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NETWORK MEDICAL BENEFITS  
Kelsey HMO Plan

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## **Important Information**

THIS IS NOT AN INSURED BENEFIT PLAN. THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED IN THIS BOOKLET OR ANY RIDER ATTACHED HERETO ARE SELF-INSURED BY HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR PAYMENT. CIGNA HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (CIGNA) PROVIDES CLAIM ADMINISTRATION SERVICES TO THE PLAN, BUT CIGNA DOES NOT INSURE THE BENEFITS DESCRIBED.

THIS DOCUMENT MAY USE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE A PLAN INSURED BY CIGNA. BECAUSE THE PLAN IS NOT INSURED BY CIGNA, ALL REFERENCES TO INSURANCE SHALL BE READ TO INDICATE THAT THE PLAN IS SELF-INSURED. FOR EXAMPLE, REFERENCES TO "CIGNA," "INSURANCE COMPANY," AND "POLICYHOLDER" SHALL BE DEEMED TO MEAN YOUR "EMPLOYER" AND "POLICY" TO MEAN "PLAN" AND "INSURED" TO MEAN "COVERED" AND "INSURANCE" SHALL BE DEEMED TO MEAN "COVERAGE."

### **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

### 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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### Additional Programs

We may, from time to time, offer or arrange for various entities to offer discounts, benefits, or other consideration to our members for the purpose of promoting the general health and well being of our members. We may also arrange for the reimbursement of all or a portion of the cost of services provided by other parties to the Policyholder. Contact us for details regarding any such arrangements.

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### Incentives to Participating Providers

Cigna continuously develops programs to help our customers access quality, cost-effective health care. Some programs include Participating Providers receiving financial incentives



from Cigna for providing care to members in a way that meets or exceeds certain quality and/or cost-efficiency standards, when, in the Participating Provider's professional judgment, it is appropriate to do so within the applicable standard of care. For example, some Participating Providers could receive financial incentives for utilizing or referring you to alternative sites of care as determined by your plan rather than in a more expensive setting, or achieving particular outcomes for certain health conditions. Participating Providers may also receive purchasing discounts when purchasing certain prescription drugs from Cigna affiliates. Such programs can help make you healthier, decrease your health care costs, or both. These programs are not intended to affect your access to the health care that you need. We encourage you to talk to your Participating Provider if you have questions about whether they receive financial incentives from Cigna and whether those incentives apply to your care.

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### **Notice Regarding Emergency Services and Urgent Care**

In the event of an Emergency, get help immediately. Go to the nearest emergency room, the nearest Hospital or call or ask someone to call 911 or your local emergency service, police or fire department for help. You do not need a referral from your PCP for Emergency Services, but you need to call your PCP as soon as possible for further assistance and advice on follow-up care. If you require specialty care or a Hospital admission, your PCP will coordinate it and handle the necessary authorizations for care or hospitalization. Participating Providers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you when you need Emergency Services.

If you receive Emergency Services outside the service area, you must notify the Review Organization as soon as reasonably possible. The Review Organization may arrange to have you transferred to a Participating Provider for continuing or follow-up care, if it is determined to be medically safe to do so.

### **Urgent Care Inside the Service Area**

For Urgent Care inside the service area, you must take all reasonable steps to contact your PCP for direction and you must receive care from a Participating Provider, unless otherwise authorized by your PCP or the Review Organization.

### **Urgent Care Outside the Service Area**

In the event you need Urgent Care while outside the service area, you should, whenever possible, contact your PCP for direction and authorization prior to receiving services.

### **Continuing or Follow-up Treatment**

Continuing or follow-up treatment, whether in or out of the service area is not covered unless it is provided or arranged for by your PCP or upon prior authorization by the Review Organization.

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

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

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## **Important Notices**

### **Important Information**

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

Cigna or its affiliates may receive rebates or other remuneration from pharmaceutical manufacturers in connection with certain Medical Pharmaceuticals covered under your plan and Prescription Drug Products included on the Prescription Drug List. These rebates or remuneration are not obtained on you or your Employer's or plan's behalf or for your benefit.

Cigna, its affiliates and the plan are not obligated to pass these rebates on to you, or apply them to your plan's Deductible if any or take them into account in determining your Copayments and/or Coinsurance. Cigna and its affiliates or designees, conduct business with various pharmaceutical manufacturers separate and apart from this plan's Medical



Pharmaceutical and Prescription Drug Product benefits. Such business may include, but is not limited to, data collection, consulting, educational grants and research. Amounts received from pharmaceutical manufacturers pursuant to such arrangements are not related to this plan. Cigna and its affiliates are not required to pass on to you, and do not pass on to you, such amounts.

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

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

### **Specialty Prescription Drug Manufacturer Assistance and Support Benefit**

Certain Specialty Prescription Drugs on the Prescription Drug List have been classified as non-essential health benefits (NEHBs) and the cost of such NEHB Specialty Prescription Drugs will not be applied toward satisfying the Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket Maximum. A list of these NEHB Specialty Prescription Drugs and the applicable Coinsurance for each NEHB Specialty Prescription Drug can be accessed at: [www.saveonsp.com/cigna](http://www.saveonsp.com/cigna).

This list will change from time to time.

If you are prescribed one of these NEHB Specialty Prescription Drugs, you will be contacted by SaveOn SP, LLC (“SaveOnSP”) and required to enroll in the applicable prescription drug manufacturer assistance or support program. Once enrolled, you provide SaveOnSP with consent to monitor your account. Any Coinsurance required for NEHB Specialty Prescription Drugs and/or any Coinsurance remaining after the available prescription drug manufacturer assistance is applied or is exhausted will be credited, and your Out-of-Pocket cost share will be reduced to \$0.00. As a result of certain Specialty Prescription Drugs being classified as NEHB, your Coinsurance will continue to apply even after you have satisfied your plan’s Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket Maximum. In the event you fail to enroll in the

applicable prescription drug manufacturer assistance or support program, or you do not provide consent to SaveOnSP to monitor your account, you will be responsible for the full required Coinsurance for the NEHB Specialty Prescription Drug without such payment applying to the Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket Maximum. Your Coinsurance will continue to apply even after your Deductible and/or Out-of-Pocket Maximum has been satisfied.

In the event you enroll, or attempt to enroll, in the applicable/available prescription drug manufacturer assistance or support program and are denied any and all prescription drug manufacturer assistance or support due to a prescription drug manufacturer and/or legal restriction, the required Coinsurance for the NEHB Specialty Prescription Drugs will be credited and your Out-of-Pocket cost share will be reduced to \$0.00, so long as you have given SaveOnSP consent to monitor your account.

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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.

Cigna:

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

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



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

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

If you need assistance filing a written grievance, please call the number on the back of your ID card or send an email to [ACAGrievance@cigna.com](mailto:ACAGrievance@cigna.com). You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone 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 연락해주시고, 기타 다른 경우에는 1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 다이얼 711)번으로 전화해주시고.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Japanese** – 注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援サービスをご利用いただけます。現在のCignaの



お客様は、IDカード裏面の電話番号まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。その他の方は、1.800.244.6224 (TTY: 711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。

**Italian** – ATTENZIONE: Sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Per i clienti Cigna attuali, chiamare il numero sul retro della tessera di identificazione. In caso contrario, chiamare il numero 1.800.244.6224 (utenti TTY: chiamare il numero 711).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- undergoing a course of treatment for a serious and complex condition from the provider or facility.
- pregnant and undergoing treatment for the pregnancy from the provider or facility.
- undergoing a course of institutional or inpatient care from the provider or facility.
- scheduled to undergo non-elective surgery, including receipt of post-operative care with respect to such a surgery.
- determined to be terminally ill and is receiving treatment for such illness from the provider or facility.

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

### Appeals

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

### Provider Directories and Provider Networks

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

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

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

If you rely on a provider's in-network status in the provider directory or by contacting Cigna at the website or phone



number on your ID card to receive covered services from that provider, and that network status is incorrect, then your plan cannot impose out-of-network cost shares to that covered service. In-network cost share must be applied as if the covered service were provided by an in-network provider.

### **Direct Access to Obstetricians and Gynecologists**

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

### **Selection of a Primary Care Provider**

This plan generally requires 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. Until you make this designation, Cigna designates one for you. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the primary care provider. For information on how to select a primary care provider, and for a list of the participating primary care providers, access the website or call the phone number on your ID card.

### **Your Rights and Protections Against Surprise Medical Bills**

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

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

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

"Out-of-network" means providers and facilities that have not signed a contract with your health plan to provide services. Out-of-network providers may be allowed to bill you for the difference between what your plan pays and the full amount charged for a service. This is called "**balance billing**". This

amount is likely more than in-network costs for the same service and might not count toward your plan's deductible or annual out-of-pocket limit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- You are only responsible for paying your share of the cost (such as copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles that you would pay if the provider were in-network). Your health plan will pay any additional costs to out-of-network providers and facilities directly.



- Generally, your health plan must:
  - Cover emergency services without requiring you to get approval in advance for services (also known as prior authorization).
  - Cover emergency services provided by out-of-network providers.
  - Base what you owe the provider or facility (cost sharing) on what it would pay an in-network provider or facility and show that amount in your explanation of benefits (EOB).
  - Count any amount you pay for emergency services or out-of-network services toward your in-network deductible and out-of-pocket limit.

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

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### **Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (MHPAEA) - Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitations (NQTLs)**

Federal MHPAEA regulations provide that a plan cannot impose a Non-Quantitative Treatment Limitation (NQTL) on mental health or substance use disorder (MH/SUD) benefits in any classification unless the processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors used in applying the NQTL to MH/SUD benefits are comparable to, and are applied no more stringently than, those used in applying the NQTL to medical/surgical benefits in the same classification of benefits as written and in operation under the terms of the plan.

A description of your plan's NQTL methodologies and processes applied to medical/surgical benefits and MH/SUD benefits is available by accessing the link at [www.cigna.com/sp](http://www.cigna.com/sp).

To determine which document applies to your plan, select the relevant health plan product; medical management model (inpatient only or inpatient and outpatient) which can be located in this booklet immediately following The Schedule; and pharmacy coverage (whether or not your plan includes pharmacy coverage).

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### **Notice of Certain Mandatory Benefits**

This notice is to advise you of certain coverage and/or benefits provided by your contract with Cigna.

### **Notice of Coverage for Acquired Brain Injury**

Your health benefit plan coverage for an acquired brain injury includes the following services:

- cognitive rehabilitation therapy;
- cognitive communication therapy;
- neurocognitive therapy and rehabilitation;
- neurobehavioral, neurophysiological, neuropsychological and psychophysiological testing and treatment;
- neurofeedback therapy and remediation;
- post-acute transition services and community reintegration services, including outpatient day treatment services or other post-acute care treatment services; and
- reasonable expenses related to periodic reevaluation of the care of an individual covered under the plan who has incurred an acquired brain injury, has been unresponsive to treatment, and becomes responsive to treatment at a later date, at which time the cognitive rehabilitation services would be a covered benefit.

The fact that an acquired brain injury does not result in hospitalization or acute care treatment does not affect the right of the insured or the enrollee to receive the preceding treatments or services commensurate with their condition. Post-acute care treatment or services may be obtained in any facility where such services may legally be provided, including acute or post-acute rehabilitation hospitals and assisted living facilities regulated under the Health and Safety Code.

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

**Acquired brain injury** -- A neurological insult to the brain, which is not hereditary, congenital, or degenerative. The injury to the brain has occurred after birth and results in a change in neuronal activity, which results in an impairment of physical functioning, sensory processing, cognition, or psychosocial behavior.

**Cognitive communication therapy** -- Services desi2024-01-09 TX - 2023 REGgned to address modalities of comprehension and expression, including understanding, reading, writing, and verbal expression of information.

**Cognitive rehabilitation therapy** -- Services designed to address therapeutic cognitive activities, based on an



assessment and understanding of the individual's brain-behavioral deficits.

Community reintegration services -- Services that facilitate the continuum of care as an affected individual transitions into the community.

Enrollee -- A person covered by a health benefit plan.

Health benefit plan -- As described in the Insurance Code §1352.001 and §1352.002.

Issuer -- Those entities identified in the Insurance Code §1352.001.

Neurobehavioral testing -- An evaluation of the history of neurological and psychiatric difficulty, current symptoms, current mental status, and premorbid history, including the identification of problematic behavior and the relationship between behavior and the variables that control behavior. This may include interviews of the individual, family, or others.

Neurobehavioral treatment -- Interventions that focus on behavior and the variables that control behavior.

Neurocognitive rehabilitation -- Services designed to assist cognitively impaired individuals to compensate for deficits in cognitive functioning by rebuilding cognitive skills and/or developing compensatory strategies and techniques.

Neurocognitive therapy -- Services designed to address neurological deficits in informational processing and to facilitate the development of higher level cognitive abilities.

Neurofeedback therapy -- Services that utilize operant conditioning learning procedure based on electroencephalography (EEG) parameters, and which are designed to result in improved mental performance and behavior, and stabilized mood.

Neurophysiological testing -- An evaluation of the functions of the nervous system.

Neurophysiological treatment -- Interventions that focus on the functions of the nervous system.

Neuropsychological testing -- The administering of a comprehensive battery of tests to evaluate neurocognitive, behavioral, and emotional strengths and weaknesses and their relationship to normal and abnormal central nervous system functioning.

Neuropsychological treatment -- Interventions designed to improve or minimize deficits in behavioral and cognitive processes.

Other similar coverage -- The medical/surgical benefits provided under a health benefit plan. This term recognizes a

distinction between medical/surgical benefits, which encompass benefits for physical illnesses or injuries, as opposed to benefits for mental/behavioral health under a health benefit plan.

Outpatient day treatment services -- Structured services provided to address deficits in physiological, behavioral, and/or cognitive functions. Such services may be delivered in settings that include transitional residential, community integration, or non-residential treatment settings.

Post-acute care treatment services -- Services provided after acute care confinement and/or treatment that are based on an assessment of the individual's physical, behavioral, or cognitive functional deficits, which include a treatment goal of achieving functional changes by reinforcing, strengthening, or re-establishing previously learned patterns of behavior and/or establishing new patterns of cognitive activity or compensatory mechanisms.

Post-acute transition services -- Services that facilitate the continuum of care beyond the initial neurological insult through rehabilitation and community reintegration.

Psychophysiological testing -- An evaluation of the interrelationships between the nervous system and other bodily organs and behavior.

