to directly impact treatment options.

Pre-implantation genetic testing, genetic diagnosis prior to embryo transfer, is covered when either parent has an inherited disease or is a documented carrier of a geneticallylinked inheritable disease.

Genetic counseling is covered if a person is undergoing approved genetic testing, or if a person has an inherited disease and is a potential candidate for genetic testing. Genetic counseling is limited to 3 visits per calendar year for both preand post-genetic testing.

#### **Nutritional Evaluation**

Charges made for nutritional evaluation and counseling when diet is a part of the medical management of a documented organic disease.

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

Charges made 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.

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#### **Obesity Treatment**

• charges made for medical and surgical services only at approved centers for the treatment or control of clinically severe (morbid) obesity as defined below and if the services are demonstrated, through existing peer reviewed, evidence based, scientific literature and scientifically based guidelines, to be safe and effective for the treatment or control of the condition. Clinically severe (morbid) obesity is defined by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI) as a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 40 or greater without comorbidities, or a BMI of 35-39 with



comorbidities. The following items are specifically excluded:

- medical and surgical services to alter appearances or physical changes that are the result of any medical or surgical services performed for the treatment or control of obesity or clinically severe (morbid) obesity; and
- weight loss programs or treatments, whether or not they are prescribed or recommended by a Physician or under medical supervision.

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#### **Orthognathic Surgery**

- orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement that orthodontics alone can not correct, provided:
  - the deformity or disfigurement is accompanied by a documented clinically significant functional impairment, and there is a reasonable expectation that the procedure will result in meaningful functional improvement; or
  - the orthognathic surgery is Medically Necessary as a result of tumor, trauma, disease; or
  - the orthognathic surgery is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of severe congenital facial deformity or congenital condition.

Repeat or subsequent orthognathic surgeries for the same condition are covered only when the previous orthognathic surgery met the above requirements, and there is a high probability of significant additional improvement as determined by the utilization review Physician.

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#### **Home Health Services**

 charges made for Home Health Services when you: require skilled care; are unable to obtain the required care as an ambulatory outpatient; and do not require confinement in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility.

Home Health Services are provided only if Cigna has determined that the home is a medically appropriate setting. If you are a minor or an adult who is dependent upon others for nonskilled care and/or custodial services (e.g., bathing, eating, toileting), Home Health Services will be provided for you only during times when there is a family member or care giver present in the home to meet your nonskilled care and/or custodial services needs.

Home Health Services are those skilled health care services that can be provided during visits by Other Health Care Professionals. The services of a home health aide are covered when rendered in direct support of skilled health care services provided by Other Health Care Professionals. A visit is defined as a period of 2 hours or less. Home Health Services are subject to a maximum of 16 hours in total per day. Necessary consumable medical supplies and home infusion therapy administered or used by Other Health Care Professionals in providing Home Health Services are covered. Home Health Services do not include services by 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 even if that person is an Other Health Care Professional. Skilled nursing services or private duty nursing services provided in the home are subject to the Home Health Services benefit terms, conditions and benefit limitations.

The following limitations apply to therapy services:

- services which are considered custodial or educational in nature are not covered.
- occupational therapy is provided for purposes of enabling you to perform the activities of daily living.
- Speech therapy is not covered which is: used to improve speech skills that have not fully developed, except when speech is not fully developed in children due to an underlying disease or malformation that prevented speech development; intended to maintain speech communications; or not restorative in nature.

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#### **Hospice Care Services**

- charges made for a person who has been diagnosed as having twelve months or fewer to live, due to Terminal Illness, for the following Hospice Care Services provided under a Hospice Care Program:
  - by a Hospice Facility for Bed 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;



- by an Other Health Care Facility for:
  - part-time or intermittent nursing care by or under the supervision of a Nurse;
  - part-time or intermittent services of an Other Health Care Professional;
- physical, occupational and speech therapy;
- medical supplies; drugs and medicines lawfully dispensed only on the written prescription of a Physician; and 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:

- for the 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;
- for any period when you or your Dependent is not under the care of a Physician;
- for services or supplies not listed in the Hospice Care Program;
- for any curative or life-prolonging procedures;
- to the extent that any other benefits are payable for those expenses under the policy;
- for services or supplies that are primarily to aid you or your Dependent in daily living.

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

### **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 Partial Hospitalization and Mental Health Residential Treatment Services.

Partial Hospitalization sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24-hour period.

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 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.

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. 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 Abuse 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 Abuse Services include Partial Hospitalization sessions and Residential Treatment services.



Partial Hospitalization sessions are services that are provided for not less than 4 hours and not more than 12 hours in any 24hour period.

**Substance Abuse 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 Abuse conditions.

Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center means an institution which specializes in the treatment of psychological and social disturbances that are the result of Substance Abuse; 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 Abuse Residential Treatment Center when she/he is a registered bed patient in a Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center upon the recommendation of a Physician.

#### **Outpatient Substance Abuse 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 Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program.

A Substance Abuse Intensive Outpatient Therapy Program consists of distinct levels or phases of treatment that are provided by a certified/licensed Substance Abuse 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 Abuse Detoxification Services**

Detoxification and related medical ancillary services are provided when required for the diagnosis and treatment of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs. Cigna 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 Abuse Services:

- any court ordered treatment or therapy, or any treatment or therapy ordered as a condition of parole, probation or custody or visitation evaluations unless Medically Necessary and otherwise covered under this policy or agreement.
- treatment of disorders which have been diagnosed as organic mental disorders associated with permanent dysfunction of the brain.