Psychophysiological treatment -- Interventions designed to alleviate or decrease abnormal physiological responses of the nervous system due to behavioral or emotional factors.

Remediation -- The process(es) of restoring or improving a specific function.

Services -- The work of testing, treatment, and providing therapies to an individual with an acquired brain injury.

Therapy -- The scheduled remedial treatment provided through direct interaction with the individual to improve a pathological condition resulting from an acquired brain injury.

### **Examinations for Detection of Cervical Cancer**

Benefits are provided for each covered female age 18 and over for an annual medically recognized diagnostic examination for the early detection of cervical cancer. Benefits include at a minimum a conventional Pap smear screening; or a screening using liquid-based cytology methods, as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, alone or in combination with a test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the detection of the human papillomavirus.



If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

### **Coverage and/or Benefits For Reconstructive Surgery After Mastectomy – Enrollment**

Coverage and/or benefits are provided to each covered person for reconstructive surgery after mastectomy, including:

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

The coverage and/or benefits must be provided in a manner determined to be appropriate in consultation with the covered person and the attending Physician.

#### **Prohibitions:**

We may not:

- offer the covered person a financial incentive to forego breast reconstruction or waive the coverage and/or benefits shown above;
- condition, limit, or deny any covered person's eligibility or continued eligibility to enroll in the plan or fail to renew this plan solely to avoid providing the coverage and/or benefits shown above;
- reduce or limit the amount paid to the Physician or provider, nor otherwise penalize, or provide a financial incentive to induce the Physician or provider to provide care to a covered person in a manner inconsistent with the coverage and/or benefits shown above.

If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

### **Coverage and/or Benefits For Reconstructive Surgery After Mastectomy – Annual**

Your contract, as required by the federal Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998, provides benefits for mastectomy-related services including reconstruction and surgery to achieve symmetry between the breasts, prostheses, and

complications resulting from a mastectomy (including lymphedema).

If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

### **Coverage for Mastectomy or Lymph Node Dissection**

Minimum Inpatient Stay: If due to treatment of breast cancer, any person covered by this plan has either a mastectomy or a lymph node dissection, this plan will provide coverage for inpatient care for a minimum of:

- 48 hours following a mastectomy, and
- 24 hours following a lymph node dissection.

The minimum number of inpatient hours is not required if the covered person receiving the treatment and the attending Physician determine that a shorter period of inpatient care is appropriate.

#### **Prohibitions:**

We may not:

- deny any covered person eligibility or continued eligibility or fail to renew this plan solely to avoid providing the minimum inpatient hours;
- provide money payments or rebates to encourage any covered person to accept less than the minimum inpatient hours;
- reduce or limit the amount paid to the attending Physician, or otherwise penalize the Physician, because the Physician required a covered person to receive the minimum inpatient hours; or
- provide financial or other incentives to the attending Physician to encourage the Physician to provide care that is less than the minimum hours.

If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

### **Coverage for Examinations for Detection of Prostate Cancer**

Benefits are provided for each covered male for an annual medically recognized diagnostic examination for the detection of prostate cancer. Benefits include:

- a physical examination for the detection of prostate cancer; and
- a prostate-specific antigen test for each covered male who is:



- at least 50 years of age; or
- at least 40 years of age with a family history of prostate cancer or other prostate cancer risk factor.

If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

#### **Coverage for Inpatient Stay Following Birth of a Child**

For each person covered for maternity/childbirth benefits, we will provide inpatient care for the mother and her newborn child in a health care facility for a minimum of:

- 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery, and
- 96 hours following an uncomplicated delivery by cesarean section.

This benefit does not require a covered female who is eligible for maternity/childbirth benefits to (a) give birth in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility or (b) remain in a Hospital or Other Health Care Facility for the minimum number of hours following birth of the child.

If a covered mother or her newborn child is discharged before the 48 or 96 hours has expired, we will provide coverage for post-delivery care. Post-delivery care includes parent education, assistance and training in breast-feeding and bottle-feeding and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests. Care will be provided by a Physician, registered nurse or other appropriate licensed health care provider, and the mother will have the option of receiving the care at her home, the health care provider's office or a health care facility.

#### **Prohibitions:**

We may not:

- modify the terms of this coverage based on any covered person requesting less than the minimum coverage required;
- offer the mother financial incentives or other compensation for waiver of the minimum number of hours required;
- refuse to accept a Physician's recommendation for a specified period of inpatient care made in consultation with the mother if the period recommended by the Physician does not exceed guidelines for prenatal care developed by nationally recognized professional associations of obstetricians and gynecologists or pediatricians;
- reduce payments or reimbursements below the usual and customary rate; or
- penalize a Physician for recommending inpatient care for the mother and/or the newborn child.

If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

#### **Coverage for Tests for Detection of Colorectal Cancer**

Benefits are provided, for each person enrolled in the plan who is 50 years of age or older and at normal risk for developing colon cancer, for expenses incurred in conducting a medically recognized screening examination for the detection of colorectal cancer. Benefits include the covered person's choice of:

- a fecal occult blood test performed annually and a flexible sigmoidoscopy performed every five years, or
- a colonoscopy performed every 10 years.

If any person covered by this plan has questions concerning the above, please call Cigna at or write us at the address on the back of your ID card.

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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 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 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.

**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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## **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 16 hours a week; and
- you pay any required contribution.

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

**Initial Employee Group:** You are in the Initial Employee Group if you are employed in a class of employees on the date

that class of employees becomes a Class of Eligible Employees as determined by your Employer.

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

#### **Eligibility for Dependent Insurance**

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

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

### **Waiting Period**

**Initial Employee Group:** None.

**New Employee Group:** None.

#### **Classes of Eligible Employees**

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

#### **Effective Date of Employee Insurance**

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

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

#### **Late Entrant - Employee**

You are a Late Entrant if:

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

### **Dependent Insurance**

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

#### **Effective Date of Dependent Insurance**

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

Your Dependents will be insured only if you are insured.



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### **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.

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

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

### **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 Primary Care Physician from a list provided by Cigna for yourself and your Dependents. If you choose to select a Primary Care Physician, the Primary Care Physician you select for yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician you select for each of your Dependents. If you need assistance selecting your Primary Care Physician, please visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or call the number on the back of your ID Card.

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

### **Referrals to Specialists**

You must obtain a referral from your Primary Care Physician before visiting any provider other than your Primary Care Physician. The referral authorizes the specific number of visits

that you may make to the provider within a specified period of time.

### **Changing Primary Care Physicians**

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

In addition, if at any time a Primary Care Physician ceases to be a Participating Provider, you or your Dependent will be notified.

### **Selection of a Primary Care Physician**

This plan requires the designation of a Primary Care Physician for yourself and your Dependents. You have the right to designate any Primary Care Physician who participates in the network and who is available to accept you or your family members. The Primary Care Physician you select for yourself may be different from the Primary Care Physician you select for each of your Dependents. Until you make this designation, Cigna designates one for you. For information on how to select a Primary Care Physician, and for a list of participating Primary Care Physicians, visit our website at [www.cigna.com](http://www.cigna.com) or call the number on the back of your ID Card. For children, you may designate a pediatrician as the Primary Care Physician.



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

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

### **DIRECT ACCESS FOR OB/GYN SERVICES**

Female insureds covered by this plan are allowed direct access to a licensed/certified Participating Provider for covered OB/GYN services. There is no requirement to obtain an authorization of care from your Primary Care Physician for visits to the Participating Provider of your choice for pregnancy, well-woman gynecological exams, primary and preventive gynecological care, and acute gynecological conditions.

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<b>Network Medical Benefits</b>
<b>The Schedule</b>
<b>For You and Your Dependents</b>
Network Medical Benefits provide coverage for care In-Network. To receive 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.
When you receive services from an In-Network Provider, remind your provider to utilize In-Network Providers for x-rays, lab tests and other services to ensure the cost may be considered at the In-Network level.
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.
<b>Important Notice on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Coverage</b>
Covered medical services received to diagnose or treat a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder condition will be payable according to the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder sections of The Schedule.
<b>Coinsurance</b>
The term Coinsurance means the percentage of Covered Expenses that an insured person is required to pay under the plan in addition to the Deductible, if any.
<b>Copayments/Deductibles</b>
Copayments are amounts to be paid by you or your Dependent for covered services. Deductibles are Covered Expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent before benefits are payable under this plan. Deductible amounts are separate from and not reduced by Copayments. Copayments and Deductibles are in addition to any Coinsurance.
<b>Contract Year</b>
Contract Year means a 12 month period beginning on 10/01/2025.
<b>Out-of-Pocket Expenses</b>
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%.



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#### Guest Privileges

If you or one of your Dependents will be residing temporarily in another location where there are In-Network Providers, you may be eligible for Point of Service Medical Benefits at that location. However, the benefits available at the host location may differ from those described in this certificate. Refer to your Benefit Summary from the host location or contact your Employer for more information.

#### Assistant Surgeon and Co-Surgeon Charges

##### Assistant Surgeon

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

##### Co-Surgeon

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

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

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

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

#### Out-of-Network Emergency Services Charges

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

2. The allowable amount used to determine the Plan's benefit payment for covered Emergency Services rendered in an Out-of-Network Hospital, or by an Out-of-Network provider in an In-Network Hospital, is the amount agreed to by the Out-of-Network provider and Cigna, or as required by applicable state or Federal law.

3. The allowable amount used to determine the Plan's benefit payment when Out-of-Network Emergency Services result in an inpatient admission is the median amount negotiated with In-Network facilities.

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



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

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

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

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<b>Lifetime Maximum</b>	Unlimited
<b>The Percentage of Covered Expenses the Plan Pays</b>  <b>Note:</b> "No charge" means an insured person is not required to pay Coinsurance.	100%
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b>  Individual Family Maximum Family Maximum Calculation <b>Individual Calculation:</b> Family members meet only their individual Out-of-Pocket and then their claims will be covered at 100%; if the family Out-of-Pocket has been met prior to their individual Out-of-Pocket being met, their claims will be paid at 100%.	\$750 per person  \$1,500 per family



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Physician's Services</b></p> <p>Primary Care Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Specialty Care Physician's Office Visits Consultant and Referral Physician's Services</p> <p><b>Note:</b> OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with the Insurance Company.</p> <p>Surgery Performed in the Physician's Office</p> <p>Second Opinion Consultations (provided on a voluntary basis)</p> <p>Allergy Treatment/Injections</p> <p>Allergy Serum (dispensed by the Physician in the office)</p>	<p>No charge after \$15 per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after \$30 per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after either the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay or the actual charge, whichever is less</p> <p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Convenience Care Clinic</b></p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 per office visit copay</p>
<p><b>Virtual Care</b></p> <p><b>Dedicated Virtual Providers</b> Services available through contracted virtual providers as medically appropriate.</p> <p><b>Urgent Virtual Care Services</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Dedicated Virtual Providers may deliver services that are payable under other benefits (e.g., Preventive Care, Primary Care Physician, Behavioral; Dermatology/Specialty Care Physician).</p> <p>Lab services supporting a virtual visit must be obtained through dedicated labs.</p> <p><b>Virtual Physician Services</b> Services available through Physicians as medically appropriate.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Physicians may deliver services virtually that are payable under other benefits (e.g., Preventive Care, Outpatient Therapy Services).</p> <p>Physician Virtual Office Visit</p>	<p>No charge after the \$10 PCP per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p>
<p><b>Preventive Care</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Includes coverage of additional services, such as urinalysis, EKG, and other laboratory tests, supplementing the standard Preventive Care benefit.</p> <p><b>Other Services</b> Supplemental services, such as other common laboratory panel tests, when provided during a preventive visit.</p> <p>Routine Preventive Care - all ages</p> <p>Immunizations - all ages</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Mammograms, PSA, PAP Smear</b></p> <p>Preventive Care Related Services (i.e. “routine” services)</p> <p>Diagnostic Related Services (i.e. “non-routine” services)</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>Subject to the plan’s x-ray &amp; lab benefit; based on place of service</p>
<p><b>Inpatient Hospital - Facility Services</b></p> <p>Semi-Private Room and Board</p> <p>Private Room</p> <p>Special Care Units (ICU/CCU)</p>	<p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate</p> <p>Limited to the semi-private negotiated rate</p> <p>Limited to the negotiated rate</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Facility Services</b></p> <p>Operating Room, Recovery Room, Procedures Room, Treatment Room and Observation Room</p>	<p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p>
<p><b>Note:</b> The copay will apply as long as services billed include one or more of the facility room charges listed above.</p>	
<p><b>Inpatient Hospital Physician’s Visits/Consultations</b></p>	<p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Inpatient Hospital Professional Services</b></p> <p>Surgeon</p> <p>Radiologist</p> <p>Pathologist</p> <p>Anesthesiologist</p>	<p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Professional Services</b></p> <p>Surgeon</p> <p>Radiologist</p> <p>Pathologist</p> <p>Anesthesiologist</p>	<p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Urgent Care Services</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Urgent Care Facility or Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services (radiology, pathology, physician)</p> <p>X-ray and/or Lab performed at the Urgent Care Facility (billed by the facility as part of the UC visit)</p> <p>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.)</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after \$30 per visit copay (Copay waived if admitted)</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Emergency Services</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Hospital Emergency Room</p> <p>Outpatient Professional Services (radiology, pathology, ER physician)</p> <p>X-ray and/or Lab performed at the Emergency Room Facility (billed by the facility as part of the ER visit)</p> <p>Independent X-ray and/or Lab Facility in conjunction with an ER visit</p> <p>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans, PET Scans etc.)</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after \$200 per visit copay (Copay waived if admitted)</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Air Ambulance</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Non-emergency transportation is covered.</p>	<p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Ambulance</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Non-emergency transportation is covered.</p>	<p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Inpatient Services at Other Health Care Facilities</b> Includes Skilled Nursing Facility, Rehabilitation Hospital and Sub-Acute Facilities</p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: 60 days combined</p> <p>No prior hospitalization required</p>	No charge
<p><b>Laboratory Services</b></p> <p>Laboratory Services in a Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Laboratory Services in an Outpatient Hospital Facility</p> <p>Laboratory Services in an Independent Lab Facility</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>No charge for facility charges; no charge for outpatient professional charges</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Radiology Services</b></p> <p>Radiology Services in a Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Radiology Services in an Outpatient Hospital Facility</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>No charge for facility charges; no charge for outpatient professional charges</p>
<p><b>Advanced Radiological Imaging (i.e. MRIs, MRAs, CAT Scans and PET Scans)</b></p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p>	<p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Outpatient Therapy Services</b></p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: 60 days for all therapies combined</p> <p>(The limit is not applicable to mental health conditions.)</p> <p>Includes: Physical Therapy Speech Therapy Occupational Therapy Pulmonary Rehab Cognitive Therapy</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Occupational therapy is provided only for purposes of enabling persons to perform the activities of daily living after an Illness or Injury or Sickness.</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Outpatient Therapy Services copay does not apply to services provided as part of a Home Health Care Services visit.</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation</b>            Contract Year Maximum:            Unlimited</p>	<p>No charge after the \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p>
<p><b>Self-Referral Chiro</b>            Contract Year Maximum:            20 days            Physician's Office Visit</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p>
<p><b>Home Health Care Services</b>            Contract Year Maximum:            100 days (includes outpatient private nursing when approved as Medically Necessary)              Dialysis services in the home setting will not accumulate to the Home Health Care maximum            (The limit is not applicable to Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder conditions.)</p>	<p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Hospice</b>            Inpatient Services            Outpatient Services (same coinsurance level as Home Health Care Services)</p>	<p>No charge            No charge</p>
<p><b>Bereavement Counseling</b>            Services Provided as part of Hospice Care            Inpatient            Outpatient            Services Provided by Mental Health Professional</p>	<p>No charge            No charge            Covered under Mental Health benefit</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Gene Therapy</b> Includes prior authorized gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration, when Medically Necessary.</p> <p>Gene therapy must be received at an In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna to provide the specific gene therapy. Gene therapy at other In-Network facilities is not covered.</p> <p>Gene Therapy Product</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician's Services</p> <p>Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per episode of gene therapy</p>	<p>Subject to In-Network facility cost share based on place of service; separate from facility charges</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge (available only for travel when prior authorized to receive gene therapy at a participating In-Network facility specifically contracted with Cigna to provide the specific gene therapy)</p>
<p><b>Advanced Cellular Therapy</b> Includes prior authorized advanced cellular therapy products and related services when Medically Necessary.</p> <p>Advanced Cellular Therapy Product</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician's Services</p> <p>Advanced Cellular Therapy Travel Maximum: \$10,000 per episode of advanced cellular therapy (Available only for travel when prior authorized to receive advanced cellular therapy from a provider located more than 60 miles of your primary residence and is contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services.)</p>	<p>100%</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Maternity Care Services</b></p> <p>Initial Visit to Confirm Pregnancy</p> <p><b>Note:</b> OB/GYN providers will be considered either as a PCP or Specialist, depending on how the provider contracts with the Insurance Company.</p> <p>All subsequent Prenatal Visits, Postnatal Visits and Physician's Delivery Charges (i.e. global maternity fee)</p> <p>Physician's Office Visits in addition to the global maternity fee when performed by an OB/GYN or Specialist</p> <p>Delivery - Facility (Inpatient Hospital, Birthing Center)</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p>
<p><b>Abortion</b></p> <p>Includes elective and non-elective procedures</p> <p>Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician's Services</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p>





BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Infertility Services</b>            Coverage is provided for the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diagnosis of infertility and treatment of infertility once a condition of infertility has been diagnosed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Treatment Per Lifetime Maximum:</b>            \$20,000</p>	
<p>Physician’s Office Visit (Lab and Radiology Tests, Counseling)</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per admission copay</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care</b>            Includes all medically appropriate, non-experimental transplants</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Inpatient Physician’s Services</p> <p>Lifetime Travel Maximum:            \$10,000 per transplant</p>	
	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge (only available when using Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facilities)</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Durable Medical Equipment</b> Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited</p>	No charge
<p><b>Outpatient Dialysis Services</b></p> <p>Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Non-surgical treatment procedures are not subject to the facility copay.</p> <p>Physician's Services</p> <p>Home Setting</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Breast Feeding Equipment and Supplies</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Includes the rental of one breast pump per birth as ordered or prescribed by a physician. Includes related supplies.</p>	No charge
<p><b>External Prosthetic Appliances</b></p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Benefit includes coverage for power enhancements for prosthetic devices.</p>	No charge
<p><b>Nutritional Counseling</b></p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: 3 visits; the visit limit does not apply to treatment of diabetes and to mental health and substance use disorder conditions.</p> <p>Physician's Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician's Services</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Genetic Counseling</b></p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: 3 visits for counseling, pre- and post-genetic testing; however, the 3 visit limit does not apply to mental health and substance use disorder conditions.</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Dental Care</b></p> <p>Limited to charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment for an Injury to teeth.</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p>
<p><b>Bariatric Surgery</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Subject to any limitations shown in the “Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations” section of this certificate.</p> <p>Physician’s Office Visit</p> <p>Inpatient Facility</p> <p>Outpatient Facility</p> <p>Physician’s Services</p>	<p>No charge after the \$15 PCP or \$30 Specialist per office visit copay</p> <p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>No charge after \$100 per visit copay</p> <p>No charge</p>



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	IN-NETWORK
<p><b>Hearing Aids</b> Maximum of 2 devices per 36 months.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Includes testing and fitting of hearing aid devices at Physician Office Visit cost share.</p>	No charge
<p><b>Routine Foot Disorders</b></p>	Not covered except for services associated with foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease when Medically Necessary.
<p><b>Mental Health</b></p> <p><b>Inpatient</b> Includes Acute Inpatient and Residential Treatment</p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p><b>Outpatient</b> Outpatient - Office Visits</p> <p>Includes individual, family and group psychotherapy; medication management, virtual care, etc.</p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited</p> <p>Outpatient - All Other Services Includes Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient Services, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA Therapy), Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS), etc.</p> <p>Contract Year Maximum: Unlimited</p>	<p>\$100 per day copay up to 5 copays, then 100%</p> <p>\$15 per visit copay</p> <p>100%</p>





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## 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 plan.

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.
- advanced radiological imaging.
- non-emergency Ambulance.
- certain Medical Pharmaceuticals.
- home health care services.
- radiation therapy.
- transplant services.

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### Covered Expenses

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

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

As determined by Cigna, Covered Expenses may also include all charges made by an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange, through contracts with providers of services and/or supplies, for the provision of any services and/or supplies listed below. **Any applicable Copayments, Deductibles or limits are shown in The Schedule.**

### Covered Expenses

- charges for inpatient Room and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies made by a Hospital, subject to the limits as shown in The Schedule.
- charges for inpatient Room and Board and other Necessary Services and Supplies made by an Other Health Care Facility, including a Skilled Nursing Facility, a Rehabilitation Hospital or a subacute facility as shown in The Schedule.
- charges for licensed Ambulance service to the nearest Hospital where the needed medical care and treatment can be provided.
- charges for outpatient medical care and treatment received at a Hospital.
- charges for outpatient medical care and treatment received at a Free-Standing Surgical Facility.
- charges for Emergency Services.
- charges for Urgent Care.
- charges by a Physician or a Psychologist for professional services.
- charges by a Nurse for professional nursing service.
- charges for anesthetics, including, but not limited to supplies and their administration.
- charges for diagnostic x-ray.
- charges for advanced radiological imaging, including for example CT Scans, MRI, MRA and PET scans and laboratory examinations, x-ray, radiation therapy and radium and radioactive isotope treatment and other therapeutic radiological procedures.
- charges for chemotherapy.
- charges for blood transfusions.
- charges for oxygen and other gases and their administration.
- charges for Medically Necessary foot care for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies, and peripheral vascular disease.
- charges for screening prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing.
- charges 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 for Men’s family planning, counseling, testing and sterilization (e.g. vasectomies), excluding reversals.
  - charges for the following preventive care services as defined by recommendations from the following:
    - the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (A and B recommendations);
    - the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) for immunizations;
    - the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Periodicity Schedule of the Bright Futures Recommendations for Pediatric Preventive Health Care;
    - the Uniform Panel of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children; and
    - with respect to women, evidence-informed preventive care and screening guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- Detailed information is available at [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). For additional information on immunizations, visit the immunization schedule section of [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).
- charges for medical diagnostic services to determine the cause of erectile dysfunction. Penile implants are covered for an established medical condition that clearly is the cause of erectile dysfunction, such as postoperative prostatectomy and diabetes. Penile implants are not covered as treatment of psychogenic erectile dysfunction.
  - charges for surgical and non-surgical treatment of Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunction (TMJ).
  - charges for hearing aids and associated exam for device testing and fitting, including but not limited to semi-implantable hearing devices, audiant bone conductors and Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs). A hearing aid is any device that amplifies sound.
  - Medically Necessary orthognathic surgery to repair or correct a severe facial deformity or disfigurement.
  - charges for services related to gender affirmation, including behavioral counseling, hormone therapy, genital reconstructive surgical procedures, and chest reconstructive surgical procedures.
  - charges made for an acquired brain injury including: cognitive rehabilitation therapy; cognitive communication therapy; neurocognitive therapy and rehabilitation;

- neurobehavioral, neurophysiological, neuropsychological and psychophysiological testing and treatment; neurofeedback therapy and remediation; post-acute transition services and community reintegration services, including outpatient day treatment services or other post-acute care treatment services; and reasonable expenses related to periodic re-evaluation of the care of an individual covered under the plan who has incurred an acquired brain injury, has been unresponsive to treatment, and becomes responsive to treatment at a later date, at which time the cognitive rehabilitation services would be a covered benefit.
- charges made for annual mammogram for women 35 years of age and older.
  - charges made for laboratory services, radiation therapy and other diagnostic and therapeutic radiological procedures.
  - charges for a minimum of 48 hours of inpatient care following a mastectomy and a minimum 24 hours following a lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer. A shorter period of inpatient care may be deemed acceptable if the insured consults with the Physician and both agree it is appropriate.
  - charges made for an annual medically recognized diagnostic examination for the early detection of cervical cancer for each covered female age 18 and over. Such coverage shall include at a minimum: a conventional pap smear screening; or a screening using liquid-based cytology methods, as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration, alone or in combination with a test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the detection of the human papillomavirus; and any other test or screening approved by the FDA for detection of ovarian cancer.
  - charges for or in connection with a medically recognized screening exam for the detection of colorectal cancer for each insured who is at least 50 years of age and at normal risk for developing colon cancer. Coverage will include: an annual fecal occult blood test; and either a flexible sigmoidoscopy performed every five years; or a colonoscopy performed every 10 years.
  - charges for or in connection with a medically recognized screening exam for the detection of colorectal cancer for each insured who is at least 50 years of age and at normal risk for developing colon cancer. Coverage will include: an annual fecal occult blood test; and either a flexible sigmoidoscopy performed every five years; or a colonoscopy performed every 10 years.



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## Clinical Trials

Charges made for routine patient care costs in connection with a phase I, phase II, phase III or phase IV clinical trial if the clinical trial is conducted in relation to the prevention, detection or treatment of a life threatening disease or condition and is approved by: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; the National Institutes of Health; the United States Food and Drug Administration; the United States Department of Defense; the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or an institutional review board of an institution in this state that has an agreement with the Office for Human Research Protections of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Routine patient care costs means the costs of any Medically Necessary health care service for which benefits are provided under a health benefit plan, without regard to whether the enrollee is participating in a clinical trial. Routine patient care costs do not include: the cost of an investigational new drug or device that is not approved for any indication by the United States Food and Drug Administration, including a drug or device that is the subject of the clinical trial; the cost of a service that is not a health care service, regardless of whether the service is required in connection with participation in a clinical trial; the cost of a service that is clearly inconsistent with widely accepted and established standards of care for a particular diagnosis; a cost associated with managing a clinical trial; or the cost of a health care service that is specifically excluded from coverage under a health benefit plan.

## Diabetes

The following benefits will apply to insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetics as well as covered individuals who have elevated blood sugar levels due to pregnancy or other medical conditions:

Diabetes Equipment and Supplies:

- blood glucose monitors, including those designed to be used by the legally blind;
- test strips specified for use with a corresponding glucose monitor;
- lancets and lancet devices;
- visual reading strips and urine testing strips and tablets which test for glucose, ketones and protein;
- insulin and insulin analog preparations;

- injection aids, including devices used to assist with insulin injection and needleless systems;
- insulin syringes;
- biohazard disposal containers;
- insulin pumps, both external and implantable, and associated appurtenances which include insulin infusion devices, batteries, skin preparation items, adhesive supplies, infusion sets, insulin cartridges, durable and disposable devices to assist in the injection of insulin, and other required disposable supplies;
- repairs and necessary maintenance of insulin pumps (not otherwise provided under warranty) and rental fees for pumps during the repair and maintenance. This shall not exceed the purchase price of a similar replacement pump;
- prescription and non-prescription medications for controlling blood sugar level;
- podiatric appliances, including up to two pair of therapeutic footwear per year, for the prevention of complications associated with diabetes; and
- glucagon emergency kits.

If determined as medically necessary by a treating physician, new or improved treatment and monitoring equipment or supplies (approved by the FDA) shall be covered.

The training program for diabetes self-management shall be recognized by the American Diabetes Association and shall be performed by a certified diabetes educator (CDE), a multidisciplinary team coordinated by a CDE (e.g., a dietician, nurse educator, pharmacist, social worker), or a licensed healthcare professional (e.g., physician, physician assistant, registered nurse, registered dietician, pharmacist) determined by his or her licensing board to have recent experience in diabetes clinical and educational issues. All individuals providing training must be certified, licensed or registered to provide appropriate health care services in Texas.

Self-management training shall include the development of an individual plan, created in collaboration with the member, that addresses:

- nutrition and weight evaluation;
- medications;
- an exercise regimen;
- glucose and lipid control;
- high risk behaviors;
- frequency of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia;



- compliance with applicable aspects of self-care;
- follow-up on referrals;
- psychological adjustment;
- general knowledge of diabetes;
- self-management skills; and
- referral for a funduscopy eye exam.

This training shall be provided/covered upon the initial diagnosis of diabetes or, the written order of the practitioner/physician when a change in symptoms or conditions warrant a change in the self-management regime or, the written order of a practitioner/physician that periodic or episodic continuing education is needed.

- charges for administration of newborn screening tests, including for the cost of a newborn screening test kit as dictated by the Department of State Health Services.
- charges for Hospital Confinement of a mother and her newborn child for 48 hours following an uncomplicated vaginal delivery, or for 96 hours following an uncomplicated cesarean delivery. After consulting with her attending Physician the mother may request an earlier discharge if it is determined that less time is needed for recovery. If Medical Necessity requires the mother and/or newborn to remain confined for longer than 48 hours, the additional confinement will be covered. If the mother is discharged prior to the 48 or 96 hours described above, a postpartum home care visit will be covered. Postpartum home care services include parent education; assistance and training in breast feeding and bottle feeding; and the performance of any necessary and appropriate clinical tests.
- charges for complications of pregnancy.
- charges for a drug that has been prescribed for the treatment of a covered chronic, disabling or life-threatening illness, provided that drug is Food and Drug Administration approved for at least one indication and is recognized for treatment in one of the standard reference compendia (The United States Pharmacopoeia Drug Information, The American Medical Association Drug Evaluations, or the American Hospital Formulary Service Drug Information) or supported by articles in accepted, peer-reviewed medical literature. Coverage will also be provided for any medical services necessary to administer the drug.
- charges for immunizations for children from birth through age 5. These immunizations will include: diphtheria; Haemophilus influenzae type b; hepatitis B; measles; mumps; pertussis; polio; rubella; tetanus; varicella (chicken

pox); rotavirus; and any other children's immunizations required by the State Board of Health. A Deductible, Copayment, or Coinsurance is not required for immunizations.

- charges made for reconstructive surgery of craniofacial abnormalities for a child who is younger than 18 years of age to improve the function of, or to attempt to create a normal appearance for an abnormal structure caused by congenital defects, developmental deformities, trauma, tumors, infection or disease.
- charges for a screening test for hearing loss from birth through the date the child is 30 days old, and necessary diagnostic follow-up care related to the screening test from birth through the date the child is 24 months old without application of a deductible.
- charges for the necessary care and treatment of loss or impairment of speech.
- charges made by a hearing aid fitter or dispenser, Physician, or audiologist for an audiometric exam and for a hearing aid evaluation test. Coverage also includes one hearing aid, of an approved functional design, in a person's lifetime.
- charges for a service provided through Telemedicine or Telehealth are covered.

These benefits may not be subject to a greater Deductible, Copayment, or Coinsurance than for the same service under this plan provided through a face-to-face consultation. Such coverage will not include charges for a Telemedicine medical service or a Telehealth service provided by an audio-only telephone consultation, a text-only e-mail message or a facsimile transmission.

The term Telemedicine medical service is defined as a health care service delivered by a Physician licensed in Texas, or provided by a health professional acting under Physician supervision, and acting within the scope of the Physician's or health professional's license to a patient at a different physical location than the Physician using telecommunications or information technology.

The term Telehealth service is defined as a health service, other than a telemedicine medical service, delivered by a health professional licensed, certified, or otherwise entitled to practice in Texas and acting within the scope of the license, certification, or entitlement to a patient at a different physical location than the health professional using telecommunications or information technology.

- charges for diagnostic and surgical treatment for conditions affecting temporomandibular joint and craniomandibular



disorders which are a result of: an accident; trauma; a congenital defect; a developmental defect; or a pathology.

#### **Virtual Care**

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

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

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

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

Includes charges for the delivery of real-time medical and health-related services, consultations and remote monitoring as medically appropriate through audio, video and secure internet-based technologies that are similar to office visit services provided in a face-to-face setting.

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

##### **Convenience Care Clinic**

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

##### **Genetic Counseling**

Charges for genetic counseling for an individual who is undergoing genetic testing or is a potential candidate for genetic testing. May be performed prior to and/or following the genetic test.

##### **Nutritional Counseling**

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

##### **Enteral Nutrition**

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

Coverage includes medically approved formulas prescribed by a Physician for treatment of inborn errors of metabolism (e.g., disorders of amino acid or organic acid metabolism).

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

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

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#### **Home Health Care Services**

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

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

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

Covered services include:

- skilled nursing services provided by a Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN).
- services provided by health care providers such as physical therapist, occupational therapist and speech therapist.
- services of a home health aide when provided in direct support of those nurses and health care providers.
- necessary consumable medical supplies and home infusion therapy administered or used by a health care provider.

Note: Physical, occupational, and other Outpatient Therapy Services provided in the home are covered under the Outpatient Therapy Services benefit shown in The Schedule.

The following are excluded from coverage:

- services provided by a person who is a member of the patient's family, even when that person is a health care provider.



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

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

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### Hospice Care Services

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

Hospice Care Programs rendered by Hospice Facilities or Hospitals include services:

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

Hospice Care Programs rendered by Other Health Care Facilities or in the Home include services:

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

- laboratory services; but only to the extent such charges would have been payable under the policy if the person had remained or been Confined in a Hospital or Hospice Facility.

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

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

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### Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

The plan covers charges for mental health and substance use disorder services.

**Mental Health Disorders** are conditions which consider the following factors as defined in the current version of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM):

- a behavioral or psychological syndrome or pattern that occurs in an individual.
- reflects an underlying psychobiological dysfunction.
- the consequences of which are clinically significant distress (such as a painful symptom) or disability (such as impairment in one or more important areas of functioning).
- must not be merely an expected response to common stressors and losses (such as loss of a loved one) or a culturally sanctioned response to a particular event (such as trance states in religious rituals).
- primarily a result of social deviance or conflicts with society.

**Substance Use Disorders** involve patterns of symptoms caused by using a substance that an individual continues taking despite its negative effects, considering the following factors as defined in the current version of the American



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Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM):

- using more of a substance than intended or using it for longer than a person is meant to use it.
- trying to cut down or stop using the substance, but unable to do so.
- experiencing intense cravings or urges to use the substance.
- needing more of the substance to get a desired effect, also referred to as tolerance.
- developing withdrawal symptoms when not using the substance.
- spending more time getting and using drugs and recovering from substance use.
- neglecting responsibilities at home, work, or school because of substance use.
- continuing to use the substance despite the substance causing problems to physical or mental health.
- giving up important or desirable social and recreational activities due to substance use.
- using substances in risky settings that put you or your Dependent in danger.

**Inpatient Mental Health Services (including Mental Health Acute Inpatient Services and Mental Health Residential Treatment Services)**

**Mental Health Acute Inpatient Services** are services provided by a Hospital while you or your Dependent are Confined in a Hospital for evaluation and treatment of an acute Mental Health Disorder.

**Mental Health Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital or Mental Health Residential Treatment Center while you or your Dependent are Confined in a Hospital or Residential Treatment Center for the evaluation and treatment of a subacute Mental Health Disorder.

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

**Outpatient Mental Health Services (including Mental Health Partial Hospitalization and Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Services)**

**Outpatient Mental Health Services** are services provided by providers who are licensed or certified in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency and qualified to treat Mental Health Disorders when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis, while you or your Dependent are not Confined in a Hospital or Mental Health Residential Treatment Center, for evaluation and treatment of a Mental Health Disorder.

**Mental Health Partial Hospitalization Services** are active, time-limited, ambulatory mental health treatment programs that offer therapeutically intensive, structured, and coordinated clinical services for Mental Health Disorders, similar in intensity to that provided in an Inpatient Hospital or Mental Health Residential Treatment Center, but for individuals who can maintain personal safety with support systems in the community.

**Mental Health Intensive Outpatient Services** are active, time-limited, ambulatory mental health treatment programs that offer structured and coordinated, multi-disciplinary clinical services for Mental Health Disorders for individuals who can maintain personal safety with support systems in the community, and who can maintain some ability to fulfill family, student or work activities.

**Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Services (including Acute Inpatient Detoxification, Substance Use Disorder Inpatient Rehabilitation, Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Services)**

**Acute Inpatient Detoxification Services** are services provided by a Hospital or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center for around-the-clock, intensive management and monitoring of individuals requiring acute detoxification as the initial phase of evaluation and treatment for a Substance Use Disorder.

**Substance Use Disorder Inpatient Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital while you or your Dependent are Confined in a Hospital for evaluation and treatment of an acute Substance Use Disorder.

**Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Services** are services provided by a Hospital or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center while you or your Dependent are Confined in a Hospital or Residential Treatment Center for evaluation and treatment of a subacute Substance Use Disorder.



### **Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center**

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

### **Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Services (including Outpatient Detoxification, Substance Use Disorder Partial Hospitalization, and Substance Use Disorder Intensive Outpatient Services)**

**Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Services** are services provided by providers who are licensed or certified in accordance with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency and qualified to treat Substance Use Disorders when treatment is provided on an outpatient basis, while you or your Dependent are not Confined in a Hospital or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center, for evaluation and treatment of a Substance Use Disorder.

**Substance Use Disorder Partial Hospitalization Services** are active, time-limited, ambulatory substance use disorder treatment programs that offer therapeutically intensive, structured, and coordinated clinical services for Substance Use Disorders, similar in intensity to that provided in an Inpatient Hospital or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center, but for individuals who can maintain personal safety with support systems in the community.

**Substance Use Disorder Intensive Outpatient Services** are active, time-limited, ambulatory substance use disorder treatment programs that offer structured and coordinated, multi-disciplinary clinical services for Substance Use Disorders for individuals who can maintain personal safety with support systems in the community, and who can maintain some ability to fulfill family, student or work activities.

**Substance Use Disorder Detoxification Services** are services provided for daily, active comprehensive management and monitoring of individuals requiring detoxification as part of evaluation and treatment of a Substance Use Disorder, but that do not require a person to be Confined in a Hospital or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center.

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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.

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

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

- **Bed Related Items:** bed trays, over the bed tables, bed wedges, pillows, custom bedroom equipment, mattresses, including 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.
- **Fixtures to Real Property:** ceiling lifts and wheelchair ramps.
- **Car/Van Modifications.**
- **Air Quality Items:** room humidifiers, vaporizers and air purifiers.
- **Other Equipment:** centrifuges, needleless injectors, heat lamps, heating pads, cryounits, cryotherapy machines, ultraviolet cabinets, that emit Ultraviolet A (UVA) rays sheepskin pads and boots, postural drainage board, AC/DC adaptors, scales (baby and adult), stair gliders, elevators, saunas, cervical and lumbar traction devices, exercise equipment and diathermy machines.

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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.

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

### **Prostheses/Prosthetic Appliances and Devices**

Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices are defined as fabricated replacements for missing body parts.

Prostheses/prosthetic appliances and devices include, but are not limited to:

- limb prostheses;
- terminal devices such as hands or hooks;
- speech prostheses; and
- facial 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:

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

The following are specifically excluded orthoses and orthotic devices:

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

### **Braces**

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

The following braces are specifically excluded: Copes scoliosis braces.

### **Splints**

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

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

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

Coverage for replacement is limited as follows:

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

The following are specifically excluded external prosthetic appliances and devices:

- external and internal power enhancements for external prosthetic devices; or



- microprocessor controlled prostheses and orthoses; and
- myoelectric prostheses and orthoses.

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### **Infertility Services**

Covered expenses include the following services when medical assistance is needed for an enrolled member to have a baby, regardless of relationship status, sexual orientation, or gender identity:

- diagnosis of infertility and treatment of infertility once a condition of infertility has been diagnosed.

Services include, but are not limited to: injectable fertility drugs which are administered or provided by a Physician; approved surgeries and other therapeutic procedures that have been demonstrated in existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to have a reasonable likelihood of resulting in pregnancy; laboratory tests; sperm washing or preparation; intrauterine insemination/artificial insemination; diagnostic evaluations; assisted reproductive techniques (ART) including in vitro fertilization (IVF); and the services of an embryologist.

Oral fertility drugs are covered under the Pharmacy benefit.

The treatment approach is limited to the least invasive and lowest cost as guided by the provider for a successful pregnancy.

The following are specifically excluded infertility services:

- oral fertility drugs which are covered under the Pharmacy benefit;
- reversal of male and female voluntary sterilization;
- infertility services when the infertility is caused by or related to voluntary sterilization;
- donor charges, donor services, and donor eggs, sperm, and embryos;
- services for fertility preservation, including retrieval, cryopreservation, and storage;
- infertility services for the purpose of being a surrogate or creating a baby other than for the enrolled members' immediate family;

- services of an individual or agency for a surrogate and/or adoption.

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### **Outpatient Therapy Services**

Charges for the following therapy services:

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

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

#### **Cardiac Rehabilitation**

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

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

#### **Chiropractic Care Services**

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

You do not need a referral from your Primary Care Physician.

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

- Restore function (called "rehabilitative"):
  - To restore function that has been impaired or lost.
  - To reduce pain as a result of Sickness, Injury, or loss of a body part.



- Improve, adapt or attain function (sometimes called “habilitative”):
  - To improve, adapt or attain function that has been impaired or was never achieved as a result of congenital abnormality (birth defect).
  - To improve, adapt or attain function that has been impaired or was never achieved because of mental health and substance use disorder conditions. Includes conditions such as autism and intellectual disability, or mental health and substance use disorder conditions that result in a developmental delay.

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

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

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

Therapy services that are not covered include:

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

Coverage is administered according to the following:

- Multiple therapy services provided on the same day constitute one day of service for each therapy type.
- A separate Copayment applies to the services provided by each provider for each therapy type per day.

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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 non-diseased breast to produce symmetrical appearance; postoperative breast prostheses; and mastectomy bras and prosthetics, limited to the lowest cost alternative available that meets prosthetic placement needs. During all stages of mastectomy, treatment of physical complications, including lymphedema therapy, are covered.

### **Reconstructive Surgery**

- charges made for reconstructive surgery or therapy to repair or correct a severe physical deformity or disfigurement which is accompanied by functional deficit; (other than abnormalities of the jaw or conditions related to TMJ disorder) provided that: the surgery or therapy restores or improves function; reconstruction is required as a result of Medically Necessary, non-cosmetic surgery; or the surgery or therapy is performed prior to age 19 and is required as a result of the congenital absence or agenesis (lack of formation or development) of a body part. Repeat or subsequent surgeries for the same condition are covered only when there is the probability of significant additional improvement as determined by the utilization review Physician.

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

Charges approved by medical management for human organ and tissue transplant services including solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell procedures at Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facilities throughout the United States subject to the following conditions and limitations.

Transplant services include the recipient’s medical, surgical and Hospital services; inpatient immunosuppressive medications; and costs for organ or bone marrow/stem cell procurement. Transplant services are covered only if they are required to perform any of the following human to human organ or tissue transplants: allogeneic bone marrow/stem cell, autologous bone marrow/stem cell, cornea, heart, heart/lung, kidney, kidney/pancreas, liver, lung, pancreas or intestine which includes small bowel-liver or multi-visceral.