- developmental disorders, including but not limited to, developmental reading disorders, developmental arithmetic disorders, developmental language disorders or developmental articulation disorders.
- counseling for activities of an educational nature.
- · counseling for borderline intellectual functioning.
- · counseling for occupational problems.
- counseling related to consciousness raising.
- · vocational or religious counseling.
- · I.Q. testing.
- custodial care, including but not limited to geriatric day care.
- psychological testing on children requested by or for a school system.
- occupational/recreational therapy programs even if combined with supportive therapy for age-related cognitive decline.

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#### **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. Coverage for Durable Medical Equipment is limited to the lowest-cost alternative as determined by the utilization review Physician.

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, respirators, wheel chairs, and dialysis machines.

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 nonpower mattresses, custom mattresses and posturepedic mattresses.
- Bath Related Items: bath lifts, nonportable whirlpools, bathtub rails, toilet rails, raised toilet seats, bath benches,



bath stools, hand held showers, paraffin baths, bath mats, and spas.

- Chairs, Lifts and Standing Devices: computerized or gyroscopic mobility systems, roll about chairs, geriatric chairs, hip chairs, seat lifts (mechanical or motorized), patient lifts (mechanical or motorized manual hydraulic lifts are covered if patient is two-person transfer), and auto tilt chairs.
- Fixtures to Real Property: ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps.
- Car/Van Modifications.
- Air Quality Items: room humidifiers, vaporizers, air purifiers and electrostatic machines.
- **Blood/Injection Related Items:** blood pressure cuffs, centrifuges, nova pens and needleless injectors.
- Other Equipment: heat lamps, heating pads, cryounits, cryotherapy machines, electronic-controlled therapy units, ultraviolet cabinets, sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, AC/DC adaptors, enuresis alarms, magnetic equipment, scales (baby and adult), stair gliders, elevators, saunas, any exercise equipment and diathermy machines.

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#### **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 shall 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:

- basic limb prostheses;
- terminal devices such as hands or hooks; and
- · speech prostheses.

#### **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:

- Nonfoot orthoses only the following nonfoot orthoses are covered:
  - rigid and semirigid custom fabricated orthoses;
  - semirigid 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;
- orthoses primarily used for cosmetic rather than functional reasons; and
- orthoses primarily for improved athletic performance or sports participation.

#### Rraces

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 will be provided when anatomic change has rendered the external prosthetic appliance or device ineffective. Anatomic change includes significant weight gain or loss, atrophy and/or growth.
- 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; and
  - replacement due to a surgical alteration or revision of the site.

The following are specifically excluded external prosthetic appliances and devices:

- external and internal power enhancements or power controls for prosthetic limbs and terminal devices, except for staterequired coverage for microprocessors; and
- myoelectric prostheses peripheral nerve stimulators.

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#### **Infertility Services**

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• 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: 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; and diagnostic evaluations.

Infertility is defined as the inability of opposite sex partners to achieve conception after one year of unprotected intercourse; or the inability of a woman to achieve conception after six trials of artificial insemination over a one-year period. This benefit includes diagnosis and treatment of both male and female infertility. The following are specifically excluded infertility services:

- Infertility drugs;
- In vitro fertilization (IVF); gamete intrafallopian transfer (GIFT); zygote intrafallopian transfer (ZIFT) and variations of these procedures;

- 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.

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# Short-Term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Care Services

 charges made for Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy that is part of a rehabilitative program, including physical, speech, occupational, cognitive, osteopathic manipulative, cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation therapy, when provided in the most medically appropriate setting. Also included are services that are provided by a chiropractic Physician when provided in an outpatient setting. Services of a chiropractic Physician include the conservative management of acute neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment that is rendered to restore motion, reduce pain and improve function.

The following limitation applies to Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Care Services:

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

Short-term Rehabilitative Therapy and Chiropractic Care services that are not covered include but are not limited to:

- sensory integration therapy, group therapy; treatment of dyslexia; behavior modification or myofunctional therapy for dysfluency, such as stuttering or other involuntarily acted conditions without evidence of an underlying medical condition or neurological disorder;
- treatment for functional articulation disorder such as correction of tongue thrust, lisp, or verbal apraxia or swallowing dysfunction that is not based on an underlying diagnosed medical condition or Injury;
- maintenance or preventive treatment consisting of routine, long term or non-Medically Necessary care provided to prevent recurrences or to maintain the patient's current status;
- services which are covered under Home Health Services.



The following are specifically excluded from Chiropractic Care Services:

- services of a chiropractor which are not within his scope of practice, as defined by state law;
- charges for care not provided in an office setting;
- vitamin therapy.

If multiple outpatient services are provided on the same day they constitute one day.

A separate Copayment will apply to the services provided by each provider.

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#### **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
nondiseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance;
postoperative breast prostheses; and mastectomy bras and
external prosthetics, limited to the lowest cost alternative
available that meets external 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, noncosmetic 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.

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#### **Transplant Services**

 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.

All Transplant services, other than cornea, are covered at 100% when received at Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities. Cornea transplants are not covered at Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities. Transplant services, including cornea, received at participating facilities specifically contracted with Cigna for those Transplant services, other than Cigna LIFESOURCE Transplant Network® facilities, are payable at the In-Network level. Transplant services received at any other facilities, including Non-Participating Providers and Participating Providers not specifically contracted with Cigna for Transplant services, are not covered.