Implantation procedures for artificial heart, percutaneous ventricular assist device (PVAD), extracorporeal membrane



oxygenation (ECMO) ventricular assist device (VAD) and intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP) are also covered.

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

Charges for gene therapy products and services directly related to their administration are not covered under the Transplant Services and Related Specialty Care benefit.

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

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

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

- Transplant and related specialty care travel benefits are not available for cornea transplants.
- Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to the recipient of a preapproved organ/tissue transplant and/or related specialty care from a designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility.
- The term recipient is defined to include a person receiving authorized transplant related services during any of the following: evaluation, candidacy, transplant event, or post-transplant care.
- Travel expenses for the person receiving the transplant will include charges for: transportation to and from the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility (including charges for a rental car used during a period of care at the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility); and lodging while at or traveling to and from the designated Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® facility.

- In addition to your coverage for the charges associated with the items above, such charges will also be considered covered travel expenses for one companion to accompany you. The term companion includes your spouse, a member of your family, your legal guardian, or any person not related to you, but actively involved as your caregiver who is at least 18 years of age.
- The following are specifically excluded travel expenses: any expenses that if reimbursed would be taxable income, travel costs incurred due to travel within 60 miles of your home; food and meals; laundry bills; telephone bills; alcohol or tobacco products; and charges for transportation that exceed coach class rates.

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

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

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#### **Advanced Cellular Therapy**

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

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

Advanced cellular therapy products and their administration are covered at the In-Network benefit level when prior authorized to be received at a provider contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services. Advanced cellular therapy products and their



administration received from a provider that is not contracted with Cigna for the specific advanced cellular therapy product and related services are not covered.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Medical Pharmaceuticals**

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

Benefits under this section are provided only for Medical Pharmaceuticals which, due to their characteristics (as determined by Cigna), are required to be administered, or the administration of which must be directly supervised, by a qualified Physician or Other Health Professional. Benefits payable under this section include Medical Pharmaceuticals whose administration may initially, or typically, require Physician or Other Health Professional oversight but may be self-administered under certain conditions specified in the product's FDA labeling.

Certain Medical Pharmaceuticals are subject to prior authorization requirements or other coverage conditions. Additionally, certain Medical Pharmaceuticals are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive benefits for such Medical Pharmaceuticals, you are required to try a different Medical Pharmaceutical and/or Prescription Drug Product first.

Utilization management requirements or other coverage conditions are based on a number of factors, which may include clinical and economic factors. Clinical factors may include, but are not limited to, the P&T Committee's evaluations of the place in therapy, relative safety or relative efficacy of Medical Pharmaceuticals as well as whether certain supply limits or other utilization management requirements should apply. Economic factors may include, but are not limited to, the Medical Pharmaceutical's cost including, but not limited to, assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Medical Pharmaceuticals and available rebates. Regardless of its eligibility for coverage under your plan, whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for you or any of your Dependents is a determination that is made by you (or your Dependent) and the prescribing Physician.



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

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### Gene Therapy

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

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

Each gene therapy product is specific to a particular disease and is administered in a specialized manner. Cigna determines which products are in the category of gene therapy, based in part on the nature of the treatment and how it is distributed and administered.

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

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

### Gene Therapy Travel Services

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

Benefits for transportation and lodging are available to you only when you are the recipient of a prior authorized gene

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

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

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

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

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## Prescription Drug Benefits The Schedule

### For You and Your Dependents

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

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

### Coinsurance

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

### Copayments (Copay)

Copayments are amounts to be paid by you or your Dependent for covered Prescription Drug Products.

### Contract Year Deductible

Deductibles are Covered Expenses to be paid by you or your Dependent for Covered Prescription Drug Products before benefits are payable under this plan. These Deductibles are in addition to any Copayments or Coinsurance. Once the Deductible maximum shown in The Schedule has been reached you and your family need not satisfy any further Prescription Drug Deductible for the rest of that year.

### Out-of-Pocket Expenses

Out-of-Pocket Expenses are Covered Expenses incurred at a Pharmacy for Prescription Drug Products for which the Plan provides no payment because of the Coinsurance factor and any Copayments or Deductibles. When the Out-of-Pocket Maximum shown in The Schedule is reached, benefits are payable at 100%.

BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Contract Year Deductible*</b>		
Individual	\$100 per person	Not Applicable
Family	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
<p><b>*Note:</b> Generic Drugs at a Pharmacy are not subject to the Deductible</p>		



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Out-of-Pocket Maximum</b> Individual Family	\$3,600 per person \$4,200 per family	Not Applicable Not Applicable
<b>Maintenance Drug Products</b> Maintenance Drug Products may be filled in an amount up to a consecutive 90 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill at a retail Designated Pharmacy or home delivery Network Pharmacy.		
Certain Preventive Medications covered under this plan and required as part of preventive care services (detailed information is available at <a href="http://www.healthcare.gov">www.healthcare.gov</a> ) are payable at 100% with no Copayment or Deductible, when purchased from a Network Pharmacy. A written prescription is required.		
<b>Prescription Drug Products at Retail Pharmacies</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 30-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b>
Certain Specialty Prescription Drug Products are only covered when dispensed by a designated in-network specialty Pharmacy.		
<b>Tier 1</b> Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List	No charge after \$10 Copay	In-network coverage only
<b>Tier 2</b> Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List	20%, subject to a maximum of \$60, then the Plan pays 100% after pharmacy Deductible	In-network coverage only
<b>Tier 3</b> Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List	30%, subject to a maximum of \$120, then the Plan pays 100% after pharmacy Deductible	In-network coverage only
<b>Tier 4</b> Specialty Prescription Drug Products	No charge after \$120 Copay	In-network coverage only
<b>Prescription Drug Products at Retail Designated Pharmacies</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a Designated Pharmacy</b>	<b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a non-Designated Pharmacy</b>
Certain Specialty Prescription Drug Products are only covered when dispensed by a designated in-network specialty Pharmacy.		
Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30-day supply per Prescription Order or Refill.		



BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<p>Note: In this context, a retail Designated Pharmacy is a retail Network Pharmacy that has contracted with Cigna for dispensing of covered Prescription Drug Products, including Maintenance Drug Products, in 90-day supplies per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>		
<p><b>Tier 1</b> Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>No charge after \$20 Copay</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Tier 2</b> Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>20%, subject to a maximum of \$100, then the Plan pays 100% after pharmacy Deductible</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Tier 3</b> Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>30%, subject to a maximum of \$200, then the Plan pays 100% after pharmacy Deductible</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Tier 4</b> Specialty Prescription Drug Products</p>	<p>Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill.</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Prescription Drug Products at Home Delivery Pharmacies</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a Network Pharmacy</b></p>	<p><b>The amount you pay for up to a consecutive 90-day supply at a non-Network Pharmacy</b></p>
<p>Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30-day supply per Prescription Order or Refill and are subject to the same Copayment or Coinsurance that applies to retail Pharmacies.</p>		
<p><b>Tier 1</b> Generic Drugs on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>No charge after \$20 Copay</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Tier 2</b> Brand Drugs designated as preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>20%, subject to a maximum of \$100, then the Plan pays 100% after pharmacy Deductible</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>
<p><b>Tier 3</b> Brand Drugs designated as non-preferred on the Prescription Drug List</p>	<p>30%, subject to a maximum of \$200, then the Plan pays 100% after pharmacy Deductible</p>	<p>In-network coverage only</p>



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BENEFIT HIGHLIGHTS	NETWORK PHARMACY	NON-NETWORK PHARMACY
<b>Tier 4</b> Specialty Prescription Drug Products	Specialty Prescription Drug Products are limited to up to a consecutive 30 day supply per Prescription Order or Refill.	In-network coverage only



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## Prescription Drug Benefits

### Covered Expenses

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

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

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

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

### Prescription Drug List Management

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

assessments on the cost effectiveness of the Prescription Drug Product and available rebates. Regardless of its eligibility for coverage under the plan, whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is appropriate for you or any of your Dependents is a determination that is made by you or your Dependent and the prescribing Physician.

Cigna shall offer to each enrollee at the then-current benefit level and until the enrollee's plan renewal date any Prescription Drug Product that was approved or covered under the plan for a medical condition or mental illness, regardless of whether the Prescription Drug Product has been removed from the Prescription Drug List. Cigna may, however, move a Prescription Drug Product to a lower cost-share tier at any time during the plan year.

The coverage status of a Prescription Drug Product may change periodically for various reasons. For example, a Prescription Drug Product may be removed from the market, a New Prescription Drug Product in the same therapeutic class as a Prescription Drug Product may become available, or other market events may occur. Market events that may affect the coverage status of a Prescription Drug Product include, but are not limited to, an increase in the acquisition cost of a Prescription Drug Product. As a result of coverage changes, for the purposes of benefits the plan may require you to pay more or less for that Prescription Drug Product, to obtain the Prescription Drug Product from a certain Pharmacy(ies) for coverage, or try another covered Prescription Drug Product(s). Please access the Prescription Drug List through the website shown on your ID card or call member services at the telephone number on your ID card for the most up-to-date tier status, utilization management, or other coverage limitations for a Prescription Drug Product.

Cigna shall limit changes to the Prescription Drug List that negatively impacts enrollees to the plan's renewal date. Changes to the Prescription Drug List that negatively impact enrollees include removing a Prescription Drug Product from the Prescription Drug List, moving a Prescription Drug Product to a higher cost-share tier or adding a prior authorization, step therapy or quantity limit requirement to the Prescription Drug Product. Cigna may, however, add Prescription Drug Products to the Prescription Drug List, move Prescription Drug Products to a lower cost-share tier or remove any prior authorization or other utilization management requirements from a Prescription Drug Product during the plan year. You will receive at least sixty (60) days notice of any Prescription Drug List change for which Cigna is required to provide notice to enrollees.



## Limitations

For most Prescription Drug Products you and your Dependent pay only the cost sharing detailed in The Schedule or Prescription Drug Benefits. However, in the event you or your Dependent or your Physician insist on a more expensive Brand Drug where a Therapeutic Equivalent Generic Drug is available, you may be financially responsible for an Ancillary Charge, in addition to any required Brand Drug Copayment and/or Coinsurance. The Ancillary Charge will not apply to your Deductible, if any, or Out of Pocket Maximum.

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

### Prior Authorization Requirements

Coverage for certain Prescription Drug Products prescribed to you requires your Physician to obtain prior authorization from Cigna or its Review Organization. The reason for obtaining prior authorization from Cigna is to determine whether the Prescription Drug Product is Medically Necessary in accordance with Cigna's coverage criteria. Coverage criteria for a Prescription Drug Product may vary based on the clinical use for which the Prescription Order or Refill is submitted, and may change periodically based on changes in, without limitation, clinical guidelines or practice standards, or market factors. Your Physician may also request a renewal of a prior authorization at least 60 days before it expires. If at all possible, Cigna will review and provide a determination before the existing authorization expires, if the request was received before the expiration.

If Cigna or its Review Organization reviews the documentation provided and determines that the Prescription Drug Product is not Medically Necessary or otherwise excluded, your plan will not cover the Prescription Drug Product. Cigna, or its Review Organization, will not review claims for excluded Prescription Drug Products or other

services to determine if they are Medically Necessary, unless required by law.

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

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

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

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

### Step Therapy

Certain Prescription Drug Products are subject to step therapy requirements. This means that in order to receive Benefits for such Prescription Drug Products you are required to try a different Prescription Drug Product(s) first unless you satisfy the plan's exception criteria. You or your prescribing Physician may request an exception to a step therapy protocol applicable to a Prescription Drug Product otherwise covered by the plan. The exception request must document why your Physician believes that the preferred Prescription Drug Product alternative(s) are not clinically appropriate for you to use in treatment. Provided you or your Physician submit sufficient information to Cigna with the exception request, Cigna will respond to the exception request within 72 hours of receipt of the request. If your Physician also expresses a



reasonable belief that you require the Prescription Drug Product on an emergent basis, then Cigna will respond to the exception request within 24 hours of receipt. Cigna will assess the documentation provided by your Physician against the terms of the applicable exception criteria, which will be made available to the member or prescriber upon request. If Cigna denies the exception request, it will be considered an “adverse determination,” as defined by TIC §1369.0546, and you may appeal the determination. You may identify whether a particular Prescription Drug Product is subject to step therapy requirements at the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card. These requirements do not apply to prescription drugs associated with the treatment of stage-four advanced, metastatic cancer or associated conditions.

### **Supply Limits**

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

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

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

Prescription drug coverage shall provide for synchronization of prescription drug refills on at least one occasion per insured per year, provided all of the following conditions are met:

- the prescription drugs are covered by the plan's clinical coverage policy or have been approved by a formulary exceptions process;
- the prescription drugs are maintenance medications as defined by the plan and have available refill quantities at the time of synchronization;
- the medications are not Schedule II, III or IV controlled substances;

- you or your Dependent meet all utilization management criteria to the prescription drugs at the time of synchronization;
- the prescription drugs are of a formulation that can be safely split into short-fill periods to achieve synchronization;
- the prescription drugs do not have special handling or sourcing needs as determined by the plan that require a single, Designated Pharmacy to fill or refill the prescription; and
- you agree to the synchronization.

When necessary to permit synchronization, the plan shall apply a prorated daily cost-sharing rate to any medication dispensed by a Network Pharmacy. No dispensing fees shall be prorated, and all dispensing fees shall be based on the number of prescriptions filled or refilled.

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

### **Clinician Administered Drugs**

Coverage will be provided for clinician-administered drugs due to a chronic, complex, rare or life-threatening condition, if your provider has determined:

- a delay of care would make disease progression probable; or
- the use of a Network Pharmacy would make death or harm probable, cause a barrier to compliance with your plan of care, or due to timeliness of delivery or dosage requirements, necessitate delivery by another Pharmacy.

Your provider may submit a Network Exception Request on your behalf. Coverage will not be excluded or limited based on the choice of Pharmacy and will not be subject to higher cost shares or additional fees.

### **Prescription Eye Drops**

Coverage for a refill for prescription eye drops shall be provided if the:

- the prescription eye drops are a covered benefit under the plan;
- the original prescription indicates that additional quantities are needed;
- refill requested does not exceed the total quantity of dosage units on the original prescription; and
- refill is dispensed within the prescribed dosage period.



Refills can be dispensed no earlier than the 21st day after a 30 day supply is dispensed, the 42nd day after a 60 day supply is dispensed or the 63rd day after a 90 day supply is dispensed.