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 surgery necessary for organ removal, organ transportation and the transportation, hospitalization and surgery of a live donor. 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 Travel Services**

Charges made for reasonable travel expenses incurred by you in connection with a preapproved organ/tissue transplant are covered subject to the following conditions and limitations. Transplant travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants. Benefits for transportation, lodging and food are available to you only if you are the recipient of a preapproved organ/tissue transplant 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 transplant site (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the transplant facility); lodging while at, or traveling to and from the transplant site; and food while at, or traveling to and from the transplant 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. The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

These benefits are only available when the covered person is the recipient of an organ transplant. No benefits are available when the covered person is a donor.

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# **Prescription Drug Benefits The Schedule**

#### For You and Your Dependents

This plan provides Prescription Drug benefits for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies provided by Pharmacies as shown in this Schedule. To receive Prescription Drug Benefits, you and your Dependents may be required to pay a portion of the Covered Expenses for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. That portion includes any applicable Copayment, Deductible and/or Coinsurance.

## Copayments

Copayments are expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent for Covered Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies.				
BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	PARTICIPATING PHARMACY	Non-PARTICIPATING PHARMACY		
Lifetime Maximum	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule	Refer to the Medical Benefits Schedule		
Out-of-Pocket Maximum				
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		
Retail Prescription Drugs	The amount you pay for each 30-day supply	The amount you pay for each 30-day supply		
Certain medications covered under this plan and required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at www.healthcare.gov) are payable at 100% with no copayment or deductible, when purchased from a Participating Pharmacy. A written prescription is required.				
Tier 1				
Generic* drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$10 copay	In-network coverage only		

Tier 1  Generic* drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$10 copay	In-network coverage only
Tier 2  Brand-Name* drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List with no Generic equivalent	No charge after \$20 copay	In-network coverage only
Tier 3  Brand-Name* drugs with a Generic equivalent and drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$35 copay	In-network coverage only

<sup>\*</sup> Designated as per generally-accepted industry sources and adopted by the Insurance Company 90 day supply for 2x copay for specific Maine Pharmacies



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	PARTICIPATING PHARMACY	Non-PARTICIPATING PHARMACY	
Home Delivery Prescription Drugs	The amount you pay for each 90-day supply	The amount you pay for each 90-day supply	
Certain medications covered under this plan and required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at www.healthcare.gov) are payable at 100% with no copayment or deductible, when purchased from a Participating Pharmacy. A written prescription is required.			
Tier 1			
Generic* drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$20 copay	In-network coverage only	
Tier 2			
Brand-Name* drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List with no Generic equivalent	No charge after \$40 copay	In-network coverage only	
Tier 3			
Brand-Name* drugs with a Generic equivalent and drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$70 copay	In-network coverage only	
* Designated as per generally-accepted industry sources and adopted by the Insurance Company 90 day supply for 2x copay for specific Maine Pharmacies			



# **Prescription Drug Benefits**

For You and Your Dependents

### **Covered Expenses**

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 Drugs or Related Supplies ordered by a Physician, Cigna will provide coverage for those expenses as shown in The Schedule. Coverage also includes Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies dispensed for a prescription issued to you or your Dependents by a licensed dentist for the prevention of infection or pain in conjunction with a dental procedure.

When you or a Dependent is issued a prescription for Medically Necessary Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies as part of the rendering of Emergency Services and that prescription cannot reasonably be filled by a Participating Pharmacy, the prescription will be covered by Cigna, as if filled by a Participating Pharmacy.

#### Limitations

Each Prescription Order or refill shall be limited as follows:

- up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a retail Participating Pharmacy, unless limited by the drug manufacturer's packaging; or
- to a dosage and/or dispensing limit as determined by the P&T Committee.

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In the event that you insist on a more expensive "brand-name" drug where a "generic" drug would otherwise have been dispensed, you will be financially responsible for the amount by which the cost of the "brand-name" drug exceeds the cost of the "generic" drug, plus the required Copayment identified in the Schedule.

Coverage for certain Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies requires your Physician to obtain authorization prior to prescribing. Prior authorization may include, for example, a step therapy determination. Step therapy determines the specific usage progression of therapeutically equivalent drug products or supplies appropriate for treatment of a specific condition. If your Physician wishes to request coverage for Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies for which prior authorization is required, your Physician may call or complete the appropriate prior authorization form and fax it to Cigna to

request a prior authorization for coverage of the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. Your Physician should make this request before writing the prescription.

If the request is approved, your Physician will receive confirmation. The authorization will be processed in our claim system to allow you to have coverage for those Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. The length of the authorization will depend on the diagnosis and Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies. When your Physician advises you that coverage for the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies has been approved, you should contact the Pharmacy to fill the prescription(s).

If the request is denied, your Physician and you will be notified that coverage for the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies is not authorized. If you disagree with a coverage decision, you may appeal that decision in accordance with the provisions of the policy, by submitting a written request stating why the Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies should be covered.

If you have questions about a specific prior authorization request, you should call Member Services at the toll-free number on the ID card.

All drugs newly approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are designated as either non-Preferred or non-Prescription Drug List drugs until the P&T Committee clinically evaluates the Prescription Drug for a different designation. Prescription Drugs that represent an advance over available therapy according to the FDA will be reviewed by the P&T Committee within six months after FDA approval. Prescription Drugs that appear to have therapeutic qualities similar to those of an already marketed drug according to the FDA, will not be reviewed by the P&T Committee for at least six months after FDA approval. In the case of compelling clinical data, an ad hoc group will be formed to make an interim decision on the merits of a Prescription Drug.

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#### **Your Payments**

Coverage for Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies purchased at a Pharmacy is subject to the Copayment or Coinsurance shown in the Schedule, after you have satisfied your Prescription Drug Deductible, if applicable. Please refer to the Schedule for any required Copayments, Coinsurance, Deductibles or Maximums if applicable.

When a treatment regimen contains more than one type of Prescription Drugs which are packaged together for your, or



your Dependent's convenience, a Copayment will apply to each Prescription Drug.

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#### **Exclusions**

No payment will be made for the following expenses:

- any drug that is a pharmaceutical alternative to an over-thecounter drug other than insulin, unless the drug is determined to be Medically Necessary;
- a drug class in which at least one of the drugs is available over the counter and the drugs in the class are deemed to be therapeutically equivalent as determined by the P&T Committee;
- injectable infertility drugs and any injectable drugs that require Physician supervision and are not typically considered self-administered drugs. The following are examples of Physician supervised drugs: Injectables used to treat hemophilia and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), chemotherapy injectables and endocrine and metabolic agents;
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved drugs used for purposes other than those approved by the FDA unless the drug is recognized for the treatment of the particular indication in one of the standard reference compendia (The United States Pharmacopeia Drug Information, The American Medical Association Drug Evaluations; or The American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information) or in medical literature (this exclusion does not apply to drugs prescribed for the treatment of cancer or HIV/AIDS as required by Maine law and as described under Covered Expenses). Medical literature means scientific studies published in a peer-reviewed national professional medical journal;
- prescription and nonprescription supplies (such as ostomy supplies), devices, and appliances other than Related Supplies;
- implantable contraceptive products;
- · any fertility drug;
- drugs used for cosmetic purposes such as drugs used to reduce wrinkles, drugs to promote hair growth as well as drugs used to control perspiration and fade cream products;
- immunization agents, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions and medications used for travel prophylaxis;

- replacement of Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies due to loss or theft;
- drugs used to enhance athletic performance;
- drugs which are to be taken by or administered to you while you are a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home or similar institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceuticals;
- prescriptions more than one year from the original date of issue:
- any drugs that are experimental or investigational as described under the Medical "Exclusions" section of your certificate.

Other limitations are shown in the Medical "Exclusions" section of your certificate.

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## Reimbursement/Filing a Claim

When you or your Dependents purchase your Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies through a retail Participating 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 unless you are unable to purchase Prescription Drugs at a Participating Pharmacy for Emergency Services.

To purchase Prescription Drugs or Related Supplies from a home delivery Participating Pharmacy, see your home delivery drug introductory kit for details, or contact member services for assistance.

See your Employer's Benefit Plan Administrator to obtain the appropriate claim form.

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# **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 or for which you are not billed or for which you would not have been billed except that they were covered under this plan.
- 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 abuse or other health care technologies, supplies, treatments, procedures, drug therapies or devices that are determined by the utilization review Physician to be:
  - 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;
  - not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other appropriate regulatory agency to be lawfully marketed for the proposed use; or
  - the subject of review or approval by an Institutional Review Board for the proposed use except for routine patient care costs related to qualified clinical trials as provided in the "Clinical Trials" section(s) of this plan.
- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem or to treat psychological symptomatology or psychosocial complaints related to one's appearance.
- The following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications: Macromastia or Gynecomastia Surgeries (except as specifically provided for in Covered Expenses); Surgical treatment of varicose veins (except as specifically provided for in Covered Expenses); 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 or nonsurgical treatment of TMJ disorders and craniofacial muscle disorders.
- 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. Charges made for services or supplies provided for or in connection with an accidental injury to sound natural teeth are covered provided a continuous course of dental treatment is started within six months of an accident. Sound natural teeth are defined as natural teeth that are free of active clinical decay, have at least 50% bony support and are functional in the arch.
- medical and surgical services, initial and repeat, intended for the treatment or control of obesity, except for treatment of clinically severe (morbid) obesity as shown in Covered Expenses, 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.
- unless otherwise covered in this plan, for reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons including, but not limited to, employment, insurance or government licenses, and courtordered, forensic or custodial evaluations.
- court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless such treatment is prescribed by a Physician and listed as covered in 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), anorgasmy, and premature ejaculation.
- medical and Hospital care and costs for the infant child of a Dependent, unless this infant child is otherwise eligible under this plan.
- nonmedical counseling or ancillary services, including but not limited to Custodial Services, education, training, vocational rehabilitation, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, hypnosis, sleep therapy, employment counseling, back school, return to work services, work hardening programs, driving safety, and services, training, educational therapy or other nonmedical ancillary services for learning disabilities, developmental delays, autism (except as may otherwise be shown in Covered Expenses) or mental retardation.
- 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 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 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, dentures and wigs.
- hearing aids, including but not limited to semi-implantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs), except as provided for in Covered Expenses. A hearing aid is any device that amplifies sound.
- aids or devices that assist with nonverbal communications, including but not limited to communication boards, prerecorded 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 and contact lenses (except for the first pair of contact lenses for treatment of keratoconus or post-cataract surgery).
- routine refractions, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
- treatment by acupuncture.
- all noninjectable prescription drugs, injectable prescription drugs that do not require Physician supervision and are typically considered self-administered drugs, nonprescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided in this plan.
- routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses or trimming of nails. However, services associated with foot care for diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are covered when Medically Necessary.
- membership costs or fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs and 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 or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services where in the utilization review Physician's opinion 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.
- cosmetics, dietary supplements and health and beauty aids.
- all nutritional supplements and formulae except for infant formula needed for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism and as shown in Covered Expenses.
- medical treatment for a person age 65 or older, who is covered under this plan as a retiree, or their Dependent, when payment is denied by the Medicare plan because treatment was received from a nonparticipating provider.
- medical treatment when payment is denied by a Primary Plan because treatment was received from a nonparticipating provider.
- for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
- audio-only telephone, facsimile machines or email consultations solely for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment.
- · 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.
- to the extent that you or any one of your Dependents is in any way paid or entitled to payment for those expenses by or through a public program, other than Medicaid.
- to the extent that payment is unlawful where the person resides when the expenses are incurred.
- for charges which would not have been made if the person had no insurance.