### **Specialty Prescription Drug Products**

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

### **Designated Pharmacies**

If you require certain Prescription Drug Products, including, but not limited to, Specialty Prescription Drug Products, we may direct you to a Designated Pharmacy with whom we have an arrangement to provide those Prescription Drug Products. If you are directed to a Designated Pharmacy and you choose not to obtain your Prescription Drug Product from a Designated Pharmacy, you may not receive coverage for the Prescription Drug Product or be subject to the non-Network Pharmacy Benefit, if any, for that Prescription Drug Product. Refer to The Schedule for further information.

### **New Prescription Drug Products**

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

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## **Your Payments**

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

### **Deductible**

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

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

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

### **Copayment**

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

- the Copayment for the Prescription Drug Product set forth in The Schedule; or
- the Prescription Drug Charge; or
- the Network Pharmacy's submitted Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge, if any.

### **Coinsurance**

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

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

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

You will need to obtain prior approval from Cigna or its Review Organization for any Prescription Drug Product not



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

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## Exclusions

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

- coverage for Prescription Drug Products for the amount dispensed (days' supply) which exceeds the applicable supply limit, or is less than any applicable supply minimum set forth in The Schedule, or which exceeds quantity limit(s) or dosage limit(s) set by the P&T Committee.
- more than one Prescription Order or Refill for a given prescription supply period for the same Prescription Drug Product prescribed by one or more Physicians and dispensed by one or more Pharmacies.
- Prescription Drug Products dispensed outside the jurisdiction of the United States, except as required for emergency or Urgent Care treatment.
- Prescription Drug Products which are prescribed, dispensed or intended to be taken by or administered to you while you are a patient in a licensed Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility, rest home, rehabilitation facility, or similar institution which operates on its premises or allows to be operated on its premises a facility for dispensing pharmaceutical products.
- Prescription Drug Products furnished by the local, state or federal government (except for a Network Pharmacy owned or operated by a local, state or federal government).
- any product dispensed for the purpose of appetite suppression (anorectics) or weight loss.
- prescription and non-prescription supplies other than supplies covered as Prescription Drug Products.
- medications used for cosmetic or anti-aging purposes, including, without limitation, medications used to reduce wrinkles, medications used to promote hair growth and fade cream products.
- Prescription Drug Products as a replacement for a previously dispensed Prescription Drug Product that was lost, stolen, broken or destroyed.
- Medical Pharmaceuticals covered solely under the plan’s medical benefits.
- any ingredient(s) in a compounded Prescription Drug Product that has not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- medications available over-the-counter that do not require a Prescription Order or Refill by federal or state law before being dispensed, unless state or federal law requires coverage of such medications or the over-the-counter medication has been designated as eligible for coverage as if it were a Prescription Drug Product.
- certain Prescription Drug Products that are a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to an over-the-counter drug(s), or are available in over-the-counter form. Such coverage determinations may be made periodically, and benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision may be reinstated at any time.
- any product for which the primary use is a source of nutrition, nutritional supplements, or dietary management of disease, even when used for the treatment of Sickness or Injury, unless coverage for such product(s) is required by federal or state law.
- medications used for travel prophylaxis unless specifically identified on the Prescription Drug List.
- immunization agents, virus detection testing, virus antibody testing, biological products for allergy immunization, biological sera, blood, blood plasma and other blood products or fractions unless specifically identified on the Prescription Drug List.
- smoking cessation medications except those required by federal law to be covered as PPACA Preventive Care Medications.
- certain Prescription Drug Products that are a Therapeutic Equivalent or Therapeutic Alternative to another covered Prescription Drug Product(s). Such coverage determinations



may be made periodically, and benefits for a Prescription Drug Product that was previously excluded under this provision may be reinstated at any time.

- medications that are not FDA-approved for any indication.
- Prescription Drug Products classified as gene therapy.

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## Reimbursement/Filing a Claim

### Retail Pharmacy

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

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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 and/or for which you are not billed. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to:
  - any instance where Cigna determines that a provider or Pharmacy did not bill you for or has waived, reduced, or forgiven any portion of its charges and/or any portion of any Copayment, Deductible, and/or Coinsurance amount(s) you are required to pay for an otherwise Covered Expense (as shown on The Schedule) without Cigna's express consent.
  - charges of a non-Participating Provider who has agreed to charge you at an In-Network benefits level or some other benefits level not otherwise applicable to the services received.

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

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



responsible for any amounts that your plan does not cover.

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

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

- not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or other appropriate regulatory agency to be lawfully marketed for any indication; or
- not demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature to be safe and effective for treating or diagnosing any condition or Sickness regardless of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval status.

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

- charges for health care services, supplies, or medications when billed for conditions or diagnoses that are not covered or reimbursable under the coverage policies maintained by Cigna or the Review Organization.
- cosmetic surgery and therapies. Cosmetic surgery or therapy is defined as surgery or therapy performed to improve or alter appearance or self-esteem.
- the following services are excluded from coverage regardless of clinical indications except as may be covered under the "Reconstructive Surgery" benefit: rhinoplasty; blepharoplasty; redundant skin surgery; removal of skin tags; acupressure; craniosacral and cranial therapy; dance

therapy; movement therapy; applied kinesiology; rolfing; prolotherapy; and extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) for musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions, except as may be covered under the "Reconstructive Surgery" benefit.

- dental treatment of the teeth, gums or structures directly supporting the teeth, including dental X-rays, examinations, repairs, orthodontics, periodontics, casts, splints and services for dental malocclusion, for any condition. However, charges made for a continuous course of dental treatment for an Injury to teeth are covered.
- for medical and surgical services intended primarily for the treatment or control of obesity. However, treatment of clinically severe obesity, as defined by the Body Mass Index (BMI) classifications of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) guideline is covered only at approved centers if the services are demonstrated, through existing peer-reviewed, evidence-based, scientific literature and scientifically based guidelines, to be safe and effective for treatment of the condition. Clinically severe obesity is defined by the NHLBI as a BMI of 40 or greater without comorbidities, or 35-39 with comorbidities. The following are specifically excluded:
  - medical and surgical services to alter appearances or physical changes that are the result of any surgery performed for the management of obesity or clinically severe (morbid) obesity; and
  - weight loss programs or treatments, whether prescribed or recommended by a Physician or under medical supervision.
- reports, evaluations, physical examinations, or hospitalization not required for health reasons, including but not limited to employment, insurance or government licenses, and court-ordered, forensic or custodial evaluations, unless otherwise covered under this plan.
- court-ordered treatment or hospitalization, unless treatment is prescribed by a Physician and is a covered service or supply under this plan.
- for treatment of erectile dysfunction. However, penile implants are covered when an established medical condition is the cause of erectile dysfunction, anorgasm, and premature ejaculation.
- medical and Hospital care and costs for the child of your Dependent child, unless the child is otherwise eligible under this plan.



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- non-medical counseling and/or ancillary services, including but not limited to Custodial Services, educational services, vocational counseling, training and, rehabilitation services, behavioral training, biofeedback, neurofeedback, hypnosis, sleep therapy, return to work services, work hardening programs and driver safety courses.
  - non-medical living arrangements, including but not limited to, health resorts, recreational programs, outdoor skills programs, relaxation or lifestyle programs, or supportive living programs.
  - therapy or treatment intended primarily to improve or maintain general physical condition or for the purpose of enhancing job, school, athletic or recreational performance, including but not limited to routine, long term, or maintenance care which is provided after the resolution of the acute medical problem and when significant therapeutic improvement is not expected.
  - consumable medical supplies other than ostomy supplies and urinary catheters. Excluded supplies include, but are not limited to bandages and other disposable medical supplies, skin preparations and test strips, except as specified in the “Home Health Care Services” or “Breast Reconstruction and Breast Prostheses” sections of this plan.
  - private Hospital rooms and/or private duty nursing except as provided under the Home Health Care Services provision.
  - personal or comfort items such as personal care kits provided on admission to a Hospital, television, telephone, newborn infant photographs, complimentary meals, birth announcements, and other articles which are not for the specific treatment of an Injury or Sickness.
  - artificial aids, including but not limited to corrective orthopedic shoes, arch supports, elastic stockings, garter belts, corsets, dentures and wigs.
  - aids or devices that assist with non-verbal communications, including but not limited to communication boards, pre-recorded speech devices, laptop computers, desktop computers, Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), Braille typewriters, visual alert systems for the deaf and memory books.
  - eyeglass lenses and frames, contact lenses and associated services (exams and fittings) (except for the initial set after treatment of keratoconus or following cataract surgery).
  - routine refractions, eye exercises and surgical treatment for the correction of a refractive error, including radial keratotomy.
  - acupuncture.
  - all non-injectable prescription drugs, unless Physician administration or oversight is required, injectable prescription drugs to the extent they do not require Physician supervision and are typically considered self-administered drugs, non-prescription drugs, and investigational and experimental drugs, except as provided in this plan.
  - routine foot care, including the paring and removing of corns and calluses and toenail maintenance. However, foot care services for diabetes, peripheral neuropathies and peripheral vascular disease are covered when Medically Necessary.
  - membership costs and fees associated with health clubs, weight loss programs or smoking cessation programs.
  - genetic screening or pre-implantations genetic screening. General population-based genetic screening is a testing method performed in the absence of any symptoms or any significant, proven risk factors for genetically linked inheritable disease.
  - dental implants for any condition.
  - fees associated with the collection, storage or donation of blood or blood products, except for autologous donation in anticipation of scheduled services when medical management review determines the likelihood of excess blood loss is such that transfusion is an expected adjunct to surgery.
  - blood administration for the purpose of general improvement in physical condition.
  - cost of biologicals that are immunizations or medications for the purpose of travel, or to protect against occupational hazards and risks.
  - health and beauty aids, cosmetics and dietary supplements.
  - all nutritional supplements, formulae, enteral feedings, supplies and specially formulated medical foods, whether prescribed or not except for infant formula needed for the treatment of inborn errors of metabolism.
  - for or in connection with an Injury or Sickness arising out of, or in the course of, any employment for wage or profit.
  - charges related to an Injury or Sickness payable under worker’s compensation or similar laws.
  - massage therapy.
  - products and supplies associated with the administration of medications that are available to be covered under the Prescription Drug Benefit. Such products and supplies include but are not limited to therapeutic Continuous
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Glucose Monitor (CGM) sensors and transmitters and insulin pods.

- expenses incurred by a participant to the extent reimbursable under automobile insurance coverage. Coverage under this plan is secondary to automobile no-fault insurance or similar coverage. The coverage provided under this plan does not constitute “Qualified Health Coverage” under Michigan law and therefore does not replace Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage provided under an automobile insurance policy issued to a Michigan resident. This plan will cover expenses only not otherwise covered by the PIP coverage.
- charges made by a Physician/practitioner for broken appointments, phone calls, email or internet evaluations unless otherwise specified in the covered services section of your document.

### **General Limitations**

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

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

### **Coordination of Benefits**

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

#### **Definitions**

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

#### **Plan**

Any of the following that provides benefits 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**

The amount of charges considered for payment under the Plan for a Covered Service prior to any reductions due to coinsurance, copayment or deductible amounts. If Cigna contracts with an entity to arrange for the provision of



Covered Services through that entity's contracted network of health care providers, the amount that Cigna has agreed to pay that entity is the allowable amount used to determine your coinsurance or deductible payments. If the Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the Reasonable Cash Value of each service is the Allowable Expense and is a paid benefit.

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.

#### **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 are not more than 100% of the total of all Allowable Expenses.

#### **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 closed. If the requested information is subsequently received, the claim will be processed.

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

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

##### When Medicare is the Primary Payer

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

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

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

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

- **Disability**: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to a disability, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has 100 or more employees.
- **Age**: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to age, you are an active Employee, and your Employer has 20 or more employees.
- **End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)**: You, your spouse, or your covered Dependent qualify for Medicare due to End



Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) and you are an active or retired Employee. This Plan is the primary payer for the first 30 months. Beginning with the 31<sup>st</sup> month, Medicare will be the primary payer.

### **Domestic Partners**

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

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

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

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

### **Assistance with Medicare Questions**

For more information on Medicare's rules and regulations, contact Medicare toll-free at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). You may also contact the Social Security Administration toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), or call your local Social Security Administration office.

## **Expenses For Which A Third Party May Be Responsible**

This plan does not cover:

- Expenses incurred by you (hereinafter referred to as a "Participant,") for which a party may be responsible as a result of having caused or contributed to an Injury or Sickness except for expenses relating to other benefits plans that provide insurance coverage for the Participant (excluding Part B of Medicare).
- 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, 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 proceeds do not exceed the "Subrogation Limit Amount", which is defined as the lesser of:
  - one half of the Participant's gross recovery from such party, less (as applicable) (i) fees and pro rata shares of expenses incurred in connection with the recovery action to be paid to the Participant's attorneys pursuant to an agreement between the plan and those attorneys, (ii) in the absence of an agreement, any amounts awarded by a court to the Participant's attorneys from the plan's total gross recovery from such party that constitute reasonable fees for the recovery of proceeds for the plan (not to exceed one-third of the plan's recovery amount) or (iii) in the absence of an agreement, amounts awarded and apportioned by a court to the Participant's attorneys and the plan's attorneys out of any subrogation recovery (not to exceed one-third of the plan's recovery amount) (the foregoing items (i)-(iii) referred to hereinafter as (the "Recovery Fees")) or



- the total cost of any benefits paid, provided or assumed under the plan as a direct result of the tortious conduct of such party, less the Recovery Fees (as applicable).
- 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 the proceeds of any recovery do not exceed the Subrogation Limit Amount.

#### **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 for any recovery amounts obtained by or on behalf of the Participant, not to exceed the Subrogation Limit Amount, 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 that such lien and assignment shall not apply to (a) reasonable fees and pro rata shares of expenses incurred in connection with the recovery action to be paid to the Participant's attorneys pursuant to an agreement between the plan and those attorneys or (b) amounts awarded by a court to the Participant's attorneys that constitute reasonable fees for the recovery of proceeds for the plan (not to exceed one-third of the plan's recovery amount);
- 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.