- to the extent of the exclusions imposed by any certification requirement shown in this plan.
- expenses for supplies, care, treatment, or surgery that are not Medically Necessary.
- charges made by any covered provider who is a member of your family or your Dependent's Family.
- expenses incurred outside the United States other than expenses for medically necessary urgent or emergent care while temporarily traveling abroad.

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# **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 or services for medical care or treatment:

- Group insurance and/or group-type coverage, whether insured or self-insured which neither can be purchased by the general public, nor is individually underwritten, including closed panel coverage.
- Coverage under Medicare and other governmental benefits as permitted by law, excepting Medicaid and Medicare supplement policies.
- Medical benefits coverage of group, group-type, and individual automobile contracts.

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

#### **Closed Panel Plan**

A Plan that provides medical or dental benefits primarily in the form of services through a panel of employed or contracted providers, and that limits or excludes benefits provided by providers outside of the panel, except in the case of emergency or if referred by a provider within the panel.

# **Primary Plan**

The Plan that determines and provides or pays benefits without taking into consideration the existence of any other Plan.

#### Secondary Plan

A Plan that determines, and may reduce its benefits after taking into consideration, the benefits provided or paid by the Primary Plan. A Secondary Plan may also recover from the Primary Plan the Reasonable Cash Value of any services it provided to you.

#### Allowable Expense

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A necessary, reasonable and customary service or expense, including deductibles, coinsurance or copayments, that is covered in full or in part by any Plan covering you. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

Examples of expenses or services that are not Allowable Expenses include, but are not limited to the following:

- An expense or service or a portion of an expense or service that is not covered by any of the Plans is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are confined to a private Hospital room and no Plan provides coverage for more than a semiprivate room, the difference in cost between a private and semiprivate room is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by two or more Plans that provide services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees, any amount in excess of the highest reasonable and customary fee is not an Allowable Expense.
- If you are covered by one Plan that provides services or supplies on the basis of reasonable and customary fees and one Plan that provides services and supplies on the basis of negotiated fees, the Primary Plan's fee arrangement shall be the Allowable Expense.
- If your benefits are reduced under the Primary Plan (through the imposition of a higher copayment amount, higher coinsurance percentage, a deductible and/or a penalty) because you did not comply with Plan provisions or because you did not use a preferred provider, the amount of the reduction is not an Allowable Expense. Such Plan provisions include second surgical opinions and precertification of admissions or services.

#### **Claim Determination Period**

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

## Reasonable Cash Value

An amount which a duly licensed provider of health care services usually charges patients and which is within the range of fees usually charged for the same service by other health care providers located within the immediate geographic area



where the health care service is rendered under similar or comparable circumstances.

# **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, benefits for the Dependent shall be determined in the following order:
  - first, 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, but only from the time of actual knowledge;
  - then, the Plan of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the spouse of the parent with custody of the child;
  - then, the Plan of the parent not having custody of the child, and
  - finally, 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 cannot agree 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 cannot agree 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 agree 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.

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 Secondary Plan, this Plan may reduce benefits so that the total benefits paid by all Plans during a Claim Determination Period are not more than 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses.

The difference between the amount that this Plan would have paid if this Plan had been the Primary Plan, and the benefit payments that this Plan had actually paid as the Secondary Plan, will be recorded as a benefit reserve for you. Cigna will use this benefit reserve to pay any Allowable Expense not otherwise paid during the Claim Determination Period.

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

- Cigna's obligation to provide services and supplies under this policy;
- whether a benefit reserve has been recorded for you; and
- whether there are any unpaid Allowable Expenses during the Claims Determination Period.

If there is a benefit reserve, Cigna will use the benefit reserve recorded for you to pay up to 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses. At the end of the Claim Determination Period, your benefit reserve will return to zero and a new benefit reserve will be calculated for each new Claim Determination Period.

# **Recovery of Excess Benefits**

If Cigna pays charges for benefits that should have been paid by the Primary Plan, or if Cigna pays charges in excess of those for which we are obligated to provide under the Policy, Cigna will have the right to recover the actual payment made or the Reasonable Cash Value of any services.

Cigna will have sole discretion to seek such recovery from any person to, or for whom, or with respect to whom, such services were provided or such payments made by any insurance company, healthcare plan or other organization. If we request, you must execute and deliver to us such instruments and documents as we determine are necessary to secure the 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 90 days of the request, the claim will be denied. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

# **Medicare Eligibles**

Cigna will pay as the Secondary Plan as permitted by the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended for the following:

- (a) a former Employee who is eligible for Medicare and whose insurance is continued for any reason as provided in this plan;
- (b) a former Employee's Dependent, or a former Dependent Spouse, who is eligible for Medicare and whose insurance is continued for any reason as provided in this plan;
- (c) an Employee whose Employer and each other Employer participating in the Employer's plan have fewer than 100 Employees and that Employee is eligible for Medicare due to disability;
- (d) the Dependent of an Employee whose Employer and each other Employer participating in the Employer's plan have fewer than 100 Employees and that Dependent is eligible for Medicare due to disability;
- (e) an Employee or a Dependent of an Employee of an Employer who has fewer than 20 Employees, if that person is eligible for Medicare due to age;
- (f) an Employee, retired Employee, Employee's Dependent or retired Employee's Dependent who is eligible for Medicare due to End Stage Renal Disease after that person has been eligible for Medicare for 30 months;

Cigna will assume the amount payable under:

- Part A of Medicare for a person who is eligible for that Part without premium payment, but has not applied, to be the amount he would receive if he had applied.
- Part B of Medicare for a person who is entitled to be enrolled in that Part, but is not, to be the amount he would receive if he were enrolled.

 Part B of Medicare for a person who has entered into a private contract with a provider, to be the amount he would receive in the absence of such private contract.

A person is considered eligible for Medicare on the earliest date any coverage under Medicare could become effective for him

This reduction will not apply to any Employee and his Dependent or any former Employee and his Dependent unless he is listed under (a) through (f) above.

#### **Domestic Partners**

Under federal law, the Medicare Secondary Payer Rules do not apply to Domestic Partners covered under a group health plan when Medicare coverage is due to age. Therefore, when Medicare coverage is due to age, Medicare is always the Primary Plan for a person covered as a Domestic Partner, and Cigna is the Secondary Plan. However, when Medicare coverage is due to disability, the Medicare Secondary Payer rules explained above will apply.

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# **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.

#### Subrogation/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 as described above:

• Subrogation: The plan shall, to the extent permitted by law, be subrogated to all rights, claims or interests that a Participant may have against such party and shall automatically have a lien upon the proceeds of any recovery by a Participant from such party to the extent of any benefits paid under the plan. A Participant or his/her representative



shall execute such documents as may be required to secure the plan's subrogation rights.

• Right of Reimbursement: The plan is also granted a right of reimbursement from the proceeds of any recovery whether by settlement, judgment, or otherwise. This right of reimbursement is cumulative with and not exclusive of the subrogation right granted in paragraph 1, but only to the extent of the benefits provided by the plan.

#### Lien of the Plan

By accepting benefits under this plan, a Participant:

- grants a lien and assigns to the plan an amount equal to the benefits paid under the plan against any recovery made by or on behalf of the Participant which is binding on any attorney or other party who represents the Participant whether or not an agent of the Participant or of any insurance company or other financially responsible party against whom a Participant may have a claim provided said attorney, insurance carrier or other party has been notified by the plan or its agents;
- agrees that this lien shall constitute a charge against the proceeds of any recovery and the plan shall be entitled to assert a security interest thereon;
- agrees to hold the proceeds of any recovery in trust for the benefit of the plan to the extent of any payment made by the plan.

#### **Additional Terms**

- 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 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 with his reimbursement obligations hereunder, regardless of how those future medical benefits are incurred.

# **Payment of Benefits**

# To Whom Payable

Medical Benefits are assignable to the provider. When you assign benefits to a provider, you have assigned the entire amount of the benefits due on that claim. If the provider is overpaid because of accepting a patient's payment on the charge, it is the provider's responsibility to reimburse the patient. Because of Cigna's contracts with providers, all claims from contracted providers should be assigned.

Cigna may, at its option, make payment to you for the cost of any Covered Expenses from a Non-Participating Provider even if benefits have been assigned. When benefits are paid to you or your Dependent, you or your Dependents are responsible for reimbursing the 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.

# **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.

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# **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 canceled.
- 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.

# **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 and you are atleast age 60 with 20 years of service, 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 canceled.

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

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# 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.

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# **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 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:

you are unable to perform the basic duties of your occupation.

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

- he is unable to engage in the normal activities of a person of the same age, sex and ability; or
- in the case of a Dependent who normally works for wage or profit, he is not performing such work.

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# **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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# **Notice of Provider Directory/Networks**

# **Notice Regarding Provider Directories and Provider Networks**

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

# **Notice Regarding Pharmacy Directories and Pharmacy Networks**

A list of network pharmacies is available to you without charge by visiting the website or by 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.

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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 31 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.

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# **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 your Employer agrees and you enroll for or change coverage within 31 days of the following:

- the date you meet the Special Enrollment criteria described above; or
- the date you meet the criteria shown in the following Sections B through H.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month following the month that includes the date the original coverage is revoked.

# H. Enrollment in Qualified Health Plan (QHP)

The Employee must be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll in a QHP through a Marketplace or the Employee wants to enroll in a QHP through a Marketplace 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 a Marketplace for new coverage effective beginning no later than the day immediately following the last day of the original coverage.

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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 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

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.