- No Participant shall make any settlement, which specifically reduces or excludes, or attempts to reduce or exclude, the benefits provided by the plan.
- The plan's right of recovery shall be a prior lien against any proceeds recovered by the Participant. This right of recovery shall not be defeated nor reduced by the application of any so-called "Made-Whole Doctrine", "Rimes Doctrine", or any other such doctrine purporting to defeat the plan's recovery rights by allocating the proceeds exclusively to non-medical expense damages.
- No Participant hereunder shall incur any expenses on behalf of the plan in pursuit of the plan's rights hereunder, specifically; no court costs, attorneys' fees or other representatives' fees may be deducted from the plan's recovery without the prior express written consent of the plan, except for (a) reasonable fees and pro rata shares of expenses incurred in connection with the recovery action to be paid to the Participant's attorneys pursuant to an agreement between the plan and those attorneys or (b) amounts awarded by a court to the Participant's attorneys that constitute reasonable fees for the recovery of proceeds for the plan (not to exceed one-third of the plan's recovery amount). This right shall not be defeated by any so-called "Fund Doctrine", "Common Fund Doctrine", or "Attorney's Fund Doctrine".
- The plan shall recover the full amount of benefits provided hereunder without regard to any claim of fault on the part of any Participant, whether under comparative negligence or otherwise.
- 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.
- Any reference to state law in any other provision of this plan shall not be applicable to this provision, if the plan is governed by ERISA. By acceptance of benefits under the plan, the Participant agrees that a breach hereof would cause irreparable and substantial harm and that no adequate remedy at law would exist. Further, the Plan shall be entitled to invoke such equitable remedies as may be necessary to enforce the terms of the plan, including, but not



limited to, specific performance, restitution, the imposition of an equitable lien and/or constructive trust, as well as injunctive relief.

- Participants must assist the plan in pursuing any subrogation or recovery rights by providing requested information.

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## Payment of Benefits

### Assignment and Payment of Benefits

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

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

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

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

guardian, Cigna may, at its option, make payment to the person or institution appearing to have assumed his custody and support.

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

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

### Recovery of Overpayment

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

### Calculation of Covered Expenses

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

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

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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 cancelled.
- the last day of the calendar month in which your Active Service ends except as described below.

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

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

If your Active Service ends due to temporary layoff or leave of absence, your insurance will be continued until the date as determined by your Employer.

### **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 cancels your insurance.

### **Dependents**

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

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

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

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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 During Hospital Confinement**

If the Medical Benefits under this plan cease for you or your Dependent, and you or your Dependent is Confined in a Hospital on that date, Medical Benefits will be paid for Covered Expenses incurred in connection with that Hospital Confinement. 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 plan;
- the date you or your Dependent is no longer Hospital Confined; or
- 3 months from the date your Medical Benefits cease.

The terms of this Medical Benefits Extension will not apply to a child born as a result of a pregnancy which exists when your Medical Benefits cease or your Dependent's Medical Benefits cease.

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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;
- the date you are no longer Totally Disabled;
- 90 days from the date your Medical Benefits cease; or
- 90 days from the date the policy is canceled.



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## 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; and
- you are not performing any other work or engaging in any other occupation for wage or profit.

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

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

## Effect of Section 125 Tax Regulations on This Plan

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

### A. Coverage elections

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

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

### B. Change of status

A change in status is defined as:

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

### C. Court order

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



#### **D. Medicare or Medicaid eligibility/entitlement**

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

#### **E. Change in cost of coverage**

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

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

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

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

#### **G. Reduction in work hours**

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

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

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

**Family:** A plan may allow an Employee to revoke family coverage midyear in order for family members ("related

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

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#### **Eligibility for Coverage for Adopted Children**

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

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

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

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#### **Coverage for Maternity Hospital Stay**

Group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group health insurance coverage generally may not, under a federal law known as the "Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act": restrict benefits for any Hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section; or require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of the above periods. The law generally does not prohibit an attending provider of the mother or newborn, in consultation with the mother, from



discharging the mother or newborn earlier than 48 or 96 hours, as applicable.

Please review this Plan for further details on the specific coverage available to you and your Dependents.

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

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

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### **Group Plan Coverage Instead of Medicaid**

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

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

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

#### **Continuation of Health Insurance During Leave**

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

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

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

#### **Reinstatement of Canceled Insurance Following Leave**

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

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

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

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

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



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## 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

**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 booklet 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 booklet, 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 booklet, in your provider's network participation documents as applicable, and in the determination notices.

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

### Preservice Determinations

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

If the determination periods above would seriously jeopardize your life or health, your ability to regain maximum function, or in the opinion of a health care professional with knowledge



of your health condition, cause you severe pain which cannot be managed without the requested services, Cigna will make the preservice determination on an expedited basis. Cigna will defer to the determination of the treating health care professional regarding whether an expedited determination is necessary. Cigna will notify you or your representative of an expedited determination within 72 hours after receiving the request.

However, if necessary information is missing from the request, Cigna will notify you or your representative within 24 hours after receiving the request to specify what information is needed. You or your representative must provide the specified information to Cigna within 48 hours after receiving the notice. Cigna will notify you or your representative of the expedited benefit determination within 48 hours after you or your representative responds to the notice. Expedited determinations may be provided orally, followed within 3 days by written or electronic notification.

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

### **Concurrent Determinations**

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

### **Postservice Determinations**

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

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

### **Notice of Adverse Determination**

Every notice of an adverse benefit determination will be provided in writing or electronically, and will include all of the following that pertain to the determination: information sufficient to identify the claim including, if applicable, the date of service, provider and claim amount; diagnosis and treatment codes, and their meanings; the specific reason or reasons for the adverse determination including, if applicable, the denial code and its meaning and a description of any standard that was used in the denial; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the determination is based; a description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; a description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable, including a statement of a claimant's rights to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on appeal, (if applicable); upon request and free of charge, a copy of any internal rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion that was relied upon in making the adverse determination regarding your claim; and an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for a determination that is based on a Medical Necessity, experimental treatment or other similar exclusion or limit; a description of any available internal appeal and/or external review process(es); information about any office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman available to assist you with the appeal process; and in the case of a claim involving urgent care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

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### **Appointment of Authorized Representative**

You may appoint an authorized representative to assist you in submitting a claim or appealing a claim denial. However, Cigna may require you to designate your authorized representative in writing using a form approved by Cigna. At



all times, the appointment of an authorized representative is revocable by you. To ensure that a prior appointment remains valid, Cigna may require you to re-appoint your authorized representative, from time to time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- your termination of employment for any reason, other than gross misconduct; or

- your reduction in work hours.

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Secondary Qualifying Events**

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



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

#### **Disability Extension**

If, after electing COBRA continuation coverage due to your termination of employment or reduction in work hours, you or one of your Dependents is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to be totally disabled under Title II or XVI of the SSA, you and all of your Dependents who have elected COBRA continuation coverage may extend such continuation for an additional 11 months, for a maximum of 29 months from the initial qualifying event.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- the end of the COBRA continuation period of 18, 29 or 36 months, as applicable;
- failure to pay the required premium within 30 calendar days after the due date;

- cancellation of the Employer’s policy with Cigna;
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary enrolls in Medicare (Part A, Part B, or both);
- after electing COBRA continuation coverage, a qualified beneficiary becomes covered under another group health plan, unless the qualified beneficiary has a condition for which the new plan limits or excludes coverage under a pre-existing condition provision. In such case coverage will continue until the earliest of: the end of the applicable maximum period; the date the pre-existing condition provision is no longer applicable; or the occurrence of an event described in one of the first three bullets above;
- any reason the Plan would terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary who is not receiving continuation coverage (e.g., fraud).

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

If you and/or your Dependents move out of the Employer’s service area or the Employer eliminates a service area in your location, your COBRA continuation coverage under the plan will be limited to 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 Pay COBRA Premiums**

#### *First payment for COBRA continuation*

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

#### *Subsequent payments*

After you make your first payment for COBRA continuation coverage, you will be required to make subsequent payments of the required premium for each additional month of coverage. Payment is due on the first day of each month. If you make a payment on or before its due date, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without any break.

#### *Grace periods for subsequent payments*

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

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

If you or your Dependent(s) experience one of the following qualifying events, you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 calendar days after the later of the date the



qualifying event occurs or the date coverage would cease as a result of the qualifying event:

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

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

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

#### **Newly Acquired Dependents**

If you acquire a new Dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption while your coverage is being continued, you may cover such Dependent under your COBRA continuation coverage. However, only your newborn or adopted Dependent child is a qualified beneficiary and may continue COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the coverage period following your early termination of COBRA coverage or due to a secondary qualifying event. COBRA coverage for your Dependent spouse and any Dependent children who are not your children (e.g., stepchildren or grandchildren) will cease on the date your COBRA coverage ceases and they are not eligible for a secondary qualifying event.

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

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

coverage will cease upon the occurrence of any of the events listed under “Termination of COBRA Continuation” above.

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

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

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## **When You Have A Complaint Or An Adverse Determination 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.

#### **When You Have a Complaint**

We are here to listen and help. If you have a complaint regarding a person, a service, the quality of care, a rescission of coverage, or contractual benefits not related to Medical Necessity, you can call our toll-free number and explain your concern to one of our Customer Service representatives. A complaint does not include: a misunderstanding or problem of misinformation that can be promptly resolved by Cigna by clearing up the misunderstanding or supplying the correct information to your satisfaction; or you or your provider's dissatisfaction or disagreement with an adverse determination. You can also express that complaint in writing. Please call us at the Customer Service toll-free number that appears on your Benefit Identification card, explanation of benefits or claim form, or write to us at the following address:

Cigna  
National Appeals Organization (NAO)  
PO Box 188011  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

We will do our best to resolve the matter on your initial contact. If we need more time to review or investigate your complaint, we will send you a letter acknowledging the date on which we received your complaint no later than the fifth working day after we receive your complaint. We will respond in writing with a decision 30 calendar days after we receive a complaint for a post service 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 non-authorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay.

Cigna's Physician reviewer, or your treating Physician, will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When a complaint is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within the earlier of: 72 hours; or one working day, followed up in writing within 3 calendar days.

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

### **Complaint Appeals Procedure**

To initiate an appeal of a complaint resolution decision, you must submit a request for an appeal in writing to the following address:

Cigna  
National Appeals Organization (NAO)  
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.

Your complaint appeal request will be conducted by the Complaint Appeals Committee, which consists of at least three people. Anyone involved in the prior decision, or subordinates of those people, may not vote on the Committee. You may present your situation to the Committee in person or by conference call.

We will acknowledge in writing that we have received your request within five working days after the date we receive your request for a Committee review and schedule a Committee review. The Committee review will be completed within 30 calendar days. If more time or information is needed to make the determination, we will notify you in writing to request an extension of up to 15 calendar days and to specify

any additional information needed by the Committee to complete the review.

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 non-authorization of an admission or continuing inpatient Hospital stay. Cigna's Physician reviewer or your treating Physician will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within the earlier of: 72 hours; or one working day, followed up in writing within three calendar days.

### **When You Have an Adverse Determination Appeal**

An Adverse Determination is a decision made by Cigna that the health care service(s) furnished or proposed to be furnished to you is (are) not Medically Necessary or clinically appropriate. An Adverse Determination also includes a denial by Cigna of a request to cover a specific prescription drug prescribed by your Physician. If you are not satisfied with the Adverse Determination, you may appeal the Adverse Determination orally or in writing. You should state the reason why you feel your appeal should be approved and include any information supporting your appeal. We will acknowledge the appeal in writing within five working days after we receive the Adverse Determination Appeal request.

Your appeal of an Adverse Determination will be reviewed and the decision made by a health care professional not involved in the initial decision. The health care professional should hold a Texas license.

We will respond in writing with a decision within 30 calendar days after receiving the Adverse Determination appeal request.

You may request that the Adverse Determination appeal process be expedited if it relates to: (a) emergency denials, (b) denials of care for life-threatening conditions, (c) denials of continued stays for hospitalized enrollees; and (d) denial of prescription drugs or intravenous infusions for which the Member is receiving benefits under the Agreement; or (e) step therapy requests.



Cigna's Physician reviewer or your treating Physician will decide if an expedited appeal is necessary. When an appeal is expedited, we will respond orally with a decision within the earlier of: 72 hours; or one working day, followed up in writing within three calendar days.

In addition, your treating Physician may request in writing a specialty review within 10 working days of our written decision. The specialty review will be conducted by a Physician in the same or similar specialty as the care under consideration. The specialty review will be completed and a response sent within 15 working days of the request. Specialty review is voluntary. If the specialty reviewer upholds the initial adverse determination and you remain dissatisfied, you are still eligible to request a review by an Independent Review Organization.

### **Appeal to the State of Texas**

You have the right to contact the Texas Department of Insurance for assistance at any time for either a complaint or an Adverse Determination appeal. The Texas Department of Insurance may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

Texas Department of Insurance  
333 Guadalupe Street  
PO Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
1-800-252-3439

If you are not fully satisfied with the decision of Cigna's internal appeal review you may request that your appeal be referred to an Independent Review Organization (IRO). The IRO is composed of persons who are not employed by Cigna, or any of its affiliates. A decision to request an external review to an IRO will not affect the claimant's rights to any other benefits under the plan.

There is no charge for you to initiate an external review. Cigna and your benefit plan will abide by the decision of the IRO.

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

Every notice of an appeal decision 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 denial decision; reference to the specific plan provisions on which the decision 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 Under Federal Law**

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. If your



Complaint is expedited, there is no need to complete the complaint appeal 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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### Ambulance

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

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### Ancillary Charge

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

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### Biologic

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

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### Biosimilar

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

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### Brand Drug

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

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### **Business Decision Team**

A committee comprised of voting and non-voting representatives across various Cigna business units such as clinical, medical and business leadership that is duly authorized by Cigna to effect changes regarding coverage treatment of Prescription Drug Products and Medical Pharmaceuticals based on clinical findings provided by the P&T Committee, including, but not limited to, changes regarding tier placement and application of utilization management to Prescription Drug Products and Medical Pharmaceuticals.

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### **Charges**

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

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### **Chiropractic Care**

The term Chiropractic Care means the conservative management of acute neuromusculoskeletal conditions through manipulation and ancillary physiological treatment rendered to specific joints to restore motion, reduce pain and improve function.

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### **Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network®**

The Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network® consists of designated In-Network facilities that have met quality and cost criteria and have contracted with Cigna LifeSOURCE to provide transplant services as a Participating Provider in the Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network®. In order to be considered a facility in the Cigna LifeSOURCE Transplant Network®, the facility must be a designated program for the specific type of transplant requested.

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### **Convenience Care Clinics**

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

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

The term child means a child born to you; a child legally adopted by you; the child for whom you are the legal guardian; the child who is the subject of a lawsuit for adoption by you; the child who is supported pursuant to a court order imposed on you (including a qualified medical child support order) or your grandchild who is your Dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time of application. It also includes a stepchild. 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.

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

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

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## Designated Pharmacy

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

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



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

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

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

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

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### Emergency Medical Condition

Emergency Medical Condition means a medical condition, including a mental health condition or substance use disorder, manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy; serious impairment to bodily functions; or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

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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 or of an independent freestanding emergency facility, including ancillary services routinely available to the emergency department to evaluate such Emergency Medical Condition.
- such further medical examination and treatment, to the extent they are within the capabilities of the staff and

facilities available at the Hospital or emergency department, as are required to Stabilize the patient (regardless of the Hospital department in which further examination or treatment is provided).

- after the patient is Stabilized, services rendered by an Out-of-Network provider, Hospital or facility (regardless of the Hospital department that provides the services) as part of outpatient observation or an inpatient or outpatient stay with respect to the visit in which the Emergency Services are provided.

However, such post-Stabilization services are not considered Emergency Services if the attending provider determines the patient is able to travel using non-medical or non-emergency transportation to an available In-Network location within reasonable travel distance and applicable state and federal notice and consent requirements are met.

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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 16 hours a week for the Employer.

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### Employer

The term Employer means the plan sponsor self-insuring the benefits described in this booklet, on whose behalf Cigna is providing claim administration services.

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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.

A Free-Standing Surgical Facility, unless specifically noted otherwise, is covered with the same cost share as an Outpatient Facility.

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### Generic Drug

A Prescription Drug Product that Cigna identifies as a Generic Drug product at a book-of-business level principally based on available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source, that classify drugs or Biologics (including Biosimilars) as either brand or generic based on a number of factors. Not all products identified as a “generic” by the manufacturer,

Pharmacy or your Physician may be classified as a Generic Drug under the plan. A Biosimilar may be classified as a Generic Drug for the purposes of benefits under the plan even if it is identified as a “brand name” drug by the manufacturer, Pharmacy or your Physician.

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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 Ill patients;
- is accredited by the National Hospice Organization;
- meets standards established by Cigna; and



- fulfills any licensing requirements of the state or locality in which it operates.

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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 Use Disorder 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.

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### Hospital Confinement or Confined in a Hospital

A person will be considered Confined in a Hospital if he is:

- a registered bed patient in a Hospital upon the recommendation of a Physician;
- receiving treatment for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services in a Mental Health or Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Center.

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### In-Network/Out-of-Network

The term In-Network refers to healthcare services or items provided by your Primary Care Physician or services/items provided by another Participating Provider and authorized by your Primary Care Physician or the Review Organization. Authorization by your Primary Care Physician or the Review Organization is not required in the case of Mental Health and Substance Abuse treatment, other than Hospital Confinement solely for detoxification.

The term Out-of-Network refers to care which does not qualify as In-Network.

Emergency Care which meets the definition of Emergency Services and is authorized as such by either the Primary Care Physician or the Review Organization is considered In-Network. (For details, refer to the Emergency Services and Urgent Care coverage section.)

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### Injury

The term Injury means an accidental bodily injury.

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### Maintenance Drug Product

A Prescription Drug Product that is prescribed for use over an extended period of time for the treatment of chronic or long-term conditions such as asthma, hypertension, diabetes and heart disease, and is identified principally based on consideration of available data resources, including, but not limited to, First DataBank or another nationally recognized drug indicator source and clinical factors. For the purposes of benefits, the list of your plan's Maintenance Drug Products does not include compounded medications, Specialty Prescription Drug Products or Prescription Drug Products, such as certain narcotics that a Pharmacy cannot dispense above certain supply limits per Prescription Drug Order or Refill under applicable federal or state law. You may determine whether a drug is a Maintenance Medication by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

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### Maintenance Treatment

The term Maintenance Treatment means:

- treatment rendered to keep or maintain the patient's current status.

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### Maximum Reimbursable Charge – Medical

See The Medical Schedule for information about Out-of-Network Charges for Certain Services, Out-of-Network Emergency Services Charges, and Out-of-Network Air Ambulance Services Charges.

The Maximum Reimbursable Charge (also referred to as MRC) is the maximum amount that your plan will pay a health care provider for a Covered Expense. Your applicable Copayment, Coinsurance and/or Deductible amount(s), if any, set forth in The Schedule are determined based on the MRC. Unless prohibited by applicable law or agreement, providers may also bill you for the difference between the MRC and their charges, and you may be financially responsible for that amount. If you receive a bill from a provider for more than the What I Owe amount on the Explanation of Benefits (EOB), please call Cigna at the phone number on your ID card.

If a provider is willing to agree to a rate that Cigna, in its discretion, determines to be market competitive, then that rate will become the MRC used to calculate the allowable amount for a Covered Expense. A provider can agree to a rate by: (i) entering into an agreement with Cigna or one of Cigna's third-party vendors that establishes the rate the provider is willing to accept as payment for the Covered Expense; or (ii) receiving a payment from Cigna based on an allowed amount that Cigna or one of Cigna's third-party vendors has determined is a market competitive rate without billing you and/or obligating you to pay the difference between the payment amount and the charged amount.

If a provider does not agree to a market competitive rate as described in the previous paragraph, then the MRC for Network will be based on an amount required by law, or if no amount is required by law, then the lesser of:

- the providers normal charge for a similar service or supply; or
- the percentage of a fee schedule Cigna has developed that is based upon a methodology similar to a methodology utilized by Medicare to determine the allowable reimbursement for the same or similar service or supply within the geographic market. In the event that Medicare does not have a published rate for a particular service or supply, Cigna may, in its discretion, determine the MRC based on a rate for the same or similar service or supply by applying a Medicare-based methodology that Cigna deems appropriate.

The percentage 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 exclusions and Cigna's applicable Coverage Policies, Reimbursement Policies, and other coding and payment methodologies. Additional information about how Cigna determines the Maximum Reimbursable Charge is available upon request.

Note: Some providers attempt to forgive, waive, or not collect the cost share obligation (e.g., your Copayment, Coinsurance and/or Deductible amount(s), if any), that this plan requires you to pay. This practice jeopardizes your coverage under this plan. Please read the Exclusions, Expenses Not Covered and General Limitations section, or call Cigna at the phone number on your ID card for more details.

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### 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.

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### Medical Pharmaceutical

An FDA-approved prescription pharmaceutical product, including a Specialty Prescription Drug Product, typically required to be administered in connection with a covered service by a Physician or Other Health Professional within the scope of the provider's license. This definition includes certain pharmaceutical products whose administration may initially or typically require Physician or Other Health Professional oversight but may be self-administered under certain conditions specified in the product's FDA labeling.

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### Medically Necessary/Medical Necessity

Health care services, supplies and medications provided for the purpose of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating a Sickness, Injury, condition, disease or its symptoms, that are all of the following as determined by a Medical Director or Review Organization:

- required to diagnose or treat an illness, Injury, disease or its symptoms;
- in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice;
- clinically appropriate in terms of type, frequency, extent, site and duration;
- not primarily for the convenience of the patient, Physician or Other Health Professional;
- not more costly than an alternative service(s), medication(s) or supply(ies) that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results with the same safety profile as to the prevention, evaluation, diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, condition, disease or its symptoms; and

- rendered in the least intensive setting that is appropriate for the delivery of the services, supplies or medications. Where applicable, the Medical Director or Review Organization may compare the cost-effectiveness of alternative services, supplies, medications or settings when determining least intensive setting.

In determining whether health care services, supplies, or medications are Medically Necessary, the Medical Director relies on the clinical coverage policies maintained by Cigna or the Review Organization. Clinical coverage policies may incorporate, without limitation and as applicable, criteria relating to U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, the standard medical reference compendia and peer-reviewed, evidence-based scientific literature or guidelines.

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### Medicare

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

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### Necessary Services and Supplies

The term Necessary Services and Supplies includes any charges, except charges for Room and Board, made by a Hospital for medical services and supplies actually used during Hospital Confinement.

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

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### Network Pharmacy

A retail or home delivery Pharmacy that has:

- entered into an agreement with Cigna or an entity contracting on Cigna's behalf to provide Prescription Drug Products to plan enrollees.
- agreed to accept specified reimbursement rates for dispensing Prescription Drug Products.



- been designated as a Network Pharmacy for the purposes of coverage under your Employer’s plan.

This term may also include, as applicable, an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange for the provision of any Prescription Drug Products the charges for which are Covered Expenses.

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### **New Prescription Drug Product**

A Prescription Drug Product, or new use or dosage form of a previously FDA-approved Prescription Drug Product, for the period of time starting on the date the Prescription Drug Product or newly-approved use or dosage form becomes available on the market following approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and ending on the date Cigna makes a Prescription Drug List coverage status decision.

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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."

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### **Other Health Care Facility**

The term Other Health Care Facility means a facility other than a Hospital or Hospice Facility. Examples of Other Health Care Facilities include, but are not limited to, licensed skilled nursing facilities, rehabilitation Hospitals and subacute facilities.

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### **Other Health Professional**

The term Other Health Professional means an individual other than a Physician who is licensed or otherwise authorized under the applicable state law to deliver medical services and supplies. 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 Provider**

The term Participating Provider means a person or entity that has a direct or indirect contractual arrangement with Cigna to provide covered services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses. It includes an entity that has directly or indirectly contracted with Cigna to arrange, through contracts with providers of services and/or supplies, for the provision of any services and/or supplies, the Charges for which are Covered Expenses.

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### **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).

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### **Pharmacy**

A duly licensed Pharmacy that dispenses Prescription Drug Products in a retail setting or via home delivery. A home delivery Pharmacy is a Pharmacy that primarily provides Prescription Drug Products through mail order.

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### **Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee**

A committee comprised of physicians and an independent pharmacist that represent a range of clinical specialties. The committee regularly reviews Medical Pharmaceuticals or



Prescription Drug Products, including New Prescription Drug Products, for safety and efficacy, the findings of which clinical reviews inform coverage determinations made by the Business Decision Team. The P&T Committee's review may be based on consideration of, without limitation, U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved labeling, standard medical reference compendia, or scientific studies published in peer-reviewed English-language bio-medical journals.

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### 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.

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### Prescription Drug Charge

The Prescription Drug Charge is the amount that, prior to application of the plan's cost-share requirement(s), the plan sponsor is obligated to pay for a covered Prescription Drug Product dispensed at a Network Pharmacy, including any applicable dispensing fee and tax.

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### Prescription Drug List

A list that categorizes Prescription Drug Products covered under the plan's Prescription Drug Benefits into coverage tiers. This list is developed by Cigna based on clinical factors communicated by the P&T Committee and adopted by your Employer as part of the plan. The list is subject to periodic review and change, and is subject to the limitations and exclusions of the plan. You may determine to which tier a particular Prescription Drug Product has been assigned

through the website shown on your ID card or by calling customer service at the telephone number on your ID card.

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### Prescription Drug Product

A drug, Biologic (including a Biosimilar), or other product that has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), certain products approved under the Drug Efficacy Study Implementation review, or products marketed prior to 1938 and not subject to review and that can, under federal or state law, be dispensed only pursuant to a Prescription Order or Refill. For the purpose of benefits under the plan, this definition may also include products in the following categories if specifically identified in the Prescription Drug List:

- Certain durable products and supplies that support drug therapy;
- Certain diagnostic testing and screening services that support drug therapy;
- Certain medication consultation and other medication administration services that support drug therapy; and
- Certain digital products, applications, electronic devices, software and cloud based service solutions used to predict, detect and monitor health conditions in support of drug therapy.

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### Prescription Order or Refill

The lawful directive to dispense a Prescription Drug Product issued by a Physician whose scope of practice permits issuing such a directive.

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### PPACA Preventive Medication

The Prescription Drug Products or other medications (including over-the-counter medications) designated as payable by the plan at 100% of the cost (without application of any Deductible, Copayment or Coinsurance) as required by applicable law under any of the following:

- Evidence-based items or services that have in effect a rating of "A" or "B" in the current recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.
- With respect to infants, children and adolescents, evidence-informed preventive care and screenings provided for in the comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.
- With respect to women, such additional preventive care and screenings as provided for in comprehensive guidelines supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration.

A written prescription is required to process a claim for a PPACA Preventive Medication. You may determine whether a drug is a PPACA Preventive Medication through the internet website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

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### Preventive Treatment

The term Preventive Treatment means treatment rendered to prevent disease or its recurrence.

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### Primary Care Physician

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

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### 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.

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### 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 use disorder professionals, and other trained staff members who perform utilization review services.

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### Room and Board

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

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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.

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### 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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### Specialty Prescription Drug Product

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical considered by Cigna to be a Specialty Prescription Drug Product based on consideration of the following factors, subject to applicable law: whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical is prescribed and used for the treatment of a complex, chronic or rare condition; whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical has a high acquisition cost; and, whether the Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical is subject to limited or restricted distribution, requires special handling and/or

requires enhanced patient education, provider coordination or clinical oversight. A Specialty Prescription Drug Product may not possess all or most of the foregoing characteristics, and the presence of any one such characteristic does not guarantee that a Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical will be considered a Specialty Prescription Drug Product. Specialty Prescription Drug Products may vary by plan benefit assignment based on factors such as method or site of clinical administration, or by tier assignment or utilization management requirements based on factors such as acquisition cost. You may determine whether a medication is a Specialty Prescription Drug Product through the website shown on your ID card or by calling member services at the telephone number on your ID card.

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### Stabilize

Stabilize means, with respect to an Emergency Medical Condition, to provide medical treatment as necessary to assure that no material deterioration of the condition is likely if the individual is transferred from a facility, or, with respect to a pregnant woman who is having contractions, to deliver.

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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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### Therapeutic Alternative

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical that is of the same therapeutic or pharmacological class, and usually can be expected to have similar outcomes and adverse reaction profiles when administered in therapeutically equivalent doses as, another Prescription Drug Product, Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

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### **Therapeutic Equivalent**

A Prescription Drug Product or Medical Pharmaceutical that is a pharmaceutical equivalent to another Prescription Drug Product, Medical Pharmaceutical or over-the-counter medication.

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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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### **Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge**

The usual fee that a Pharmacy charges individuals for a Prescription Drug Product (and any services related to the dispensing thereof) without reference to reimbursement to the Pharmacy by third parties. The Usual and Customary (U&C) Charge includes a dispensing fee and any applicable sales tax.

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