# **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.

#### 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 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
- vour 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 preexisting 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 emergency services only. Because the Plan does not provide out-of-network coverage, nonemergency services will not be covered under the plan 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 Pav 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 29month 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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# **Clinical Trials**

This benefit plan covers routine patient care costs related to a qualified clinical trial for an individual who meets the following requirements:

(a) is eligible to participate in an approved clinical trial according to the trial protocol with respect to treatment of cancer or other life-threatening disease or condition; and



(b) either

- 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 based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (a); or
- the individual provides medical and scientific information establishing that the individual's participation in such trial would be appropriate based upon the individual meeting the conditions described in paragraph (a).

For purposes of clinical trials, the term "life-threatening disease or condition" means any disease or condition from which the likelihood of death is probable unless the course of the disease or condition is interrupted.

The clinical trial must meet the following requirements:

The study or investigation must:

- be approved or funded by any of the agencies or entities authorized by federal law to conduct clinical trials;
- be conducted under an investigational new drug application reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration; or
- involve a drug trial that is exempt from having such an investigational new drug application.

Routine patient care costs are costs associated with the provision of health care items and services including drugs, items, devices and services otherwise covered by this benefit plan for an individual who is not enrolled in a clinical trial and, in addition:

- services required solely for the provision of the investigational drug, item, device or service;
- services required for the clinically appropriate monitoring of the investigational drug, device, item or service;
- services provided for the prevention of complications arising from the provision of the investigational drug, device, item or service; and
- reasonable and necessary care arising from the provision of the investigational drug, device, item or service, including the diagnosis or treatment of complications.

Routine patient care costs do not include:

- the investigational drug, device, item, or service, itself; or
- items and services that are provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient.

Clinical trials conducted by non-participating providers will be covered at the In-Network benefit level if:

 there are not In-Network providers participating in the clinical trial that are willing to accept the individual as a patient, or  the clinical trial is conducted outside the individual's state of residence.

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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 207-283-0171

Employer Identification Plan Number:

Number (EIN):

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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 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.

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# When You Have A Complaint Or An Appeal

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 you receive. That is why we have established a process for addressing your concerns and solving your problems.

# **Start with Customer Service**

We are here to listen and help. If you have a concern regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, contractual benefits, or a rescission of coverage, you can call our toll-free number and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service representatives. Please call us at the Customer Service Toll-Free Number that appears on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

We will do our best to resolve the matter on your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your concern, we will get back to you as soon as possible, but in any case within 20 days.

If you are not satisfied with the results of a coverage decision, you can start the appeals procedure.

# **Appeals Procedure**

Cigna has a two step appeals procedure for coverage decisions. To initiate an appeal, you must submit a request for an appeal in writing, after receipt of a denial notice, to the following address:

Cigna National Appeals Unit (NAU) PO 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 the toll-free number on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form.

# Level One Appeal

Your appeal will be reviewed and the decision made by someone not involved in the initial decision. Appeals involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness will be considered by a health care professional.

For level one appeals, we will respond in writing with a decision within 15 calendar days after we receive an appeal for a required preservice or concurrent care coverage determination (decision). We will respond within 20 working 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.

You may request that the appeal process be expedited if, (a) 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 (b) your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay.

If you request that your appeal be expedited based on (a) above, you may also ask for an expedited external Independent Review at the same time, if the time to complete an expedited level-one appeal would be detrimental to your medical condition.

Cigna's Physician reviewer, in consultation with the treating Physician, will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing within two working days of the oral response.

# Level Two Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with our level one appeal decision, you may request a second review. To start a level two appeal, follow the same process required for a level one appeal.

Most requests for a second review will be conducted by the Appeals Committee, which consists of at least three people. Anyone involved in the prior decision may not vote on the Committee. For appeals involving Medical Necessity or clinical appropriateness, the Committee will consult with at least one Physician reviewer in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration, as determined by Cigna's Physician reviewer. You may present your situation to the Committee in person or by conference call.

For level two appeals we will acknowledge in writing that we have received your request and schedule a Committee review. For required preservice and concurrent care coverage determinations, the Committee review will be completed within 15 calendar days. For postservice claims, the Committee review will be completed within 20 working 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 Committee to complete the review. In the event any new or additional information (evidence) is considered, relied upon or generated by Cigna in connection with the level-two appeal, Cigna will provide this information to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision, so that you will have an 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 decision so that you will have an opportunity to respond.

You will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision within five working days after the Committee meeting, and within the Committee review time frames above if the Committee does not approve the requested coverage.

You may request that the appeal process be expedited if 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 your appeal involves nonauthorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay. Cigna's Physician reviewer, in consultation with the treating Physician will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within 72 hours, followed up in writing within two working days of the oral response.

# **Independent Review Procedure**

You also have the right to appeal an unfavorable decision, including denials based on experimental or pre-existing conditions, by way of the State of Maine's independent review process. 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 attend the review in person, by telephone, by teleconference or other appropriate electronic means, ask questions of the representatives and 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: Cigna has failed to make a decision on a complaint or an appeal within the time period required; you and Cigna mutually agreed to bypass the appeals procedure; 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 the patient has died.

You may call Cigna at 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.

# Appeal to the State of Maine

You have the right to contact the Superintendent of Insurance for assistance at any time. The 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: information sufficient to identify the claim; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based: 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; 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); 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 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 was relied upon in making the benefit determination; 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; demonstrates compliance with the administrative processes and safeguards required by federal law in making the benefit determination; or 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.

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# **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.

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# **Bed and Board**

The term Bed and Board includes all charges made by a Hospital on its own behalf for room and meals and for all general services and activities needed for the care of registered bed patients.

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# Charges

The term "charges" means the actual billed charges; except when the provider has contracted directly or indirectly with Cigna for a different amount.

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# **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.

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# **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 must be submitted to Cigna within 31 days after the date the child ceases to qualify above. From time to time, but not more frequently than once a year, Cigna 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. It also includes a stepchild, a grandchild who lives with you, or a child for whom you are the legal guardian. If your Domestic Partner has a child, that child will also be included as a Dependent.

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

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#### **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 at least 6 months;
- 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.

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# **Emergency Medical Condition**

Emergency medical condition means a medical condition which manifests 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.

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# **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, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate the 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, to stabilize the patient.

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## **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.

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# **Employer**

The term Employer means the Policyholder and all Affiliated Employers.

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# **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.

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# **Expense Incurred**

An expense is incurred when the service or the supply for which it is incurred is provided.

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# 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.

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# **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.

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# **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.

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# **Hospice Facility**

The term Hospice Facility means an institution or part of it which:

- primarily provides care for Terminally III 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.

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# 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 Abuse or other related illness; provides residential treatment programs; and is licensed in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency.

The term Hospital will not include an institution which is primarily a place for rest, a place for the aged, or a nursing home.

HC-DFS48 04-10

#### **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 Abuse Services in a Partial Hospitalization program;
- receiving treatment for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in a Mental Health or Substance Abuse Residential Treatment Center.

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# Injury

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

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# 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; or
- a policyholder-selected 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.

The percentile used to determine the Maximum Reimbursable Charge can be obtained by contacting Member Services/Customer Service.

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 and help determining the Maximum Reimbursable Charge for a specified service is available upon request by calling the toll-free number shown on your ID card.

HC-DFS13 04-10 V16

#### 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.

HC-DFS16 04-10 V1

#### 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 care practitioner.

HC-DFS515 04-10

#### Medicare

The term Medicare means the program of medical care benefits provided under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act of 1965 as amended.

HC-DFS17 04-10

# **Necessary Services and Supplies**

The term Necessary Services and Supplies includes any charges, except charges for Bed and Board, made by a Hospital on its own behalf for medical services and supplies actually used during Hospital Confinement, any charges, by whomever made, for licensed ambulance service to or from the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided; and any charges, by whomever made, for the administration of anesthetics during Hospital Confinement.

The term Necessary Services and Supplies will not include any charges for special nursing fees, dental fees or medical fees.

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# 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."

HC-DFS22 04-10

# Other Health Care Facility/Other Health Professional

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. 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. Other Health Professionals include, but are not limited to physical therapists, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. 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.

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# **Participating Pharmacy**

The term Participating Pharmacy means a retail Pharmacy with which Cigna has contracted to provide prescription services to insureds, or a designated home delivery Pharmacy with which Cigna has contracted to provide home delivery prescription services to insureds. A home delivery Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that provides Prescription Drugs through mail order.

HC-DFS60 04-10 V1

# **Participating Provider**

The term Participating Provider means a hospital, a Physician or any other health care practitioner or entity that has a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with Cigna to provide covered services with regard to a particular plan under which the participant is covered.

HC-DFS45 04-10 V1

# 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).

HC-DFS412 01-11

#### Pharmacy

The term Pharmacy means a retail Pharmacy, or a home delivery Pharmacy.

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# Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P & T) Committee

A committee of Cigna Participating Providers, Medical Directors and Pharmacy Directors which regularly reviews Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies for safety and efficacy. The P&T Committee evaluates Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies for potential addition to or deletion from the Prescription Drug List and may also set dosage and/or dispensing limits on Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies.

HC-DFS62 04-10

# 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 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.

HC-DFS25 04-10

# **Prescription Drug**

Prescription Drug means; a drug which has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for safety and efficacy; certain drugs approved under the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation review; or drugs marketed prior to 1938 and not subject to review, and which can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a Prescription Order.

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# **Prescription Drug List**

Prescription Drug List means a listing of approved Prescription Drugs and Related Supplies. The Prescription

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Drugs and Related Supplies included in the Prescription Drug List have been approved in accordance with parameters established by the P&T Committee. The Prescription Drug List is regularly reviewed and updated.

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# **Prescription Order**

Prescription Order means the lawful authorization for a Prescription Drug or Related Supply by a Physician who is duly licensed to make such authorization within the course of such Physician's professional practice or each authorized refill thereof.

HC-DFS65 04-10

# **Primary Care Physician**

The term Primary Care Physician means a Physician who qualifies as a Participating Provider in general practice, internal medicine, family practice or pediatrics; and who has been selected by you, as authorized by Cigna, to provide or arrange for medical care for you or any of your insured Dependents.

HC-DFS40 04-10 V1

#### **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.

HC-DFS26 04-10 V1

# **Related Supplies**

Related Supplies means diabetic supplies (insulin needles and syringes, lancets and glucose test strips), needles and syringes

for injectables covered under the pharmacy plan, and spacers for use with oral inhalers.

HC-DFS68 04-10

# **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 substance abuse professionals, and other trained staff members who perform utilization review services.

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#### 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.

HC-DFS50 04-10 V1

# **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.

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# **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.

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#### **Stabilize**

Stabilize means, with respect to an emergency medical condition, to provide such medical treatment of the condition as may be necessary to assure, within reasonable medical probability that no material deterioration of the condition is likely to result from or occur during the transfer of the individual from a facility.

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#### **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.

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# **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.

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